

2007 Northern Regional Competition Event Notice

(Draft until approved by the NR Committee & the N.Z.I.H.A.)

EVENT

- The 2007 Northern Regional Competition will comprise Regional Leagues, Regional Championships and National Qualifiers (Playoffs).

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- The organizing authority for the 2007 Northern Regional Competition is the NZIHA Northern Region Committee.

RULES

- The Regional Leagues, Regional Championships and National Qualifiers (Playoffs) will be conducted under the sanction of the NZIHA, the NZIHA By-laws, the NZIHA Game Rules, the Northern Region Committee Tournament Rules and this Event Notice.
- The Regional Championships and National Qualifiers (Playoffs) will also be conducted under the NZIHA Regional Championship guidelines.

GRADES THAT CAN BE CONTESTED

- U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, Women and Senior.

ELIGIBILITY

Clubs & Teams

- The 2007 Northern Regional Leagues and Championships are open to teams entered by NZIHA Northern Region affiliated clubs.

Players

- Players must be registered with the NZIHA prior to playing their first game.
- Players shall be entered as playing for one club and one team only, except for women who may play in the Women's grade and an age grade.
- Players may play up an age grade or where there are several divisions within a grade up a division within the age grade a maximum of three times.
- Where a player in a team competing in a Regional Championship has played three games up in another team in a Regional Championship whichever team they next play for is the team in which they must remain for the rest of the Regional Championship competition. (Note also that players are ineligible to play in a grade at Nationals if they have played more than three times in a higher age grade or age grades during Regional Championships.)
- Where a club has two teams in any championship players may only play for one team throughout the regional championship.
- In any one team there shall be no more than three (3) players who are not primarily living in New Zealand and who are not of New Zealand Nationality. If in doubt clubs should seek clarification from the NZIHA.

REGIONAL COMPETITION FORMAT

Regional Leagues & Regional Championships

- The format of Leagues and Championships is expected to be a minimum of a single round robin however this may vary depending on the number of entries received.
- Where the number of entries within a grade is such that it is impractical to run a single competition the Grade will be split into divisions. Clubs will have the choice of nominating the status of their teams, either an A or a B. Only teams competing in an A division within an Age Grade will be eligible for qualification towards the National Championships.

National Qualifiers

- The format will be a single round robin.

NORTHERN REGION - QUALIFICATION FOR NATIONALS

- For the U12, U14, U16, U18 grades the top five clubs in the Regional Championship will playoff to decide the team or teams that qualify for the Nationals.
- For the U10 and Women's grades the Regional Championships will decide the team or teams that qualify for the Nationals.
- For the Open grade the Senior 1 Regional Championship will decide the team or teams that qualify for the Nationals.

SUMMARY OF NZIHA RULES REGARDING QUALIFICATION FOR NATIONALS

- (Note the information in this section is taken from the 2007 National Championship Event Notice and is for information only)
- In 2007 National Championships will be held for the U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, Women and Open grades.
- Where a club qualifies for one entry into the Nationals it may select a team from all of its eligible players.
- In the Open grade if two teams from a club qualify for the National Championships, players who have played in the Regional Championships in one of the qualifying teams are only eligible to play in the same team as they played in the Regional Championships. However, other eligible players in the club may be included.
- Players that have played up in a higher grade during the Regional Championships or National Qualifiers more than three times are ineligible to play at the Nationals in the lower grade.

VENUES

- The venues to be used, depending on availability are Skateland (Mt Wellington), ActivZone (Glenfield), Papatoetoe (U10 to U16), Whangarei (U10 to U16), and Kerikeri.
- The use of each rink will depend upon the number of teams entered into the Northern Region Championships and the availability of rinks.

ENTRIES & FEES

- All entries are to be made on the official Northern Region Entry Form or by email to the Regional Secretary (Janet Lee JanetandRoyLee@xtra.co.nz)
- Closing date for entry into the Northern Region Leagues is 5.00pm March 10th 2007.
- Late entries may be accepted throughout the season at the discretion of the League Coordinator.
- Entry fees will be \$30 per team fee and a \$15 per game, per team referee levy.
- Rink fees are payable at the door for each game at each rink.

OFFICIALS

- Teams are to provide a scorer/timekeeper and a goal judge.
- All Team Officials must be registered with the NZIHA.

DRAW

- The League Coordinator will publish at least one draft draw to be issued to directly to Clubs for comment followed by a final draw issued to clubs and published on the NZIHA web site.
- Games will be played as per the final draw unless unsafe rink conditions or exceptional circumstances require a game to be postponed and rescheduled.
- All applications for a postponement must be made directly to the League Coordinator.

COMPETITION DATES

- Games may be scheduled to commence 29th March and finish no later than 3rd September.
- Playoffs for applicable grades will be scheduled for 25th – 26th August and 1st – 2nd September..
- There will be no games scheduled on the following dates:-
 1. 6th-22nd April (Easter, Oceania's, School Holidays)
 2. 2nd -4th June (Queens Birthday)
 3. 30th June – 15th July (Except for Seniors 14th & 15th July)

GAME RESULTS

- When one team is 10 goals ahead of the other, the score at that time will be recorded as the final score for the game and no further goals shall be recorded. The game continues and is officiated as normal.
- Game results and competition progress information will be posted on the NZIHA web site (www.nziha.com) as they become available.

ROUND ROBIN POINTS

Points will be awarded or deducted as follows:

- Win awarded 2 points
- Draw awarded 1 point each team
- Loss awarded 0 points
- A default or forfeit will result in 2 points being deducted from the offending teams overall points tally, and the game score will be 5 – 0 or the actual score whichever is the most advantageous to the other team.

RESOLVING TIES – REGIONAL LEAGUES & REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Ties in the final standings will be resolved in favor of the team that beat the other when the tied teams last met.

- If this fails to resolve the tie, then the tie will be resolved in favor of the team with the best goal difference over all games. Where a goal difference is used to resolve ties the maximum goal difference that can be taken from any game is 5.
- Any tie that remains will be resolved in favor of the team with the least number of penalty minutes over all games.

RESOLVING TIES – NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

- Ties in the final standings will be determined by the final placing in the Regional Championships.

PRIZES

- A prize giving will be held the venue and time will be announced once decided.
- Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams in each Grade and each Division as at the conclusion of the Northern Region Championships. (not Regional Play-Offs)

LEAGUE COORDINATOR(S)

- To be appointed by the Regional Committee.