

## ***EVENT NOTICE***

### ***National Inline Hockey Championships 2005***

#### **Organising Authority**

- The organizing authority for the National Championships is the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association.
- The Tournament Director is the President of the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association.

#### **Venue and Dates**

New Plymouth Roller Sports Club Arena, East End Reserve, Strandon, New Plymouth.

Under 12 - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Under 14 - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Under 16 - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Under 20 - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Open - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (after midday) to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Women - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (after midday) to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **Rules**

- The National Championships will be conducted under the NZIHA By-Laws, NZIHA Official Rule Book (2004 reprint) with amendments notified in 2005 by the NZIHA Chief Referee, and this Event Notice.
- Where the NZIHA Rule Book and the Event Notice conflict the Event Notice will take priority.

#### **Eligibility**

- Entry is open to NZIHA member clubs that have qualified for an entry based on the performance of their best placed team within each grade in the Regional Championships. There is a maximum of one entry per club per grade.
- Allocations per region in each grade:-
  - Under 12:- Northern 1; Central 2; Lower North 2; Southern 1
  - Under 14:- Northern 2; Central 2; Lower North 2; Southern 1
  - Under 16:- Northern 2; Central 2; Lower North 2; Southern 1
  - Under 20:- Northern 2; Central 2; Lower North 2; Southern 1
  - Women:- Northern 1; Central 2; Lower North 2; Southern 1
  - Open:- Northern 4; Central 2; Lower North 4; Southern 2
- All players must hold current NZIHA registration for the club which they are playing for, and all players aged 16 and over must have registered with NZIHA prior to 31 July 2005.
- All team officials must hold current NZIHA registration

- Players can play for only one team at National Championships
- Players may not play in an age grade if they have played more than three times in a higher age grade or higher age grades in the Regional Championships.

### **Entries**

- Entry must be made on the official entry form and be received by the NZIHA Executive Officer, P O Box 7014, New Plymouth, by 5pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- The entry fee is \$500 (GST inc.) payable by 1 September 2005. There is a prompt payment discount of 10% which may be deducted from payments made by 1 September 2005.
- Team roster is to be supplied with the official entry. The Player Roster may not be added to after the start of the team's first game in the Tournament.
- If an entry is not received by the NZIHA Executive Officer by 1 September 2005, NZIHA may allocate the place to the team which was placed next in the Regional Championships
- Entries are subject to acceptance by clubs that each team will fulfill its rostered duties (e.g. goal judging)
- In the event that a team withdraws after official entry (i.e. after 1 September), the team will forfeit the entry fee and the club may have a \$500 withdrawal penalty fee imposed, subject to NZIHA discretion.

### **Format**

#### **Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 20, Women:-**

There will be a round robin. Medals will be awarded to the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of the round robin.  
1<sup>st</sup> – gold; 2<sup>nd</sup> – silver; 3<sup>rd</sup> – bronze; 4<sup>th</sup> – ebony

#### **Open**

There will be two pools each of 6 teams. Each pool will play a round robin. At the end of the round robin, the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each pool will contest the Open Division One Championship:-

- semi finals:- Semi-final 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> in Pool A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pool B;  
Semi-final 2 = 1<sup>st</sup> in Pool B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pool A.
- Finals: - Winner Semi-Final 1 vs Winner Semi-final 2 for the gold or silver medal.  
Loser Semi-final 1 vs Loser Semi-final 2 for the bronze or ebony medal.

At the end of the round robin, the teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in each pool will contest the Open Division Two Championship:-

- semi-finals:- Semi-final 1 = 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pool A vs 4<sup>th</sup> in Pool B  
Semi-final 2 = 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pool B vs 4<sup>th</sup> in Pool A
- Finals Winner Semi-final 1 vs Winner Semi-final 2 for the gold or silver medal

Loser Semi-final 1 vs Loser Semi-final 2 for the  
bronze or ebony medal.

### **Prizegiving**

Team Prizes:-

1<sup>st</sup> in Grade - Trophy, banner, and plaque.

2<sup>nd</sup> in Grade - plaque

3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade - plaque

Medals and trophies will be presented immediately after the final game in each grade. Trophies are to be handed to the NZIHA Executive Officer immediately for engraving. Banners and plaques become the property of the club.

### **Draw**

The draw will be published by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2005 on [www.nziha.com](http://www.nziha.com)

The Tournament Organisers reserve the right to alter the schedule of games or make whatever operational changes are deemed necessary in case of unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be notified on the Tournament Notice Board.

### **Score Sheets**

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check that the team roster is correctly recorded on the Official Score Sheet and to initial the Score Sheet before each game. Tournament Organisers may not be held responsible for omissions or errors in team rosters on score sheets.

### **Ties**

In the event that there is a tie at the end of pool play or a round robin, the NZIHA policy "Final Standings" will apply.

### **Game Time**

Games will be 4 x 10 minute periods. There will be no overtime period for tied pool games or round robin games.

Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes before their scheduled start time. The Tournament Organisers reserve the right to start games up to 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.

## **Results**

The score as shown on the electronic scoreboard is subject to final confirmation upon completion of the Official Score Sheet.

Copies of completed Score Sheets will be available to Team Managers in the Tournament Office 30 minutes after games.

A Results Chart and Standings Chart will be displayed on the Tournament Notice Board.

## **Protests**

Protests must be notified to the game referee verbally 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. All protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$100 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

## **National Championships Disciplinary Committee**

The National Championships Disciplinary Committee will deal with all disciplinary matters. The members of this Committee shall be NZIHA members and shall be:-

The Tournament Director or her nominee, the Chief Referee or his nominee, and a senior member from a club not involved in the disciplinary matter.

The National Championships Disciplinary Committee is empowered to discipline players, teams, team officials, and clubs for their conduct both on and off the rink before, during, and after a game. This Disciplinary Committee may impose disqualification, suspension, fine and/or other measures as deemed appropriate by the Committee. Hearings will be conducted at a time notified to the parties involved by the Tournament Director, and as far as is practical, during the Tournament. Penalties imposed in this Tournament will, if applicable, carry over to further NZIHA sanctioned games and to NZIHA trials.

## **Uniform and Protective Equipment**

All players 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.

All teams must have an alternate jersey. In the event that the Chief Referee declares a clash of colours of the two competing teams, it is the Home Team that must change its jersey.

Players must wear protective equipment approved for the game of inline hockey.

## **Puck**

An IDS puck shall be used for all games. The colour of the puck is to be determined by the Chief Referee.

### **Referees**

The Referees Roster is compiled by the Chief Referee. In each pool game or round robin game there shall be a minimum of three referees (two on floor and one in the Penalty Bin); in each semi-final or final there shall be five referees (two on floor, one penalty bin, two goal judges).

### **Score Bench**

The Score Bench roster is compiled by the Tournament Director in association with the Score Bench Manager. Clubs are asked to supply to the NZIHA Executive Officer the names and email addresses of experienced score bench officials who are willing to be included on the roster.

### **Default**

In the unlikely event that a team defaults a game, NZIHA shall pursue disciplinary action which may include a penalty fee of up to \$1000.

### **Contacts**

Tournament Director:- [president@nziha.com](mailto:president@nziha.com)

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