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Player Transfer Policy

Policy Number:

Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

IHNZ recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi as Aotearoa New Zealand's founding document. IHNZ is committed to upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of Partnership, Protection and Participation.

Purpose.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a process for players to transfer between IHNZ clubs that maintains club integrity and fair competition.

Policy.

- Players may only compete for the club that initially registers them in the competition year, unless they obtain a transfer in accordance with this policy.
- In National and Regional championships, a player may represent only one club for the duration of the competition unless a Dispensation is granted by IHNZ.
- Transfers will not be granted if there are outstanding fees owed to either IHNZ or an IHNZ club.
- Transfers will not be granted if a complaint about the transfer has been upheld under IHNZ's 'Participant Poaching Policy'.

The Transfer Process.

The 'Player Transfer' form must be completed by any player wishing to transfer to another club after they have completed their annual registration with their current club.

Please allow up to 30 days for the Transfer process to be completed.

Players.

Any player wishing to transfer to another IHNZ club must complete a 'Player Transfer' form before their IHNZ membership can be transferred. They may not play for the new club until the transfer application has been approved.

Any player who has begun to play in regional club games with their current club and subsequently chooses to transfer to another club is required to also complete the 'Player Dispensation' form and cease playing until the outcome of their application to IHNZ is advised.

All players wishing to join a new club in a subsequent year/ season must apply for a transfer.

Clubs.

On receipt of the 'Player Transfer' form, the club confirms that the player has no outstanding fees, disciplinary issues, or similar matters with their current club, in accordance with the 'No Pay, No Play Policy'.

If a club believes a player has been poached, they may report the issue to IHNZ in accordance with the 'Participant Poaching Policy'.

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