

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT RULES 2004**

1. Rules of Play shall be the NZIHA Inline Hockey Official Rulebook 2002 edition including the NZIHA addenda. Any interpretations or amendments will be advised via the Stadium notice board.
2. Players must be NZIHA registered with the club entering the team and must be eligible to compete at the National Championships in the team and grade in which they have been entered eg. seniors registered prior to July 31 2004 ; not playing down having played more than three games in a higher grade in Regional competition.
3. All team members, including officials, must be identified at the beginning of the tournament (prior to the team's first game) and team rosters cannot be added to during the tournament. A maximum of 4 Team officials will be allowed on a team's bench; all officials must be registered with the NZIHA
4. Players may play for one and only one team throughout the tournament.
5. It is the responsibility of an official from each team to check that the team roster is correctly recorded on the Official Score Sheet and to initial the score sheet before EVERY GAME. Tournament Organisers may not be held responsible for omissions or errors in team rosters on the official score sheets.
6. Games will be 4 x 10- minute quarters . Time-outs will be one per team per game. There will be no overtime period for tied pool games or round robin games. Stop-time will be played in the final two minutes of a game provided that the score is within one goal or tied. Once Stop-Time has commenced it will continue regardless of what the scores become.
7. The format of the competition in each grade will be published within 10 days of the closing date for entries.
8. Semi-Finals and Finals :- If the game is tied at the end of regulation play there will be a 5 minute 'sudden death' overtime period. There will be no time-outs in any overtime period. The final two minutes of any overtime period will be played as Stop-Time. If the game is still tied at the end of the extra period a penalty shoot out in accordance with rule 638 will be used to achieve a result.
9. The game clock will be stopped at the referees' discretion. Timekeepers may not stop the game clock unless directed to do so by the referee. The only exception will be stop-time as set down in clauses 6 & 8 of these rules.
10. The score as shown on the electronic score board is subject to final confirmation upon completion of the NZIHA Official Score Sheet.
11. The Tournament organisers reserve the right to:
  - (i) determine the competition format for each grade based on the number of entries
  - (ii) alter the schedule of games in the case of unforeseen circumstances. All changes will be advised via the Stadium Notice Board.
  - (iii) make whatever operational changes that are deemed necessary to provide optimum playing conditions. Any changes will be advised via the Stadium Notice Board.
12. Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of their games. Tournament organisers reserve the right to start games up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
13. All players in a team are to be uniformly dressed (i.e. jerseys and leg apparel). Players failing to comply will be ruled from the playing surface and not permitted to play until uniformly dressed.
14. All teams must have an alternate jersey. In the event of the Chief Referee declaring a clash of colours of the two competing teams, it is the Home team that must change its jersey in accordance with Rule 307 (c).
- 15: For a violation of Rule 304 (a) where a player is wearing non-approved equipment (helmet, facial protection), or is not wearing the proper mandatory equipment, or is not wearing the equipment in a manner for which it is intended, the player will be ruled off the playing surface and will not be allowed to return until such equipment has been replaced or corrected. The Referee will issue a warning to the offending team. For a second violation by any player of the same team for the same offence previously warned during the same game, the Referee shall assess a Bench Minor Penalty to the offending team.
16. The official tournament puck is the IDS puck for all games.
17. The Tournament Disciplinary Committee will deal with all disciplinary matters.
18. Protests must be notified to the Chief Referee at the rink by the Captain of the protesting team immediately after the game and in writing no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the game and be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
19. It is a condition of entry to the National Championships that clubs agree to fulfil their rostered duties.
20. If there is a tie in the standings at the end of Pool Play or a round robin then the NZIHA policy on "Final Standings" will apply.