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Kia ora Hockey Whānau,

Best of luck to all our Junior Interconference players who will be in Hamilton this weekend as well as our 4 premier teams - The Capital Penguins, Mt Wellington Panthers, Northland Stingrays and New Plymouth Ravens who will battle it out for bragging rights going into Nationals!

In 2024 it was decided to rename the trophy from the Chairpersons Cup to honour a person who has been a huge part of elite hockey within New Zealand as both a player and a coach.

IHNZ are thrilled to present the Inline Hockey New Zealand Dion Bunt National Premier League Trophy.

Take a look at our link and see why Dion is so deserving of this honour. Thank you Dion for your unwavering commitment and years of service to Inline Hockey within New Zealand!

Follow the link by clicking the photo below (Dion Bunt playing for New Zealand)



IHNZ Team Updates

We continue to add to the Communication and Social Media team and take pleasure in introducing its newest member - Mitchell Ireland.

Mitchell holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications majoring in Public Relations and Screen Production and has a wide range of experience working with professional sports media and marketing agencies. Mitchell has a passion for photography and video.

Welcome to the team Mitchell!



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IHNZ National Championships

The scorebench roster is out for anyone who would like to help on the scorebench over the event, please fill in any of the gaps in the spreadsheet or email us a time and game number you'd like to help out with.

- [Sign up for the scorebench roster here](#)
- [IHNZ National Championships Schedule can be viewed here](#)
- **Remember the IHNZ Merchandise if you still wish to order for a later delivery date.**

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Updates and reminders from our Referee in Chief regarding National Championships 2024

Pants

Player pants cannot have rips or tears that expose girdles or shin guards. Small tears that can be covered with tape are acceptable but any rip or tear that exposes protective equipment is not allowed and the pants need to be replaced. Pants need to be either the same colour pattern as their team or of a neutral colour (i.e. black). Pants that, in the opinion of the referee, are significantly different than the rest of the team or could be considered confusing to the opposition are not allowed.

Jerseys

Jerseys must be of the same colour and similar design. Slightly different designs are allowed (i.e. if both designs are for the same club). Players cannot wear a jersey that shows the jersey of another club.

Jersey sleeves must be pulled down to cover elbow pads.

Numbers

Each player must wear an individual number – two players on the same team cannot share the same number.

Captains

Every team needs to have a captain allocated on their team list, who should have a “C” clearly shown on their jersey. Teams can also name up to 3 alternate captains, who should have an “A” clearly shown on their jersey.

Referee Abuse

The 2024 National Championship is a zero tolerance event for referee abuse, and we are encouraging all referees to manage any verbal abuse accordingly.



Expressions of interest for Nationals Disciplinary Panel

In the event of a Game Misconduct or Match penalty issued in any game, a Disciplinary Panel will need to review the penalty/penalties. If you are interested in being a member of the Disciplinary Panel for Nationals, please email brendon@inlinehockeynz.org.nz. You do not have to be attending the full event, as we will create a pool of people to choose from depending on the teams involved in any incident requiring discipline.

The board have approved a new Minimum Suspension Guideline for both players and coaches that can be found here on the [policy page of the Inline Hockey New Zealand website](#).



Club Update - Christchurch Lions

The Lions Inline Hockey Club continues to grow!

We have been slowly but surely accruing more junior members (that we call Rookies). Our numbers are still small but our Rookies are really enjoying the challenge of learning to skate and stickhandle, plus playing small area games. We make trips to Nelson a few times a year to mix things up with the Whalers which makes for a really fun road trip through the beautiful South Island.

Soon we hope to be able to send a complete Lions junior team to national competitions. Our dedicated parents, administrators, and coaches work tirelessly to keep our kids on their skates by donating their time and gear. We look forward to building our numbers and working closely with IHNZ in the coming years.



For any questions you may have, please send via the usual channel to gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz .

Enjoy your week and we look forward to bringing you our further updates as soon as able.

Regards

IHNZ Board

