



Conference League Outline; Roles and Responsibilities of IHNZ, Conference Committees, and Clubs

Key Dates: March 15 – April 30

- Inner-conference non-comp games and tournaments
 - Can be organized by clubs or by conference chairs
- Easter - Bauer Cup in Auckland
- April - IHNZ coaching camp ANZAC weekend
- 2023
 - 15 March – Deadline for clubs to register teams
 - 7 April – Conference League draw released (draft)

Pre-season/non-IHNZ sanctioned events

Category	IHNZ	Local Conference	Host Club
Planning of activities and events	Assists on request	Responsible for planning/coordinating with clubs	Clubs to coordinate with Conference Committee
Games Schedule	Assists on request	Responsible for schedule	Clubs to coordinate with Conference Committee
Ref Schedule	Assists on request	Responsible, plus manages any 'on the day' changes	Clubs to coordinate with Conference Committee
Event Coordinator	-	Coordinates 'on the day' Conference Events	Assists as required/runs
Timekeepers etc	-	Prepares roster and manages 'on the day'	Assists as required/runs
Finances	Assists on request	Determine costs, manage invoicing, payments, etc	Clubs to coordinate with Conference Committee
Dispensations	Depends on nature of the Event. E.g., standard game weekends can utilise the National Event Notice. Non-IHNZ sanctioned Events may use other rules		Depends on rules, but may apply on behalf of player
Disciplinary issues	National Disciplinary Committee	May refer matters	May refer matters

Key Dates: May 1 – June 15

- Scheduled Conference Pre-Season Games: Ideal is two weekends per team (2024)
 - Inner-conference
 - Inter-conference
 - Clubs can 'opt in' (or opt to continue to do own thing, e.g., schedule own games, mini tournaments, Mixers etc)
 - Co-ordinated through IHNZ and Conference Chairs
 - Potential Locations
 - Mount Wellington
 - Hamilton
 - New Plymouth
 - Levin
- KBT in New Plymouth and Hamilton
- Additional friendlies can be added where rink time permits
- Trials for Inter Conference

Key Dates: June 15 – 27 August (Sept 15 as needed)

- Conference League Games
 - Inner-Conference
 - Same as current league games
 - Includes Christchurch and Nelson
 - Cross-Conference (2023; expand in 2024)
 - 1 weekend per traveling team where possible
 - Proposed Teams for inter-conference travel (inner-conference teams to meet traveling teams in these locations) e.g.,
 - Auckland to Hamilton
 - Hamilton to Auckland
 - New Plymouth to Levin/Whanganui
 - Penguins or Levin to New Plymouth
 - Any others prepared to travel further afield?
 - Scheduled by IHNZ with Conference input
- Friendlies can be scheduled to add games where rink time permits

Conference League

Category	IHNZ	Local Conference	Host Club
Planning of League game weekends	Responsible for coordinating dates and venues with local Conference	Coordinate rink venue hire	Assist in booking rink venue where needed
Games Schedule	Prepares the Schedule of Games for the full League	Provide input/review draft	-
Ref Schedule	Manages Refs and prepares the Ref Schedule	Assists, and manages any 'on the day' changes	-
Game Day Event Coordinator	-	Coordinates Conference League games	Assists as required
Timekeepers etc	-	Prepares roster and manages game days	Assists as required
Scoresheets	Holds all scoresheets and calculates game statistics based on % win	Assists as required	Checks and uploads to IHNZ after game day
Finances	Responsible for paying refs, venues	Assists as required	-
Dispensations	National Dispensation Committee	May assist committee with additional info if needed	Apply on behalf of player
Disciplinary issues	National Disciplinary Committee	May refer matters	May refer matters

National Tournaments (IHNZ)

- July - Inter Conference
- July - Matariki
- October - Junior Festival of Hockey
- October - National Club Championships
- November - Skate of Origin

Inter Conference Tournament

Category	IHNZ	Local Conference	Managers/Coaches
Planning/Management/ Game Schedule/Ref Schedule	Responsible for all aspects, in coordination with IHNZ-appointed Tournament Director	Assists as required	-
Coach and Manager Appointments	-	Oversees Coach/Manager appointment process	-
Team Selection	Manages refs and prepares the ref Schedule	Coordinates team selection process (trials etc) and sits on Selection Committee	Coaches sit on Selections Committee, selecting teams as a group
Team Training	-	Assists managers/coaches with training calendar	Run training sessions
Team Management	-	Assists as required	Responsible for managing the teams, travel etc.
Inter Conference Team Shirts	Responsible for design	Provides input, review draft design, assists as required	Collects sizes/names/numbers
Finances	Responsible for Event-related expenses (entry fees/rink hire/ref fees etc)	Responsible for managing training, trials etc costs	-
Dispensations	National Dispensation Committee	May assist committee with additional info if needed	Apply on behalf of player
Disciplinary issues	National Disciplinary Committee	May refer matters	May refer matters

Financial Model for Conference League

- Team Entry Fee/team based on sliding scale (to be reviewed yearly); \$300 <8 games, \$350 8-10 games, \$400 11+ games
- Covers:
 - Rink hire (Private/Council-owned rinks); Venues to directly invoice IHNZ
 - Referee fees, including travel costs where needed
- Does not cover, for e.g., \$5 entry fee/player paid to Skateland/ActiveZone
- Club-owned facilities
 - IHNZ invoiced for all games
- South Island based teams
 - Different model based on potential reduced number of games
- Travel fund (TBC)
 - Any funds remaining at the end of the League season will be transferred to a travel fund, from which clubs can request grants/subsidies to help with travel costs