



NZIHA Southern Region Committee

Organising Authority

- The organizing authority for the Southern Region 2007 Regional Championships is the Southern Regional Committee. The Southern Region Event Notice was approved by the NZIHA on (_____).

Rules

- The Southern 2007 Regional Championships will be conducted under the NZIHA By-laws, NZIHA Official Rule Book and this Event Notice. Where the Official Rule book and this event notice conflict, the event notice will take priority.

Eligibility - Teams & Clubs

- The 2007 Southern Regional Championships are open to teams, entered by NZIHA Southern Region clubs, in the following grades: - U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, Open and Senior Women.
- The U10 grade will be reintroduced as a trial this season for Regional and National competition under the same conditions as other grades. The inclusion of the U10 grade will be closely monitored throughout the season to ensure a positive impact on young players.
- A club may enter more than one team in any Grade.
- Clubs must be affiliated to NZIHA prior to any of their teams participating in the Regional Championships

Eligibility - Players

- All players must be currently registered with the NZIHA for the club they are playing for prior to taking part in any regional championship games. When players have played in a regional championship within the current season and thereafter transfer to another club they are ineligible to continue playing in the regional championship unless NZIHA grants dispensation prior to 31st July 2007
- In regional Championships players shall be entered as playing for one team except for women who may play for both the woman's grade and an age grade. However, provided that they comply with age eligibility at all times, players are permitted to play in other teams of a higher age grade or higher divisions within an age grade of the same club a maximum of three times. When players have played for other teams of any higher age grade or division on more than three occasions they are ineligible to play down. Where a club has two teams in the same division, players may play for only one team in the regional championships.
- Open Grade:- Where a club has more than one team in the Open Grade of the Regional Championships, players may play for only one of those teams for the duration of the Regional Championships
If one team from a club qualifies for the National Championships Open Grade, the club may select its Nationals team from all of its eligible players
If two teams from a club qualify for the National Championships Open Grade, 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 of Other Nationalities : In any one team there shall be no more than 3 players who are not primarily living in New Zealand and are not of NZ nationality.

Dates

- Games will be scheduled to commence 1st March and finish no later than 3rd September 2007.
Round 1. July 14th
Round 2. July 1
- Games shall be rescheduled for teams when their players are representing the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association in International Events

Venue

The Nelson Skating Rink will be used

Format

- The Regional Championship will consist of two rounds.



National Qualification

- All Grades except Open Grade. There will be a minimum of one team per age grade per region where a regional competition has taken place and a maximum of two teams per region per grade where the number of teams in the regional competition in that grade numbers four or more
- Open Grade There will be a minimum of one team per region where a regional competition has taken place and a maximum of four teams per region. The following allocation applies: -

2 Teams at the Regional Championships then one team qualifies.

3 or 4 teams at the Regional Championships then two teams qualify.

5 or 6 teams at the Regional Championships then three teams qualify.

More than 6 teams at the Regional Championships then four teams qualify

Officials

- Each club is to make arrangements for one scorer /timekeepers/ penalty timekeeper and 2 goal judges for each game.
- The Referee Coordinator or his appointed representative to make arrangements for a minimum of two referees for each game.
- All games are to be played as per the draw but may be rescheduled by the Regional Secretary if it is in the interests of the championships.
- An NZIHA official scoresheet must be completed for each scheduled game including those defaulted, forfeited or no-shows. The Regional Secretary to provide the score book and will forward the results to the Club Secretaries and NZIHA

Disciplinary Committee:

- The Tournament Disciplinary Committee will deal with all disciplinary matters. The members of this committee shall be NZIHA members and shall be - The Tournament Director, the Chief Referee (or their nominees) and a senior member from a club not involved in the disciplinary matter. The Tournament Disciplinary Committee is empowered to discipline players, teams, team officials, and clubs for their conduct both on and off the rink before 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 practicable during the tournament. Penalties imposed in this tournament will, if applicable, carry over to further NZIHA sanctioned games.
- A \$50.00 monetary fine will be imposed for all players, coaches, officials and /or associated teams and clubs found guilty by the disciplinary tribunal.

Entries, Rink Entry Fees & Bond

- Entries are to be on the attached entry form.
- The closing date for entries is
June 10th
- No late entries will be accepted
- Newly formed teams may enter the competition after the second round, but will be ineligible to qualify for Nationals
- The entry fee is \$50 per team.
- A refundable bond of \$150 is required from each Club to cover rink fees in the event of a no show.
- Rink fees are TBA per team per game.
- Referee Fees: Referees shall be reimbursed as follows;
- \$10/game for Level One Referees for all games,
- \$15/game for Level 2 & 3 Referees for all games.
- All game officials will be admitted free.



Draw

- A draw will be published via e-mail, to club secretaries after the close of entries, and not later than two weeks prior to the tournament.

Results

- Game results and team standings will be published on the NZIHA Homepage (www.nziha.com) and sent to all Southern Region club secretaries as soon as possible after they become available.

Points

- A win will be awarded 2 points, a draw 1 points, a loss 0 points, and a default, forfeit or no show will result in a minus 2 point being deducted from the teams overall points.
- Ties will be resolved in favor of the team than beat the other when the tied teams last met. If that fails to resolve a tie, then the tie will be resolved in favor of the team with the best ratio of goals scored for and against over all games in the event.
- A team found to have fielded an ineligible player shall default the game and the result shall be recorded as 5 – nil or the actual score whichever is the most advantageous to the non-offending team.
- **Mercy Rule:** this rule will be used under the Tournament Directors discretion in consultation with the referees (who will consult with both coaches)
 - After a 10 goal difference (one team is 10 goals clear of the other) has been established at any time during a game, the Tournament Director and the Referee will inform both coaches that the game has finished. At this point the final results will be noted on the score sheet. The following options will then be presented to the coaches. Only one of these options may be used.

* Play will continue with the referee for the time remaining in the game (if time allows) but no goals will be recorded on the score sheet or posted on the score board and the referee will officiate the game as per usual with any penalties being recorded.

*That the teams combine and complete the game with mixed teams.

Final Standings

Ties in the final standings will be resolved in favour 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 favour of the team with the best goal difference over all games. Where a goal difference is used to resolve ties in the final standings in regional competition the maximum goal difference that can be taken from a game is 5.

Prizes

- A Prize Giving will be held at the final tournament
- Trophies, certificates and /or medals will be awarded.

Regional Authority

Regional Committees are otherwise free to conduct the Regional Championships

NZIHA Approval

The Southern Regional Event Notice has been forwarded to the Secretary, NZIHA for approval, prior to publication

Further Information

All inquiries should be to Southern Regional Secretary, Alvin Halliburton ..halliburtons@slingshot.co.nz

Addendum

The organising committee reserve the right to allow teams to mix grades to allow for better competition and Clubs will be advised of these before the first tournament.

