

IHNZ Update:

Whilst 2020 has meant many of our players throughout New Zealand have missed out on sport, we recognise the critical role our coaches have. Sport NZ has put together the following message to recognise all coaching staff as they help to reintegrate people back into sport.

From IHNZ, to all our coaches we thank you for the time and efforts you tirelessly put in to ensure we have a successful sport and players.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imip8LJoadE&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3ZTgCQ9jq6nfwe_n76EGQxe6z5YOqT1LEbQIKlpzHdD5nyYuvB-p20fdY

Nationals 2021

The Event Notice for 2021 has been completed and will be distributed to clubs over the next week. Nationals 2021 is scheduled for October 2 - 10 in New Plymouth.

InterRegionals 2021

The Event Notice for 2021 has also been completed and will be distributed to clubs over the next week.

For some time there has been feedback around Labour Weekend being a poor time for InterRegionals due to exams, close proximity to Nationals, clashes with other sports etc. Next year will be no different with the October School holidays being slightly later, Nationals scheduled early October and Labour Weekend being the week after school returns.

Due to this InterRegionals 2021 will have a change of date. Northern Stingrays have put aside the weekend of 9 - 12 July 2021. More details around the format are currently being worked through.

2021 Planning and Update:

- **IHNZ Constitution** - feedback has been received on a second draft from the clubs and will now be collated. A third and final draft will be sent out to all clubs for a last review. Please ask your club for a copy if you have any questions or feedback to share.
- **IHNZ 2021 Calendar** - Clubs wishing to host tournaments in 2021 have sent in their tournament details for 2021. The calendar has been updated to reflect these sanctioned events and will be sent out to all clubs. The event notices and posters will be added to the IHNZ website.
- **Referee Training** - a training plan and calendar has been developed to cover off the identified needs of the clubs and regions in regards to referees. These course dates have also been added to the calendar. Those players wishing to attend a referee course in 2021 please advise your clubs to put forward your name to attend one of the advertised courses.
- **Membership Survey 2020 Results** - these have been sent out to the Club presidents. At the club presidents meeting these were discussed with clubs sharing with their committees for any feedback. This feedback will be incorporated into the 2021 planning process.
- The feedback is fairly lengthy so it has been collated into a more manageable format for members to read. The main points are summarised below:

Key Findings

- There are a number of areas highlighted to be mindful of, in particular appropriate behaviour and culture in our sport.
- There is a strong theme coming through from many around wanting to see a focus on the future. *“Focus on growing our sport and to see more co-operation and cohesion at club and the national level”.*
- Our members concerns included organisational issues across all levels. This included bullying; *“It is a good sport but it’s such a mess at both a club and national level at the moment I wouldn’t want to drag others into it”.*
- Whilst most responding members felt that inline hockey provides a safe sporting environment 6% disagreed or strongly disagreed with that statement.
- 18% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement regarding being safe to raise concerns with a staggering 38% of our responding members reported experiencing or witnessing inappropriate behaviour. The behaviours reported were: bullying, abuse of officials, swearing, violent acts towards other players, verbal abuse towards opposition and team mates.

- 63% recognised that regional competitions were important or very important and 47% thought they were well organised.
- People are generally happy with their clubs with 80% very satisfied or satisfied and 83% are likely or very likely to re-join next year.

When asked what is the one thing to change at club level the common themes were:

- Concern of burn out due to the small number of volunteers
 - Rinks & upgraded rinks
 - More planning, co-operation, cohesion and communication
 - Goalies – recruiting, training & coaching
- There was a high level of satisfaction with club coaching and most players receiving feedback.
 - From our club committee members 68% have 2 or less years' experience in their role, with 12.5% not feeling that they have the resources they need. A variety of resources was asked for.

Looking Forward

- Generally, people seem happy with the timing of nationals but 58% suggested a different timing for the regional championships, with July being the most common alternative to Labour weekend.
- In regards to splitting nationals, it was a 50/50 split. If there was an increase in costs then the support to split reduced by a third.
- The top two areas for investment identified by the members were Coaches followed by Learn to Play programs.
- Ranking for International events were World Roller Games, World Championships followed by Oceanias. Oceanias was ranked as either top or bottom.

Communication:

A number of people raised communication in the survey. IHNZ endeavours to pass on as much information as possible via emails and newsletters to the clubs, posting on the IHNZ website and Facebook. Clubs are asked and encouraged to forward this information to their members for feedback.

Please make use of these information channels and ask your clubs in the first instance regarding any queries you may have.

Sport NZ Update:

A large part of Sport NZs work for 2021 - 2024 will be to continue working with the government and various advisory groups to ensure:

- Integrity in sport - including Child Safeguarding, Member Protection and Organisational Culture
- The wise investment of the \$264 million allocated to the sector
- Best practice models and options to move sport forward including the Futures project as a reference point of play, active recreation and sport
- Targeted initiatives with gender, groups and cultural inclusion

We encourage all clubs and associations to continue to review the Sport NZ financial packages to ensure they are eligible for any funding currently available.

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/financial-support-for-the-sector-due-to-covid-19/>

Raelene Castle ONZM has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Sport NZ. She will replace Peter Miskimmin who steps down on 11 December after 11 years in the role.

Raelene starts on 15 December and “The Board of Sport NZ see her as the ideal person to lead our organisation forward as we continue our important work in addressing declining participation among young people and protecting the strength and integrity of our sector,” says Sport NZ Chairman Bill Moran.

Sport NZ is sharing observations and learnings from the Futures Project. The second Te Tuarā report examines in more detail what the future might look and feel like for Māori, and how that future might be realised. This follows the first Te Tuarā report that reflects on the challenges of current approaches and aspirations for the future of physical activity and wellbeing from a Māori perspective.

There are also two progress reports from the Working Group. The first Working Group report focuses on identifying the drivers of change and their implications for play, active recreation and sport. The second Working Group report focuses on further understanding the causes, barriers and implications of change, and provides a preferred future for physical activity in New Zealand.

Class 4 Gaming Update:

Sport NZ in partnership with DIA and the Gaming Machine Association of NZ has produced the third consolidated view of Class 4 community grants, for the 2019 calendar year. The purpose is to understand how the Class 4 societies undertake their grant-making distributions and the associated benefit across New Zealand communities. You can [view the report here](#).

Balance is Better – Videos and tools now available:

Sport NZ's Balance is Better philosophy is about keeping young people in sport.

It focuses on meeting the needs of young people, and the reasons they play sport – to develop and improve, experience challenge, be part of a team, and most importantly have fun with their friends.

In February, Sport NZ in collaboration with NZ Rugby, Netball NZ, NZ Cricket, Hockey NZ and NZ Football launched a public awareness campaign called 'Keep up with the Play'. This was a campaign for all sports and partners to promote the Balance is Better philosophy. The campaign targeted parents, coaches and administrators who lead, manage and make decisions about youth sport structures.

The campaign was impacted by COVID-19 however tools including videos, posters and social media tiles are available to partners to use. The tools include nine current and past sporting legends, coaches and medical professionals speaking out in support of change. These are great tools for all partners to use to support education of coaches, parents and leaders. [Find out more and download the tools](#).

As usual, any questions or queries please forward to gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz.

Regards

IHNZ Board