

Inline Hockey New Zealand Matariki Series Event Notice 2023

Background

The Matariki series concept was born from the need to address the widening gap around keeping rangatahi engaged within inline hockey and to build and develop leadership pathways through the incorporation of Kaupapa Maori leadership principles and those that represent Matariki.

The Matariki series provides the space for the participants and whanau to:

- acknowledge the history of our sport and those who have contributed to its success,
- value the present by representing their whakapapa and committing to lead inline hockey both on and off the rink,
- to nurture and protect inline hockey by fostering and mentoring the next generation of leaders within our sport.

Matariki is built around the five pillars of Maori leadership:

Rangatiratanga

Leadership

Kaitiakitanga

Guardianship/Humility

Whakaiti

Building relationships

Whanaungatanga

Nurturing relationships

Manaakitanga

Accountability

Purpose:

The Matariki series is designed to:

- Provide a space for Te Ao Maori to be recognised and celebrated in inline hockey, and
- Foster the development of our rangatahi within inline hockey and support the transition into the becoming the next generation of leaders within our sport.

Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority of the 2023 Matariki Series is IHNZ. A committee authorised by the IHNZ Board will be established to support the organisation, implementation and management of the event. This Organising 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.

Venue

The Matariki series 2023 will be commence on Friday, 14 July 2023 through until Sunday, 16 July 2023

The event will be held at:

New Plymouth Ravens Inline Hockey Club

East End Reserve,

Nobs Line,

Strandon,

1. Rules:

1.1 The Matariki Series 2023 will be conducted under a collaboration of the following;

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

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

2. Sportsmanship:

2.1 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 and in the spirit of our Matariki values and principles.

2.2 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.

3. Drug free Policy

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

4. Structure

The Matariki series will be formed by teams based on the nine stars within the Matariki constellation
Each team represents a star with the main Matariki star representing our exhibition game and the overall event.

These teams/ stars are:

Tupuārangi,

Waipuna-ā-Rangi,

Waitī,

Tupuānuku,

Ururangi,

Waitā,

Pōhutukawa

Hiwa-i-te-Rangi.

Each team will be made up of our Rangatira and Rangatahi players who have been selected or nominated by their respective club and who meet the eligibility criteria.

The Rangatira players will form the leadership groups within these teams and be responsible for nurturing and supporting our Rangatahi during the event.

A round robin tournament will be played over the three days of Matariki culminating with finals being played on Sunday, 16 July 2023 with the winner being named the Matariki Series Champion for 2023.

An exhibition game will be played by teams made up of our Rangatira players on Saturday, 15 July 2023.

5. Exhibition Game: Team Bauer / Team Mission

The exhibition game for 2023 will consist of a game between Team Bauer and Team Mission.

This is a nod to a part of our history that saw elite inline hockey players given the opportunity to be rewarded and supported for their efforts and contributions to inline hockey through the Team Mission initiative. This was introduced by Darren Blong and Centre Ice in the late 1990's who has had a longstanding connection within both ice and inline hockey throughout the years.

Team Mission used to visit clubs around the country and run training sessions and play exhibition games for the inline hockey community as a way to give back to inline hockey. Whilst it hasn't been a part of the inline hockey landscape for quite some time, the purpose of it fits with what our Matariki Series imbues and it is great to be able to share with everyone this aspect of our history and continue to help build resilience within our sport.

6. Eligibility:

Players wishing to be considered for inclusion in the Matariki series must meet the following criteria:

7. Rangatira Eligibility:

All players must hold current IHNZ registration and be in good standing with their respective club.

Players must be at least 18 years of age.

Players must submit an expression of interest (EOI)

Players wishing to be considered need be able to demonstrate the qualities that imbue the Matariki leadership principles and who are making efforts to support inline hockey in areas such as:

- Actively playing and supporting inline hockey for their club,
- Being engaged and involved in supporting their club,
- Supporting and promoting IHNZ objectives and initiatives
- Refereeing
- Coaching

It is expected that our players if selected will be the kaitiaki of our rangatahi and tautoko them prior to, during, and after the Matariki Series event.

8. Rangatahi Eligibility:

All players must hold current IHNZ registration and be in good standing with their respective club.

Players must be at least 15 years of age.

Players wishing to be considered must be actively involved and playing inline hockey within their club as well as demonstrating qualities that align with our leadership values and principles.

Players wishing to be considered must be nominated by their club and the club must provide a written recommendation why the player should be considered.

9. Selection:

Selection of both Rangatira and Rangatahi players will be carried out by a panel that may include senior leadership players, coaches, or any other person deemed suitable by the Organising Committee.

Priority and preference will be given to those players who can demonstrate the Matariki leadership principles and those who support and promote IHNZ objectives and initiatives.

IHNZ reserves the right to make any changes as deemed necessary.

10. Entries and Fees:

Each selected Player shall register their interest using the official EOI form to be made available via email to Clubs and on the IHNZ website.

Entry fees are \$95.00 (incl. GST) per player.

Should a player withdraw, they will forfeit the entry fee. Any refunds will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee and/ or the IHNZ Board.

Team jerseys and pants will be an extra cost on top of the entry fee.

Jersey: \$65.00

Pants: \$65.00

Players who have attended Matariki before may use their previous jersey as long as they are in good repair but will need to purchase players pants.

11. Score Book and Results:

The IHNZ official score sheet shall be used for all games
In each grade the points awards shall be as follows:

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points

12. Results:

12.1 Two team Tie Breaker

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

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13. Tie Breakers:

- 13.1 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.

14. Disciplinary Procedures:

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

15. Sponsorship

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 IHNZ reserves the right to permit or refuse any application for commercial sponsorship, advertising or promotion.