

2008 Major New Zealand Championships

Interregional Championships Event Notice

The Interregional Championships are staged annually as the culmination of the inline hockey season. The Championships also serve as a selection tournament for New Zealand teams in 2009.

Organising Authority

The organising authority for the Inter-Regional Championship is the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association (NZIHA).

The NZIHA has delegated the organisation of the Championship to the Regional Committee of the host Region. For 2008 the host will be the Lower North region.

Venue and Dates

- Friday 24th October to Monday 27th October 2008. To be held at the Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui.

Rules

- The Interregional Championships will be conducted by the NZIHA by-Laws, NZIHA Official Rulebook, and this Event Notice.
- Where the NZIHA Rule Book and the Event Notice conflict the Event Notice will take priority

Teams

- Each Regional Committee shall, with reference to the NZIHA Regional Selection Guidelines, be responsible to organize the:-
 - > selection of teams
 - > coaching of teams
 - > teams' playing uniforms

Eligibility

- Each Region may enter one team in each of the following grades:- U12, U14, U16, U18, U20, Open, Senior Women, Junior Women, Masters.
- Players can play for only one team
- Players should be selected to play in their own age grade. The special consideration which applies to female players in NZIHA sanctioned tournaments where they are permitted to play down one year, **does not apply in the Interregional Championships.**
- Players must hold current NZIHA registration for a club in the region they are representing..
- All team officials must hold current NZIHA registration
- Players of Other Nationalities: In any one team there shall be no more than three (3) players who are not primarily living in New Zealand and are not of NZ nationality. If in doubt regions should seek clarification and a ruling from NZIHA on individual cases.

Entries

- Team Entries must be received by the NZIHA Executive Officer, P O Box 18001, Merrilands,, New Plymouth by 5pm on 31st July 2008.
- The entry fee is \$350 (including referee levy and free spectator entry) per team
- Player rosters must be notified to NZIHA by 1st October 2008.

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- Player rosters may not be added to after the start of the team's first game in the tournament

Draw

- A draft draw shall be notified to Regional Committees by 1st August 2008
- The final draw shall be published on www.nziha.com
- The Tournament Organisers reserve the right to alter the schedule of games or whatever operational changes are deemed necessary in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any changes during the Tournament will be notified on the Tournament Notice Board.

Format

- Where the number of teams in a grade is four, there will be a single round robin
- Where the number of teams in a grade is less than four, there will be a double round robin.

Game Time

- Games will be 4 x 10 minute periods. There will be no overtime for tied 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.

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.

Interregional Championships Disciplinary Committee

- The Interregional Championships Disciplinary Committee will deal with all disciplinary matters. The three members of this Committee shall be a member of the NZIHA Executive Committee or an Executive Member's nominee, the Chief Referee or his nominee, and a Regional Chairperson or his/her nominee.
- The Interregional Championships Disciplinary Committee is empowered to discipline players, teams, and team officials for their conduct both on and off the rink before, during or 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 and, as far as practical, during the Tournament. Penalties imposed in the Tournament will, if applicable, carry over to further NZIHA events.

Puck

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

Results

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

Ties

- If there is a tie at the end of the round robin games, the NZIHA policy "Final Standings" will apply.

Game Points

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- In each game the points awarded shall be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and zero points for a loss.

Grade Points

- First in grade 3 points
- Second in grade 2 points
- Third in grade 1 point
- Fourth in grade 0 points

Interregional Trophy

- The Interregional Trophy is awarded to the winning region - that is, the region with the most grade points.
- If, after grade points are accounted for, two or more regions are tied, the following steps shall be taken to resolve the tie:-
 1. The placing shall be determined by a head to head calculation comparing the tied regions.
 2. In the event that a tie still exists after step 1, the placing shall be awarded to the region winning the most first places comparing the tied regions.

Prizes

- Players and team officials will be awarded medals:-
 - first placed team in each grade - gold medal
 - second placed team in each grade - silver medal
 - third placed team in each grade - bronze medal

Uniform

- All players in a team must be in matching jerseys and may wear their club playing pants.

On and Off Floor Officials

- The referees' roster, including penalty box duties, will be compiled by the Chief Referee.
- The score bench roster will be compiled by the Score Bench Manager
- Competing teams will be rostered for goal judging duties.

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.

Selection Trials

- The Interregional Championships also serve as a selection tournament for 2009 NZ teams