

Inline Hockey New Zealand: Junior Inter-Conference Event Notice 2023

Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority of the 2023 Inter-Conference Championships is the IHNZ board. An organising committee will consist of representatives from the IHNZ board, the host club and any other IHNZ members appointed for the purposes of running the event.

Note: IHNZ reserve the right to make administrative changes if/as necessary.

Rules:

The 2023 Inter-Conference Championships will be conducted under a collaboration of the following; the IHNZ Constitution, IHNZ Policy, the Official IHNZ Rule Book and this document.

Where the Official Rule Book and this event notice conflict, the Event Notice will take priority.

1. Sportsmanship:

All Players, Coaches, Officials and Spectators will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that promotes a positive environment that complies with the provisions of the relevant IHNZ Code of Conduct and Event Notice Rules.

The Event/club organisers hosting any IHNZ or club run event will take all matters of physical and verbal abuse seriously and will not hesitate to manage this appropriately, which may include being evicted/trespassed from the facility.

All parties are expected to observe the following, on and off the rink:

- Treat each other with respect
- Observe appropriate standards for developing our members.
- Provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
- Show proper respect for referees, coaches, and all other officials.
- Refrain from using inappropriate language.
- Show respect for facilities provided for inline hockey.
- Abide by rink rules.

2. Drug free Policy

<https://drugfreesport.org.nz/national-sports-organisations/the-anti-doping-rules/>

3. Eligibility – Teams and Clubs:

- 3.1 All players must hold current IHNZ registration within the Conference they are playing for prior to competing, and must be registered.
- 3.2 All team officials must also be registered with IHNZ.
- 3.3 For age grade eligibility players must be at or under the designated age on January 1, 2023.
- 3.4 IHNZ will determine grades based on eligible player numbers across regions. Proposed grades are as follows:
 - 10U,
 - 12U,
 - 14U,
 - 16U,
 - Junior Women (14 and under).
- 3.5 Grades may be removed where there are insufficient entries.
- 3.6 Players can play for one team only.
- 3.7 Players must play in the age grade that matches their age as of January 1, 2023.

4. Dispensations

May occur at times subject to the agreement of the Inter Conference Dispensation Committee to enable team viability and must be completed on the IHNZ Dispensation Form in the time frame specified.

5. Entries and Fees:

Each region shall enter their team using the official entry form to be made available online. Team rosters can be updated until the first game from which point onwards, no players may be added.

Entry fees are \$600 (incl. GST) per team.

Should a team withdraw after officially entering, the team will forfeit the entry fee and may have an additional withdrawal penalty imposed at the discretion of the IHNZ Board.

6. Draw:

The draw for the Inter-Conference Championships will be posted on the Inline Hockey New Zealand website (www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz). Changes to the draw will be made available on notice boards at the rink and the

website.

7. Score Book and Results:

The IHNZ official score sheet shall be used for all games including those forfeited. Each team may request a copy of the score sheet from the host rink.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to ensure the team roster is correct before the start of the game.

Final game results are recorded on the official score sheets and completed score sheets must be uploaded to the link provided here. Copies are to be available to both teams participating in each game.

8. Results:

8.1 In each grade during the Inter Conference tournament, the points awards shall be as follows.

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Forfeit	-2 points to the offending team.

Two Team Tie Breaker

8.2 Most Points - The placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the *most points accumulated in round-robin play*. If after addition of points, two or more teams are determined to possess an equal amount of points in the round robin, the team's position is determined as follows:

- i. **Head to Head** - The victor of the head-to-head competition in the round-robin shall be awarded the higher placement position
- ii. **Most Wins** - If a tie remains, the highest total of wins among the tied teams, during all games in the round robin
- iii. **Goal Differential** - If a tie remains, the best goals differential between goals-scored and goals-against in the round robin (ex. GS 8, GA 3 - Result +5).
- iv. **Goals Against** – If a tie still results, the team with the lowest number of goals-against for the entire round robin shall be used to determine position for the tied teams.

- v. **Goals For** – If a tie still results, the highest total of goals scored for the entire round robin shall be used to determine for the tied teams
- vi. **Shootout** – If teams are tied after applying the above criteria, a shootout will take place as defined in Rule 1.3(e) of the IHNZ Rule Book.

Three or more team Tie Breaker

8.3 Most Points - The placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the *most points accumulated in the round-robin*. If after addition of points, two or more teams are determined to possess an equal amount of points in round robin, the team's position is determined as follows:

- i. **Most Wins** – If a tie remains, the highest total of wins among the tied teams, during all games in the round robin.
- ii. **Partial Goal Differential** - If a tie remains, the best goals differential between goals-scored and goals-against among tied teams,
- iii. **Total Goal Differential** - If a tie remains, the best goals differential between goals-scored and goals-against in the round robin.
- iv. **Goals Against** – If a tie still results, the team with the lowest number of goals-against for the entire round robin shall be used to determine position for the tied teams.
- v. **Goals For** – If a tie still results, the highest total of goals scored for the entire round robin shall be used to determine for the tied teams

8.4 When one team is eliminated in the criteria listed above, the remaining teams (if 3 more then 2) will start from Point 1: **Most Wins**.

9. Forfeit:

- 9.1 If a team does not turn up, plan to turn up or does not step on the rink for the scheduled game, play illegal players or is unable to field the required number of players to start or continue the game, then the game is lost by forfeit.
- 9.2 A forfeit shall be recorded as a 5:0 win to the non-offending team. The forfeiting team, while still in round robin play, shall be penalised minus 2 points for that game.
- 9.3 Fee of \$250.00 will be applicable to any team that loses a game by forfeit in the Inter Conference competition. This fee must be paid prior to any further participation in the event.

10. Venue and Date:

The event is scheduled for the 8 - 10 July 2023 at the Ravens Inline Hockey Arena, New Plymouth. Any changes to these dates will be advised as soon as possible.

11. Inter-Conference Trophies and Prizes:

The Inter-Conference Trophy is awarded to the winning Conference – that is, the Conference with the most grade points.

Grade points:

3 points for 1st place in grade,

2 points for 2nd place in grade,

1 point for 3rd place in grade.

If, after grade points are accounted for, two or more regions are tied, the following steps shall be taken to resolve the tie:

- The placing shall be determined by a head-to-head calculation comparing the tied Conferences.
- In the event that a tie still exists, the placing shall be awarded to the region winning the most first places comparing the tied Conferences.

Players and team officials will be awarded medals:

- First placed team in each grade - Gold medal
- Second placed team in each grade – Silver medal
- Third placed team in each grade – Bronze medal

12. Disciplinary Procedures:

The IHNZ Disputes and Disciplinary Policy 2021 shall be used at the Inter Conference Event.

13. Protests:

13.1 Protests must be notified to the Tournament Office by the Team Manager, or Coach no later than 60 minutes after the completion of the game.

13.2 All protests are to be accompanied by a fee of \$100 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

