

Kia ora Hockey Whānau,

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With just two more days until the New Zealand National Championships for 2024 begin we bring you a final update before the first puck drops along with other developments underway.

Nationals 2024

National Championships 2024 here we come!

The rosters are loaded, the medals have arrived, the scaffolding is in for the live streaming and the rink is looking pristine!

To everyone travelling to New Plymouth – we wish you safe travels and an enjoyable time at the 2024 Nationals Championships, a time to requaint and make new friends across our sport in the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship in the sport we are all passionate about.

Managers – please ensure you initial your roster sheet **prior to the first game** your team plays. Roster sheets will be in the main rink office. A reminder that once the first game for your team starts, rosters are not able to be amended or changed.

- The upstairs cafeteria will be open throughout Nationals for food and drinks and hockey items are also going to be on site. Look for the menu in this bulletin.
- Mr Whippy will be passing by and calling into the rink on a regular basis. The schedule is listed on the following page.
- There will be a female changing room for those wishing to use it – look for the signs on the door, it is located off the main entrance foyer adjacent to the disabled shower.
- There are 5 changing rooms available – look out for the numbers on the draw indicating which room your team is in.
- If using the showers you will need your own towel and soap. Please leave the showers clean for the next user. NOTE: the showers are not to be used as toilets.
- Result charts will be updated periodically throughout the day as time permits, Facebook will have updated game scores and the live stream links for the IHNZ You Tube Channel.
- Game results will also be on esportsdesk with a link posted on Facebook.
- Check out the IHNZ website for a list of things to do in New Plymouth in your “down” time while at the tournament – we have lots of ideas and suggestion for you!

Esports

All scoring will be done via Esports not via paper scoresheets as in the past.

We encourage all scorers and timekeepers to learn the Esports scoring system at nationals this year, we need your help, you will find it an easy transition from the paper version. The system is easy to learn and uses a laptop. With goal cameras also in place, the scorebench has taken on an even more important role while streamlining the process. [Scorebench roster link](#) - There will be a sign-up sheet in the office as well. **Please help!**





Hours Approx
Most days for 2 hours
from 11am or midday
Apart from Monday 30th



Bumper Balls will be setting up on the grassed area adjacent to the rink. They can only operate in dry weather, but will be there most days (weather permitting)



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Menu - Eftpos Available

BURGER - \$10.00

- Meat patty, egg, cheese, salad
- Sauce - tomato/mayo

PIES - \$6.00

- Mince
- Mince & Cheese
- Steak & Cheese

CHICKEN NUGGETS & CHIPS - \$7.50

- 4 Nuggets and a punnet of chips

HOT CHIPS - \$5.00

PANCAKES - \$7.50

- 3 Pancakes, fruit of the day, dollop of cream

DRINKS

- Coffee or tea - Regular \$5.00
- Large \$7.50
- Powerade - \$5.00
- Coke/Sprite Cans - \$2.50
- Water - \$2.00

OTHER

- Bluebird Chips - \$2.00
- All Chocolate Bars - \$2.50
- Lolly Bags - \$2.00
- Fruity Ice - \$2.00
- Cakes - \$

Opening Hours
9.30am – 5.30
Daily

The club snack shop will be open early morning and evening only for drinks

Watch out for live stream and other media upstairs on the big screen!

Market & Craft Stalls

We have an assortment of crafters and market tables setting up over the week. Check them out, they will be indoors and/ or upstairs depending on available space. Products range from reusable straws, dog treats and product, craft, home preserves (no home baking).

Please note the venue is "dog friendly" on the ground floor only (for well-behaved dogs on a lead) You may be asked to remove your dog if any issues are reported.



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Hockeywise

Raise your game

Hockeywise will be onsite upstairs from
9:30am – 3pm Sept 28 to Oct 4th



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Reminder
Day Light Saving
Starts Sept 29 @2am
Put your clocks forward one hour
Don't miss your game
On Sunday morning!

Please note the New Zealand National Inline Hockey Championships game schedule has been amended.
The updated version is linked here.

On behalf of the New Plymouth Roller Sports club , IHNZ would like to acknowledge the amazing promotional billboards Mad Media have sponsored to promote the NZ Inline Hockey Nationals within the community extending this to include Whanganui.



Welcome to the Team

We are excited to welcome two new members joining the team this week who most of you will know!

Krys Beardman is a well-known face to all at Inline Hockey, we welcome Krys as she joins us as our **Grants Manager**. Krys brings with her a wealth of experience from not just inline hockey but from her administration and board roles with other charities and organisations.

Michelle Wood also rejoins the team and with her financial experience picks up the Financial Administrator role.



Club News – Vipers Inline Hockey Club

Term 3 has been very busy for the Auckland Vipers Inline Hockey Club, not least because we finally had access to our home rink at ActivZone in Glenfield following a 5 month closure earlier in the year. But we have been active in the community, specifically with an initiative to increase awareness of our sport.

Over the last few years, I have learnt that a vast majority of people in the sport come to be aware of it through people they know. And this includes our own family. While word of mouth is great, it's not really enough. As a niche sport, we're unknown and hidden from the majority of people. Not only do you need to come to a rink, you need to come at specific times on specific days to see our sport in action. Chances of this happening accidentally are pretty slim to none.

So our club decided to change that by taking the sport out into the community. As part of our club's longer term strategic plan, we are currently reaching out to local primary schools within the immediate vicinity of our rink, to run a series of demonstrations during their lunch break to show kids a small sample of what inline hockey is. Planning began in Term 2 by reaching out to schools, as we appreciate that their schedules get filled up quickly throughout the year. We managed to lock in dates and times at five schools for Term 3, and we are still working on visits for Term 4 and into 2025, as we are also limited in our own capacity.

So far our demonstrations have been very well received by the schools and the kids. Our demonstration team with players from several grades run through a series of simple skating and puck drills, then into a micro scrimmage. It's these mini games that excite most of the children. When we had time, we would allow them to grab a stick and shoot some pucks, and long queues formed right up till the end of lunch bell. Where schools had club members attending, they were involved in the demonstration, a nice showcase to their friends of the sport they love. We had one of the kids say "*that was the best lunch break at school ever!!*"

Whether we end up getting any of these kids to start playing or not, it doesn't matter, as now hundreds of kids have '*inline hockey*' in their vocabulary where it wasn't before. It might ignite a flame to learn to skate, or spark a memory with their parents of their youth playing in the 90's. Increasing awareness and exposure of our sport is the only way for it to grow.

Adrian Koit

Club President, Vipers Inline Hockey Club





Vipers Inline Hockey Club (Auckland) and operating out of ActivZone, taking our sport into the community

