

**Inline Hockey New Zealand:
2020 National Club Championships Event Notice**

1. Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority of the 2020 National Club Championships is IHNZ. A committee authorised by the IHNZ Board will be established to support the organisation, implementation and management of the event. This committee shall consist of IHNZ board members and any other members that the IHNZ wish to add for the purposes of running the event.

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

2. Rules:

2.1 The 2020 National Club Championships will be conducted under a collaboration of the following;

- (a) The IHNZ Constitution,
- (b) IHNZ Policy,
- (c) the Official IHNZ Rule Book
- (d) and this document.

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

2.3 Regional Club Championships will be used as the qualifying event for The National Club Championships as determined by each region.

3. Sportsmanship:

3.1 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.

3.2 The Event organisers hosting any IHNZ sanctioned 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.

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

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

4. Drug free Policy

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

5. Eligibility – Teams and Clubs:

- 5.1 All players must hold current IHNZ registration for the club they are playing for prior to competing and must be registered no later than 30 June 2020 in order to be eligible to play at the National Club Championships 2020.
- 5.2 All team officials must also be registered with IHNZ.
- 5.3 For age grade eligibility players must be of the designated grade age on January 1, 2020.
- 5.4 Players may only play for one club during National Club Championship.

- 5.5 Players may only play for one team and one grade during National Club Championships.
- 5.6 For a club team to be eligible for the National Club Championships 2020, they MUST participate in their respective Regional Club Championships event and meet all criteria to suit.
- 5.7 Players must play at least 75% of the scheduled Regional Club Championship games for the team they intend to play for at the National Club Championships.

6. **Players playing in another team: (to preserve team integrity)**

- 6.1 Female players may play in their age grade and one other grade if that grade is either Junior Women or Senior Women only.
- 6.2 The only exceptions to this will be;
 - (a) If the team forfeits the game with an illegal player, points will be recorded as a 1-0 win to the other team, or, (a forfeit originally 5 – 0 loss)
 - (b) If there has been a dispensation awarded prior to National Club Championships starting and made known.

7. **Transfers**

- 7.1 If any player registers with a club and wishes to transfer to another club at any time, they must apply to IHNZ for a transfer.
- 7.2 If a transfer request has been granted, the player is no longer eligible to play in the Regional Club Championships or qualify for the National Club Championships 2020 for their previous club.
- 7.3 Transfers must be applied for prior to 31st of July 2020.

8. **Dispensations:**

- 8.1 If a Player wishes to participate in the Regional Club Championships or National Club Championships under circumstances that fall outside of the provisions as stipulated in section 5

and/ or section 6 of this Event Notice, or the provisions of any relevant Regional Club Championship Event Notice, they must apply for a dispensation.

- 8.2 The relevant Regional Committee shall determine any applications for dispensation in relation to any participation in Regional Club Championships as described in rule 8.1.
- 8.3 All dispensations for Regional Club Championships may happen at any time before or during the Regional Club Championships. This is to enable a viable league competition to be played across all grades.
- 8.4 Dispensations that may affect qualification/ eligibility for National Club Championships must be documented and must be forwarded to IHNZ Sports Administrator.
- 8.5 IHNZ shall determine any applications for dispensation in relation any participation in the National Club Championships as described in rule 8.1 if:
 - (a) any application cannot be determined by a Regional Committee
 - (b) any application is to be determined subsequent to the completion of the relevant Regional Club Championships.
- 8.6 Dispensations for players at National Club Championships must be submitted prior to 31st July 2020.

9. **National Club Championship Qualification:**

- 9.1 Qualification for the National Club Championships will be open to the top two teams in each age grade in the region.
- 9.2 Any team wishing to apply for 'wildcard' entry into Nationals must apply prior to 31st July 2020.

10. **Players of Other Nationalities:**

- 10.1 Players of other nationalities may play in major New Zealand competitions with New Zealand Club Teams, however they must:

- (a) have resided in NZ for at least 28 days,
- (b) Have registered with a Club and IHNZ prior to the final date of registrations.
- (c) be able to demonstrate they have participated in the required number of games to participate in the National Club Championships in accordance with rule 5.7.

10.2 In any one team there will be no more than two (2) players who are not primarily living in New Zealand and who are not of New Zealand nationality.

10.3 If in doubt the club may seek clarification and a ruling from IHNZ on individual cases.

11. **Grades:**

11.1 The 2020 National Club Championship grades are:

- 10 and under
- 12 and under
- 14 and under
- 16 and under
- 18 and under
- Junior Women (14 and under)
- Senior Women
- Senior Men
- Premier
- Masters (35 and over)

11.2 Grades may be removed where there are insufficient entries

12. **Entries and Fees:**

12.1 Each club shall enter their team(s) using the official entry form to be made available via email to Clubs and on the IHNZ website.

12.2 Team rosters can be updated prior to the team in questions first game at which point no players may be added.

12.3 Entry fees are \$690 (incl. GST) per team.

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

13. **Draw:**

13.1 The Regional Club Championships will run between the dates of 1 May 2020 and 26 August 2020.

13.2 The final date for the Regional Club Championship competition shall be no later than the weekend of the 26 August 2020.

13.3 The Regional Club Championship event format will be decided by each region.

13.4 Each region must be able to provide a ranking of Club teams within each grade.

13.5 The draw for National Club Championships and any subsequent changes will be emailed to Clubs in the first instance, posted on the IHNZ website and IHNZ Facebook pages.

14. **Score Book and Results:**

14.1 The IHNZ official score sheet shall be used for all games including those defaulted or forfeited.

14.2 Results of Regional Club Championships games shall be forwarded by the Event Manager of the Regional Club Championship event to the Secretary of the relevant Regional Committee.

(a) Each team may request a copy of the score sheet from the Event Manager or Regional Committee Secretary.

14.3 Score sheets for all Regional Club Championships qualifying games and National Club Championships games are to be made available to IHNZ officials upon request.

14.4 It is the responsibility of the Team manager to ensure the team roster is correct before the start of the game at National Club Championships.

14.5 Final game results are recorded on the official score sheets. Copies are to be available to both teams participating in each game and must be uploaded at the completion of the game.

15. Definition of Default and Forfeit:

- 15.1 If a team does not plan to turn up on game day and do not step on the rink, then the game is lost by default
- 15.2 If a team plays ineligible players, then the game is a forfeit.
- 15.3 In each grade the points awards shall be as follows.
- 15.4 A Default shall be recorded as a win to the non-offending team.

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Default	-1 point to the offending team.

16. Venues:

- 16.1 The following rink will be used for the 2020 National Club Championships Event:

New Plymouth Ravens Inline Hockey Club
East End Reserve,
Nobs Line,
Strandon,
New Plymouth 4312

17. Results:

Two Team Tie Breaker

- 17.1 **Most Points** - The placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the *most number of 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:

- (a) **Head to Head** - The victor of the head-to-head competition in the round-robin shall be awarded the higher placement position
- (b) **Most Wins** - If a tie remains, the highest total of wins among the tied teams, during all games in the round robin
- (c) **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).
- (d) **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.
- (e) **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
- (f) **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

Most Points - The placement of teams within each pool shall be according to the *most number of 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:

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

17.2 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.

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18. **Tie Breakers:**

18.1 Game results are required in Final and Elimination games tie breakers will be carried out as per Rule 1.3 of the IHNZ Rule Book.

19. **Disciplinary Procedures:**

19.1 The IHNZ Disputes and Disciplinary Policy and the IHNZ Disciplinary and Disputes Procedures shall be used at all levels and events.

20. **Protests:**

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

20.2 All protests are to be accompanied by a fee of \$200 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

21. **Sponsorship**

21.1 Any person wishing to or intending to use any commercial sponsorship, advertising or promotion at any IHNZ sanctioned events must gain the prior written approval from IHNZ.

21.2 IHNZ reserves the right to permit or refuse any application for commercial sponsorship, advertising or promotion.