

Regional Championships 2007

Regional Committees are responsible for conducting a Regional Championship. The Regional Championship season shall finish no later than September 2nd, 2007. Except for the mandatory rules for Regional Championships as set by NZIHA, Regional Committees are free to organize their Regional Championships to suit the special conditions of each region as long as all conditions are set down in their regional Event Notice, approved by NZIHA, and published prior to the commencement of the Regional Championships.

Mandatory Rules and Eligibility:

The Regional Committee shall publish a Regional Championship Event Notice including these mandatory rules.

- The event is to be named the Regional Championship and the term Regional Champion to be conferred on the winning team in each grade.
- All clubs must be affiliated to NZIHA by March 31st 2007 or prior to any of their teams participating in the Regional Championships.
- The Regional Championship will be conducted under the NZIHA By-Laws, the NZIHA Official Rule Book and rules in the Regional Championship Event Notice. Where the Official Rule Book and the Regional Championship event notice conflict, the event notice will take priority.
- NZIHA official score sheets must be used for the scoring of all games.
- The NZIHA Disciplinary Procedures shall be followed.
- All players must be currently registered with NZIHA for the club they are playing for prior to taking part in any regional championship game. 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 the NZIHA grants dispensation prior to July 31st, 2007. (Doc # NZIHA 07101)
- In 2007, the grades for Regional Championships are Under 10**, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Senior Women, and Open.
- **The Under 10 grade will be re-introduced as a trial this season for Regional and National competition under the same conditions as other grades. The inclusion of the Under 10 grade will be closely monitored throughout the season to ensure a positive impact on young players.
- 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 clubs should seek clarification and a ruling from NZIHA on individual cases.
- In Regional Championships players shall be entered as playing for one team except for women who may play for both the senior women'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. Where 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.

- A team which fields an ineligible player is deemed to have forfeited the game with a loss recorded and a score of 5 - 0 or the actual score whichever is most advantageous for the non-offending team.
- Mercy Rule shall apply in all games :- When one team is 10 goals ahead of the other, that is the final score for the game and no further goals shall be recorded. The game continues and is officiated as normal.
- 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.

- Where the Regional Championship has separate divisions within a grade, eligibility for entry to the National Championships will be determined by the result of the A division within the grade.
- The Regional Committee shall decide how the national qualifiers shall be determined.
- If eligibility for entry to the National Championships is to be determined by way of a Playoff (hereinafter referred to as "Nationals Qualifier"), Regional Committees must publish a Nationals Qualifier Event Notice.
- All players, including Women, must be entered under one team and can play for only one team at the Nationals Qualifier.
- Entry close dates, entry fees & rink fees must be notified.
- Officials to be provided by clubs & teams must be notified in the Regional Event Notice.
- The points system must be notified in the Regional Event Notice.

NZIHA Approval

The Regional Event Notice should be forwarded to the Secretary, NZIHA, Box 18001, Merrilands,, New Plymouth (or by email) for approval prior to publication.

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(insert region) Regional Championships Event Notice

Organising Authority

- The organizing authority for the *(insert region)* 2007 Regional Championships is the *(insert region)* Regional Committee. The *(insert Region)* Event Notice was approved by the NZIHA on *(insert date)*.
- The event is named the Regional Championship and the term *(insert region)* Regional Champion is to be conferred on the winning team in each grade.

Rules

- The *(insert region)* 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 *(insert date)(insert region)* Regional Championships are open to teams, entered by NZIHA *(insert region)* Region clubs, in the following grades:- U10**, U12, U14, U16, U18, Open and Senior Women.
- **The Under 10 grade will be re-introduced as a trial this season for Regional and National competition under the same conditions as other grades. The inclusion of the Under 10 grade will be closely monitored throughout the season to ensure a positive impact on young players.
- Clubs 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. .
- All players must be currently registered with NZIHA for the club they are playing for prior to taking part in any regional championship game. 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 the NZIHA grants dispensation prior to July 31st, 2007. (Doc # NZIHA 07101)
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- A team which fields an ineligible player is deemed to have forfeited the game with a loss recorded and a score of 5-0 or the actual score whichever is the most advantageous to the non-offending team.
- 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.
- Where the Regional Championship has separate divisions within a grade, eligibility for entry to the National Championships will be determined by the result of the A division within the grade.
- 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 clubs should seek clarification and a ruling from NZIHA on individual cases.
- (Insert any special conditions agreed on by the Regional Committee relating to player eligibility, if any)

Entries and Fees

- Entries close on (insert date) with the Regional Secretary (insert email and postal address).
- The Entry fee is : (insert fees)
- A bond of (insert amount) is to be paid for each team entered.
- Late entries (insert the Region's policy on late entries)
- Rink fees are : (insert fees)
- The default fee is (insert fee)
- Other fees (insert type and amount)
- 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 (**insert how and where the draw will be published**) after the close of entries, and not later than (*insert date*). The final date for regional competition shall be September 3rd, 2007

Score Book and Results

- The NZIHA Official Score Sheet shall be used for all games including those defaulted or forfeited.

- Results of games shall be forwarded by (insert who) to the Regional Statistician (insert details) no later than (insert time). Results and standings will be published on www.nziha.com
- Each team may collect a copy of the score sheet.

Points

- (insert points system in detail including special provisions, e.g. win, loss, draw, default, forfeit, determination of placings when there is a tie, etc.)
- Mercy rule shall apply - where one team is 10 goals ahead of the other, that is the final score for the game and no further goals shall be recorded. The game continues and is officiated as normal.

Format

- (insert in detail the format of regional competition e.g. a single round robin, a double round robin, etc;)

Dates

- Games will be scheduled to commence (*insert date*) and finish no later than **3rd September**
- There will be no games scheduled on the following dates:-
 - 6-9th April (Easter)
 - 13-20th April (Oceania)
 - 2-4th June (Club Tournaments)
 - 30 June - 1st July (NZ Secondary School Champs,)
 - 7th - 8th July (Club Tournaments)
 - 14th - 15th July (Club Tournament)

Games shall be rescheduled for teams when their players are representing the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association at international events.

Venues

- The (insert rink names & locations) rinks may be used

Disciplinary Procedures

- The 2007 NZIHA Disciplinary Procedures shall be used.
- (If a fee is charged for regional tribunal hearings, insert fee)

Officials

- (Insert who) is to make arrangements for at least one scorer/timekeeper for each game.
- The Referee Co-ordinator or his appointed representative is to make arrangements for two referees for each game.
- All competing teams must provide a goal judge for the game following theirs.

- All games are to be played as per the draw but may be rescheduled by the Regional Chairperson in consultation with (insert names) if it is in the interests of the championships.

Prizes

- A prize giving will be held at *(insert time & venue)*
- Prizes will be awarded to **(insert)**

National Championships Qualification

- The Regional Committee shall decide how the national qualifiers shall be determined (insert the method used to determine qualification - e.g. results at end of regional competition, or Nationals Qualifier Tournament, or other method as determined by the Regional Committee)
- If eligibility for entry to the National Championships is to be determined by way of a Playoff (hereinafter referred to as "Nationals Qualifier"), a Nationals Qualifier Event Notice will be published by (insert date)
- All players, including Women, must be entered under one team and can play for only one team at the Nationals Qualifier and National Championships.

NZIHA Approval

- This Regional Event Notice has been forwarded to the Secretary ,NZIHA, Box 18001, Merrilands,, New Plymouth, or by email: krys.beardman@xtra.co.nz) for approval prior to publication.
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Further Information

Inquiries to : (insert person name & phone number)

New Zealand Inline Hockey Association

Team Entry Form - Regional Championships

Name of Club: _____ Club Secretary _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

Fax _____

Grades entered:-

The person authorized by the club to sign this form certifies that prior to any team or player participating in the Regional Championships the following rules have been adhered to.

- All players are NZIHA registered in 2007 with the club they are playing for.
- 2007 Club Affiliation fees have been paid to the NZIHA.

The person authorized by the club to sign this form agrees that the club will comply with the rules of the National and Regional Championships 2007.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Total Enclosed: _____
