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2024 + INLINE HOCKEY NEW ZEALAND VISION & STRATEGY

**An information resource
for IHNZ Members**

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WELCOME

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On the 11th and 12th of November 2023 the IHNZ Board met in Hamilton for a two-day planning workshop. The goal of the workshop was to develop short- and long-range goals and to identify the programs and events that we would support in attaining these goals.

As a sport with a small volunteer base, we realised that we must focus our resources both financially and manpower wise to a set of activities and events that we can do and do well. This required us to really focus on our goals and make sure that any program or event that we proposed supported our goals. We also had to be honest in what we could achieve in the short and long term. Unfortunately, not everything that was proposed could be done but by taking a realistic approach to the resources we have available we hope to be able to meet our goals and then build on them over time.

This document is provided to our members in response to one of our key short-term goals “to improve communication with our members”. It highlights, in one place, for everyone what our goals are both short and long term. It also outlines the key initiatives that we will be working on to attract, retain and develop our players. Finally, it provides details on all the IHNZ events that we manage and sanction each year.

Many people have contributed to the development of our goals and priorities and this document. We had working groups that conducted surveys and worked with the members to review the conference league, national prem league and the interconference tournament. Our conference chairs and committee members provided feedback on the first year of conference play. Our referee committee members provided ongoing communication about what they saw and heard around the rinks. And many members have reached out to various board members with their suggestions and feedback. We have tried to incorporate all this information into our planning process.

I would like to send a special thank you to all the volunteers who make this sport run on a day-to-day basis. Our sport is thankful for everything you do, from running a canteen to running a club you are all needed and valued.

We hope that you find the attached information valuable and that it is the start of us attaining all our goals together.

Sincerely,

Cam Rock
Chair, IHNZ



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OUR MISSION

To promote and grow inline hockey through the provision of opportunities to participate at all levels within our community

OUR VISION

To set the standard of excellence for inline hockey by providing first class programs and instruction, contributing to the development of our players and our sport.

OUR VALUES

Inline Hockey New Zealand embodies the following principles and values within our sport:

- Respect
- Equality
- Discipline
- Fairness
- Teamwork

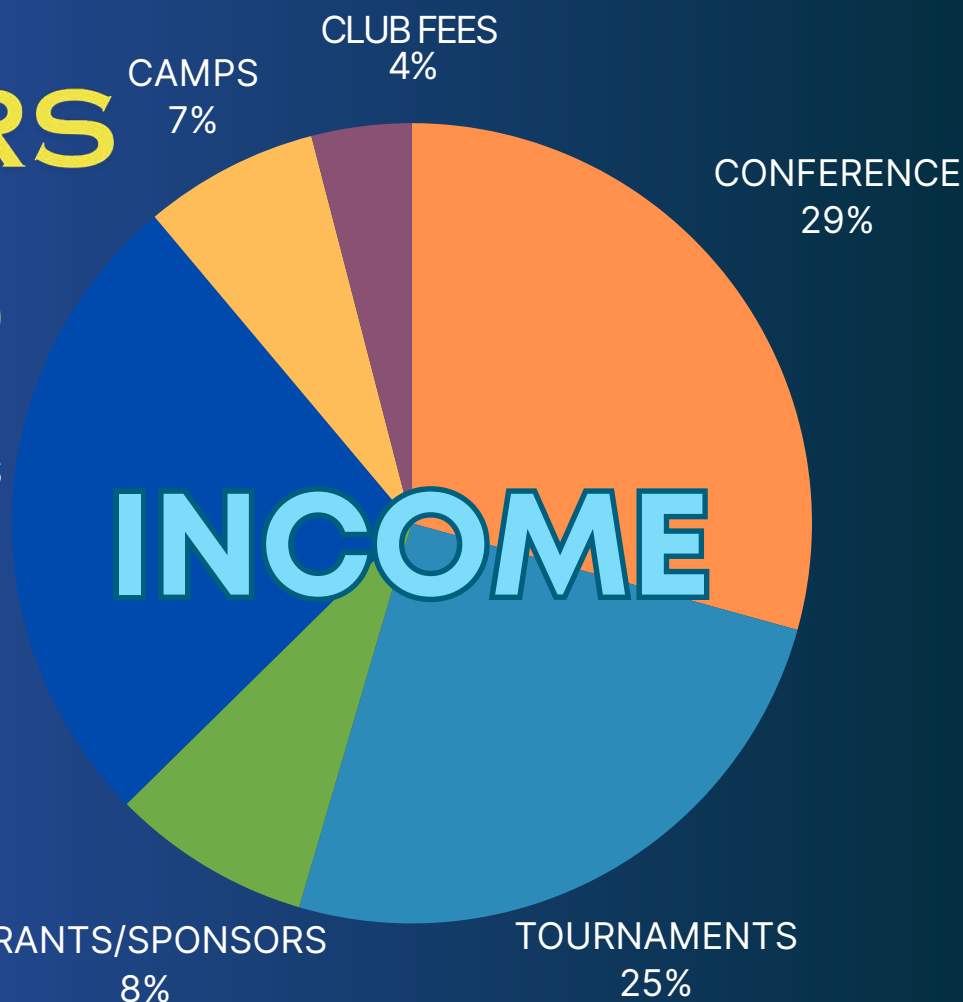


MONEY MATTERS



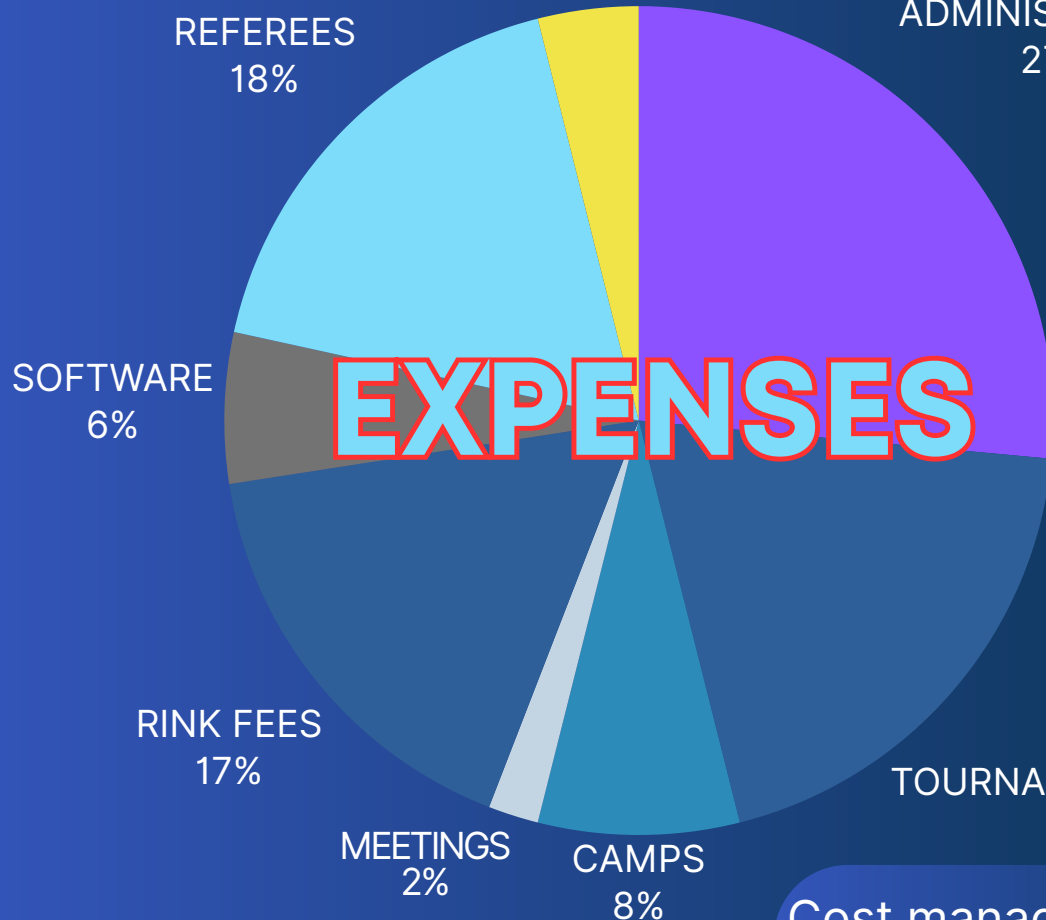
PLAYER FEES
26%

IHNZ is completely self-funded via player, club, tournament, and game fees combined with any grants or sponsorship funding we receive.



OTHER
4%

ADMINISTRATION
27%



Our biggest expenses are rink, referee, and general administration fees.

Cost management is one of our key goals moving forward.

SHORT TERM GOALS

MEMBERSHIP

IMPROVE
COMMUNICATION WITH
MEMBERS

RETAIN

RETAIN 95%
RETURNING
MEMBERSHIP

FINANCIAL

CREATE LONG TERM
FINANCIAL STABILITY

STANDARDISE

CONSISTENT MESSAGING
RULES, PROCESSES,
BUDGETING AND
REPORTING

DEVELOPMENT

PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
LEARN TO PLAY (LTP)
HIGH PERFORMANCE (HP)
CPACHES & OFFICIALS

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LONG RANGE GOALS

GROWTH

**GROW
PARTICIPATION
BY 20%**

PATHWAYS

**CREATE
PATHWAYS
FOR
ALL
PLAYERS**

DEVELOPMENT

**CONSISTENT OFFERING
ACROSS ALL AREAS
OF THE SPORT**

ANCILLARY GOAL 1

**SUPPORT
INLINE
HOCKEY
AS AN
OLYMPIC SPORT**

ANCILLARY GOAL 2

**SUPPORT
DEVELOPMENT
OF INLINE
DEDICATED VENUES**

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

We have developed a set of programs and events that we will be focusing on to attain IHNZ's short- and long-term goals. These programs are a combination of player and administrative programs with a focus on:

- *Introducing new players to Inline Hockey*
- *Retention of our existing players*
- *Skill Development across all players*
- *Player pathways at local, national, and international levels*
- *Development of coaches and referees*
- *Increasing communication and transparency with our stakeholders*

Each year we will review our goals, events, and programs to make sure that they continue to meet the needs of the IHNZ membership.

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COMMUNICATION PROGRAMS



ESPORT REGISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION SOFTWARE



WEBSITE UPDATE



DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRAM



INTERNAL COMMUNICATION PROCESS (BOARD & CHAIRS)



REGULAR NEWSLETTER WITH MEMBERS



ADVERTISING INITIATIVES

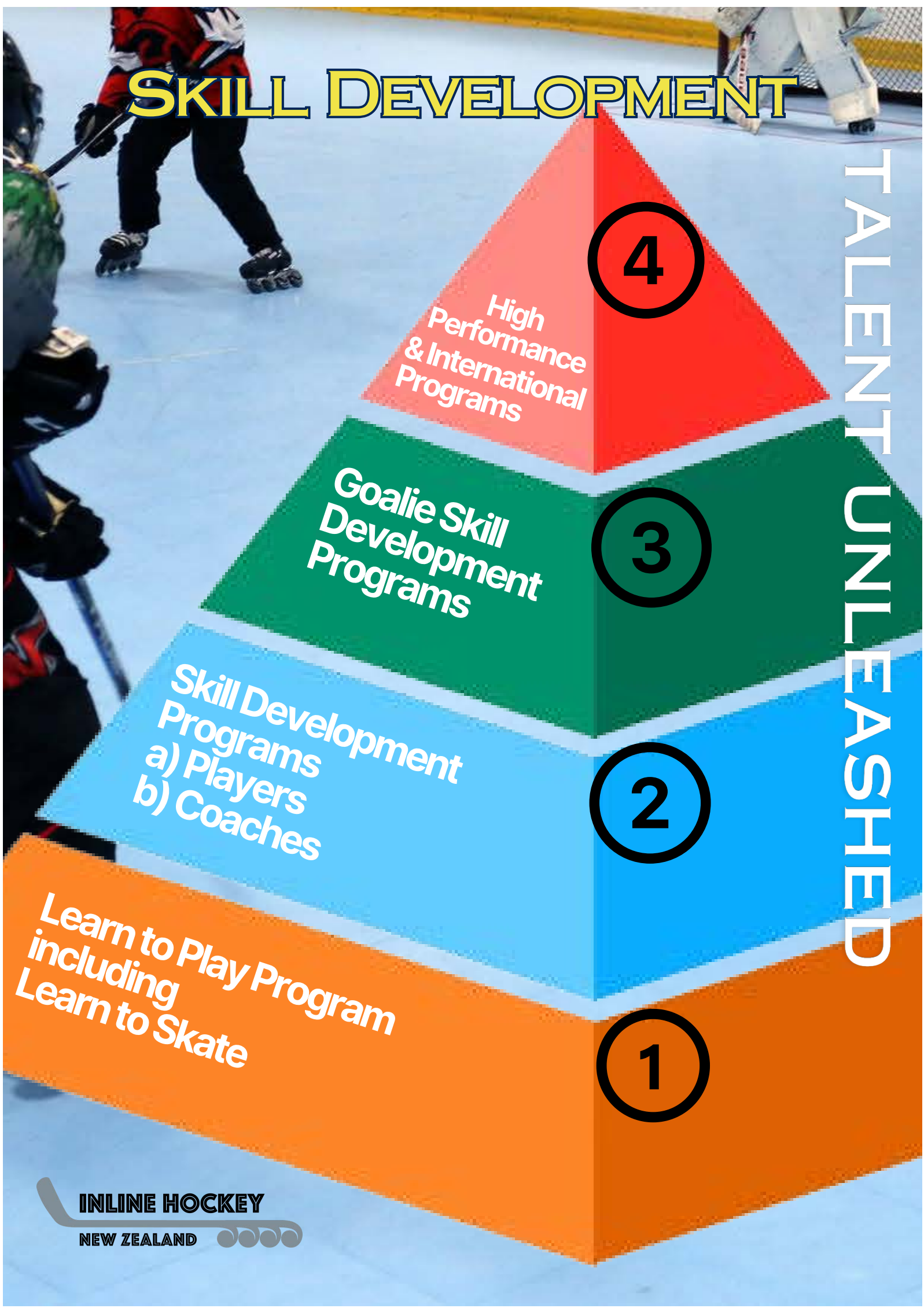
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

TALENT UNLEASHED



4

High Performance & International Programs

3

Goalie Skill Development Programs

2

Skill Development Programs
a) Players
b) Coaches

1

Learn to Play Program
including
Learn to Skate

PERFORMANCE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

National
Premier League

Women's Program
Development



International
Programs

Late Teen/Early
Adult Programs



Pathway focus , identify skills, build on commitment. develop cutting edge training techniques to enhance strategies, sportsmanship and resilience. Unleash potential using proactive analytics to elevate our players towards their sporting aspirations.



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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

International exposure and pathways require commitment to training camps, experience with different playing styles and the ability to demonstrate consistency, team work, fitness and a strategic understanding of the game.

Development for both players and coaches will come from exposure to local, national, and international events.

IHNZ teams have returned to international play by attending the NARCH tournament in California. Our long term goal is to compete at World Skate Games and other high level international events.



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national events

- Mar WAHINE KAHA
VENUE : HAMILTON
- May CONFERENCE LEAGUES
KŌKAKO, TŪI, KERERŪ VENUES: VARIOUS
- May PREMIER INLINE HOCKEY LEAGUE
VENUES: VARIOUS
- Jun MATARIKI CELEBRATION
VENUE: NEW PLYMOUTH
- Sep PRESIDENT'S CUP
VENUE: TBD
- Sep INTER CONFERENCE 2024
VENUE: TBD
- Sep Oct NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR & SENIOR
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW PLYMOUTH
- Nov SKATE OF ORIGIN
VENUE: HAMILTON

IHNZ HOSTED

sanctioned events

CLUB HOSTED

Feb HAMILTON DEVILS INLINE HOCKEY
ANNUAL WAITANGI 3 ON 3

Mar MT WELLINGTON PANTHERS
ANNUAL EASTER INVITATIONAL

May HAMILTON DEVILS INLINE HOCKEY
NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Jun NEW PLYMOUTH RAVENS
KING'S BIRTHDAY 16U & OLDER

Jun HAMILTON DEVILS INLINE HOCKEY
KING'S BIRTHDAY JUNIOR 14U & DOWN

July NEW PLYMOUTH RAVENS
JUNIOR INVITATIONAL UP TO 14U & MASTERS

Nov MT WELLINGTON PANTHERS
KING OF THE MOUNTAIN JNR & SEN

March 8-10, 2024

WAHINE KAHA

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CONFERENCE RESHAPING

SEASON TO START EARLIER - MAY 4 TO SEPT 1

- Include more cross conference games
- Creation of a conference chair role and responsibility document
- Updated events notice / rules
- Proposed viability of team model
 - First option: if two or more clubs do not have numbers for a team in an age grade clubs will be encouraged to merge players to form one viable team
 - Second option: only after first option has been exhausted. age grades to be merged at the higher age grade or players allowed to play up to form a viable team
 - Requires board approval

National Premier League

North Teams
Attend
One Weekend
(Auckland)
One Weekend
(Keri Keri)

South Teams
Attend
One Weekend
(New Plymouth)
One Weekend
(Kilbirnie)

All Teams
(cross over games,
only play teams from other division)
One Weekend (in New Plymouth)
One Weekend (in Hamilton)

All teams play division rivals two times and cross rivals two times for 14 - 16 games overall

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WHERE THRILLS MEET STRATEGY

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National Premier League

STRATEGY THROUGH EXCELLENCE

PRESIDENT'S CUP

TOP 2 TEAMS FROM NORTH & SOUTH MEET IN NEW PLYMOUTH OR HAMILTON

FRIDAY NIGHT/ SATURDAY MORNING BEST OF 2 SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY (PM) & EVENING , SUNDAY (AM) BEST OF 3 FINALS AND 3RD PLACE

PRESIDENTS CUP FINAL TO TAKE PLACE SAME WEEKEND AS INTERCONFERENCE WEEKEND (EARLY TO MID-SEPTEMBER PRIOR TO NATIONALS)

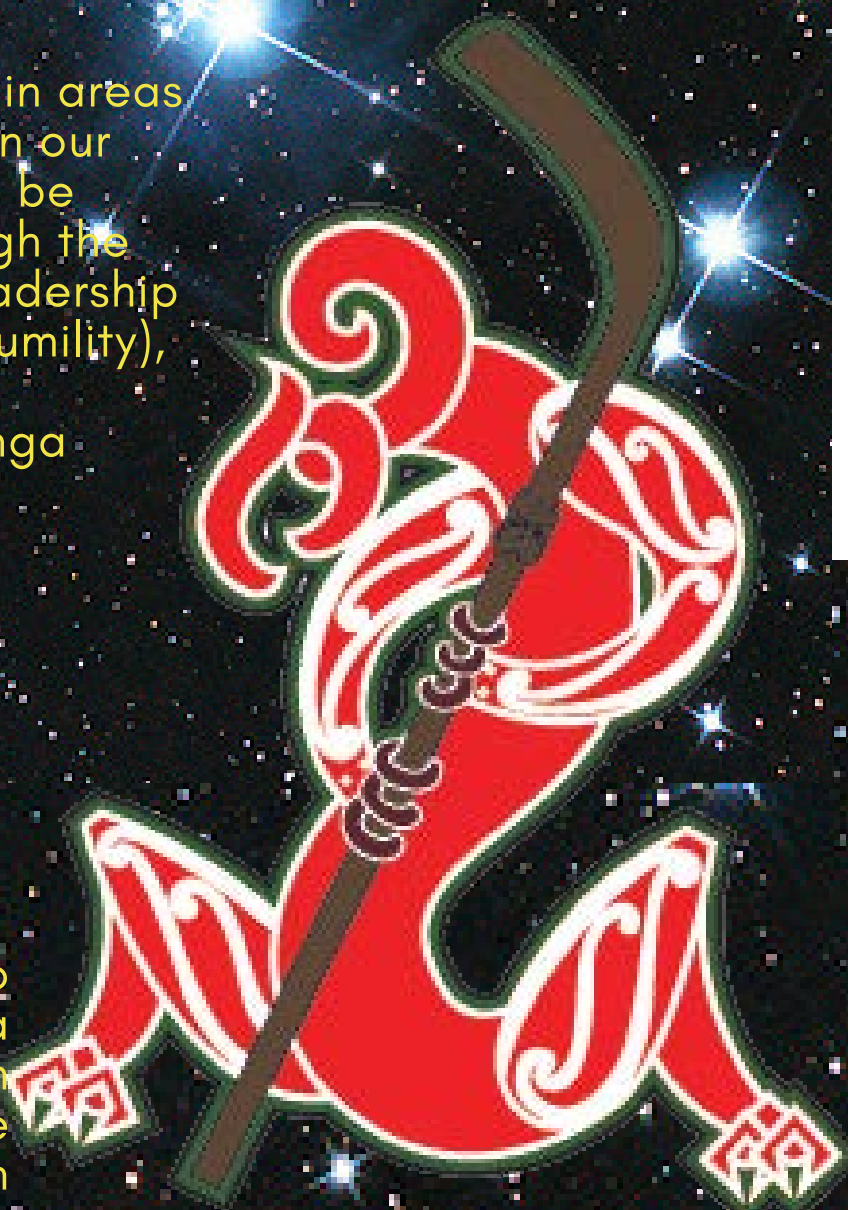
MATARIKI

The Matariki tournament concept brought purpose to our sport and acknowledges our community, contributes to why we are here, valuing what we have and ensuring our future.

Our senior and junior players have set a new standard for inline hockey, not just because they are talented individuals, but also because they exhibit respect, character, positive attitudes and a desire for our sport to develop through dedication and commitment.

Matariki gave the sport and continues to give to the sport in areas where the disconnect between our rangitahi (15-18 year olds) can be offered a new pathway through the principles of Kaitiakitanga (Leadership & Accountability), Whakaiti (humility), Whanangatanga (building relationships) and Manaakitanga (maintaining relationships).

Teams are named after six of the nine stars of the Matariki cluster and led by respected senior players who have proven leadership and mentoring skills along with integrity, experience and knowledge of the game. The event is empowering to all participants, provides a platform to share enthusiasm and positivity and gives Inline Hockey New Zealand an opportunity to showcase our sport to spectators, families and stream across the country.



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INTER CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Build High Development Program

**Players attending added to HDP
and provided with**

- **Coach check-ins**
- **Workout programs**
- **Skills Programs**

Coaching

**High Development Coaches to attend
event to mentor and monitor players
across all divisions.**

National Premier League Finals

**National Premier League Finals
and
National Interconference Champs
hosted over same weekend to provide
a showcase weekend prior to Nationals**

WHERE CHAMPIONS EMERGE

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junior national championships

Survey has provided data indicating juniors grades want name change back to “nationals”



“nationals” qualification process

Qualification process to be updated and shared to clubs early in 2024.



team registration online

Teams required to early register for Nationals with payment to allow for block release and scheduling.

National Championships

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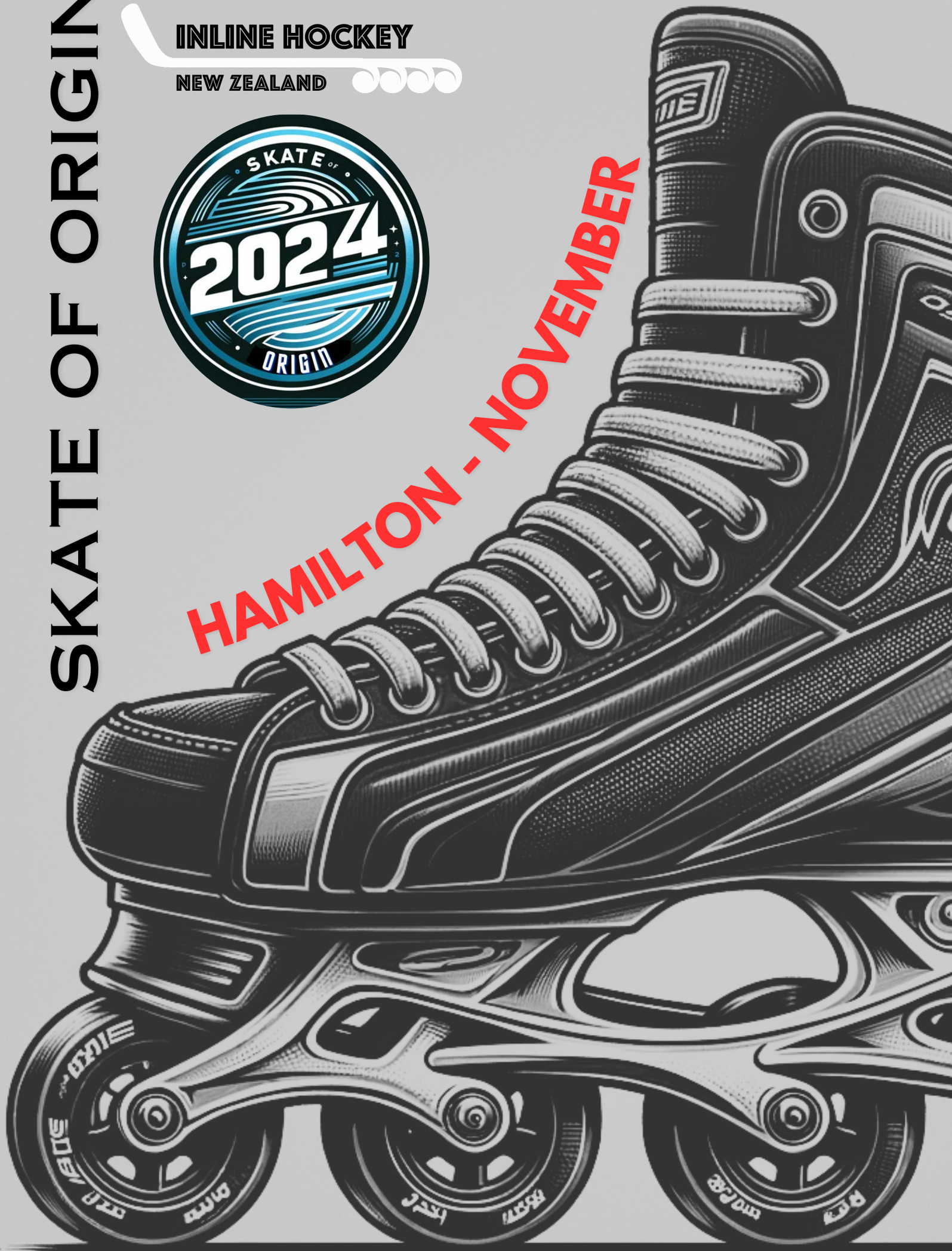
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HAMILTON - NOVEMBER



SKATE OF ORIGIN



“Skate of Origin” teams will be selected on application to create representative teams from each region.

The goal is to provide a competitive experience for U18 aged players through to Masters and Veterans.

The criteria for selection for each region will include:

- **players asked for expressions of interest**
- ***coaches/selectors being appointed from expressions of interest***
- ***players selected based on their very first club registration***

Objectives:

- **To provide a high level player development event for senior players.**
- **To celebrate the retention and continued success of our top players across all age grades.**
- **To promote visibility of inline hockey as a spectator sport.**
- **To celebrate unity & foster long standing friendships, across the regions.**

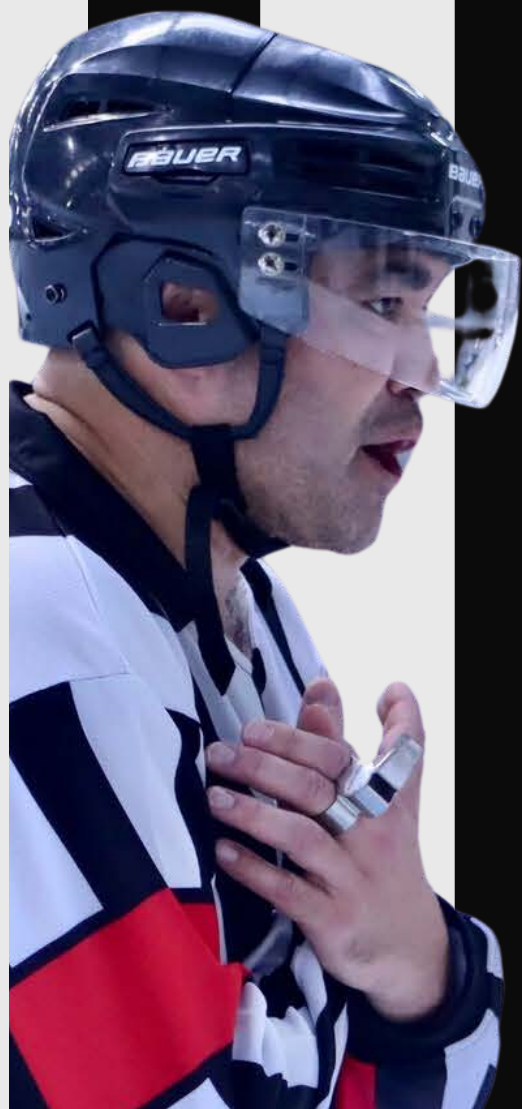


A NEW EVENT TO SHOWCASE SENIOR TALENT AND SKILLS, NOT TO BE MISSED IN 2024

TEAM STRIPES

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INVITE INTERESTED
INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN
THEIR REFEREE
MENTORING AND
TRAINING PROGRAM**

**MAINTAINING INTEGRITY
SPORTSMANSHIP & GAME RULES**



- Initial modules can be completed online
- Buddy up with a mentor on the rink
- Build connections with fellow referees, coaches and players
- You need good communications skills
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to make quick and fair decisions

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