

National Championships Format 2004

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Format:

U14, U16, U20, Senior Women:-

Eight teams in each grade (maximum 2 per region)

1. Two pools of four (Pool A and Pool B). There will be no overtime played in pool games.
2. At conclusion of pool play there will be semi-finals:-
 - the team placing first in Pool A will play the team placing second in Pool B; .
 - the team placing first in Pool B will play the team placing second in Pool AIf, the teams are tied at the end of regulation time in semi finals and finals, overtime will be played in accordance with NZIHA Rule 638.
3. Finals:-
 - winning teams in semi-finals play off for 1st and 2nd places in the Championship
 - losing teams in semi-finals play off for 3rd and 4th places in the Championship.

Under 12:-

Seven teams in the U12 grade (2 from Northern, 2 from Central , 2 from Lower North, and 1 from Southern.

This grade will be played as a round robin. Each team will play 6 games.

There will be no overtime played in the round robin.

Open Grade:-

Total of 14 teams. Two pools of seven – round robin.. There will be no overtime in pool play.

At the conclusion of pool play, teams placed 1st and 2nd in each pool will qualify for semi-finals and finals in Division 1; teams placed. 3rd and 4th in each pool will qualify for semi-finals and finals in Division 2.

Determination of Placings in all Grades

The NZIHA Final Placings document (refer page 2) will be used to determine placings when teams are tied on competition points.

NZIHA Final Placings

In the event of a drawn game in pool play **EXTRA TIME WILL NOT BE PLAYED.**

If, at the end of pool play two or more teams have an equal number of points and they are in a placement or move-up position, the placings will be determined using the following steps:

- A) The victor of the **head to head** competition when the tied teams met in pool play shall be awarded placement position.

Team A 10 goals defeated Team B 6 goals

Team A will be declared the winner.

In most cases the “head to head” result will determine the winner when teams are tied, but...

B) If a tie still results from A) above then **Goal Differential** will be used to determine the team awarded placement position i.e. **the total of goals for minus the total of goals against** for the entire round of pool games shall be used to determine the placement position for the tied teams.

	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Goal Differential</u>
Team A	21	16	+ 5
Team B	30	15	+ 15

Team B will be awarded the placement position because they have the greater differential.

C) If any teams are still tied after A) and B) above then **goal average** for the entire round of pool games will be used to determine the placement position for the tied teams. This is achieved by **goals for divided by goals against**.

	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Differential</u>	<u>Goal Average</u>
Team A	15	10	+ 5	1.5
Team B	23	18	+ 5	1.27

Team A goal average is $15/10 = 1.5$

Team B goal average is $23/18 = 1.27$

Team A will be awarded the placement position because of their higher goal average.

D) If the teams are still tied after A), B) & C) then the tied team with the **least penalty minutes** for the entire round of pool games shall be awarded the placement position.