

### Event Notice for Regional Club Championships

Regional Committees are responsible for conducting a Regional Club Championship. The Regional Club Championship season shall finish no later than 7th September, 2014. Except for the mandatory rules for Regional Club Championships as set by NZIHA, Regional Committees are free to organize their Regional Club 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 Club Championships.

#### Sportsmanship.

- All participants involved in NZIHA sanctioned events will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, promoting a positive environment and comply with the provisions of the relevant NZIHA Codes of Conduct and Event Notice Rules.
- All parties are expected to observe the following, on and off the rink;
  1. Treat each player with respect,
  2. Observe appropriate standards for developing our youth
  3. Provide a safe playing environment for all participants.
  4. Show proper respect for referees, coaches and all other officials.
  5. Refrain from using inappropriate language
  6. Show respect for facilities provided for inline hockey.

#### Mandatory Rules and Eligibility:

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

- The event is to be named the Regional Club 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 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition or prior to any of their teams participating in the Regional Club Championships.
- The Regional Club Championship will be conducted under the NZIHA Constitution, NZIHA Policy, the NZIHA Official Rule Book and rules in the Regional Club Championship Event Notice. Where the Official Rule Book and the Regional Club 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.

#### 1. Eligibility

- All players must hold current NZIHA registration for the club they are playing for prior to competing.
- Male players can play for only one team.
- **Female players:** Female players may play for a mixed team (abiding by age grade eligibility rules) and also for a Senior Women's team from the same club holding the individual's registration.
- All officials must hold current NZIHA registration.
- When players have played in a regional club championship within the current season and thereafter transfer to another club they are ineligible to continue playing in the regional club championship or at the national club championship unless a transfer and dispensation have been granted by NZIHA prior to 31 July 2014.
- Players playing in another team (to preserve team integrity)
  - Players shall be entered as playing for one team, however for Regional League Championships only and provided that players comply with age eligibility at all times,
    - Floor 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.
    - Female players may play for both the senior women's grade and an age grade

- Goalkeepers are permitted to play in goal in other teams of a higher age grade or higher divisions within an age grade of the same club a maximum of six 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 goalkeepers have played in goal for other teams of any higher age grade or division on more than six occasions they are ineligible to play down.
- Where a club has two teams in the same division, players and goalies may play for only one team in the regional club championships.

### Special Eligibility & Dispensation in 2014

The NZIHA Board advise that the following two initiatives will apply in 2014.

#### 1. Under 18 Grade Will Become Under 19 Grade

**The initiative trialled in 2013 related to the U18 grade will be extended to 2014, but the grade will be Under 19 grade. Herewith, included in the Regional League Notice. The Under 19 grade will be included in the teams offered competition at nationals noting the following**

1. Extended to the 2014 season and;
2. Is subject to more than three teams from different clubs advising entry to National Championships on or prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
3. No concession to game scheduling will be made.

#### Using the following rules:

- a. All players must only play for ONE club, be registered for that club and be registered prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. (The "Players of other nationalities" clause below still applies)
- b. A club Under 19 team roster shall only include players eligible to play in an Under 19 grade team.
- c. Male players in an Under 19 grade team may play in an Under 19 team and also in one other club team subject to registration and age eligibility.
- d. Female players playing in a club mixed team and a women's team may play in an Under 19 team subject to registration and age eligibility.
- e. For the 2014 National Championships a player participating at nationals in a club U19 team is exempt from the play up/ down/ across rules currently observed in the regional event notices. Age eligibility rules still apply.

#### 2. **Age Grade Team Viability**

**To build the game and provide a viable opportunity for Clubs to field age grade teams rather than being unable to field a team in that grade, NZIHA will allow players to play across grades under certain conditions.** The expectation of NZIHA is that this exemption is to assist club's grow their membership in age grade teams. This is not about 'fielding the best team' this is about 'the ability to field a team'.

- The intent is to 'build the game", this exception will be trialed in 2014 and will be subject to review.
- **Method of Application:**
  - a. Application is on a case by case basis, and must be submitted for consideration prior to April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
  - b. The Club needs to prove that they are unable to field a viable team without an exemption (for example supplying the register of dates of birth for players in all grades affected by the exemption application.).
  - c. If the exemption is approved the club representative (President or Secretary) acknowledge responsibility to ensure the exemption is applied correctly and that players can only play in their age grade and one grade above.

- d. Acknowledge that no player may play "down" ie under their age grade.
- e. The threshold for a viable team is 8 skaters and a goalie
- f. Applications to be made to Regional Chair and NZIHA Operations.

Players of Other Nationalities: Players of other nationalities may play in major New Zealand Competitions with NZ Club Teams, however they must have resided in NZ for at least 28 days, or have the prior approval from the NZIHA Executive. *This will be waived if the player has arrived in New Zealand and is registered with a club and NZIHA prior to **July 1<sup>st</sup>, in the year of competition.*** 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 the club should seek clarification and a ruling from NZIHA on individual cases.

## 2. Grades

In 2014, the grades for Regional Club Championships are Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Senior Women, and Open and Social. Grades to be contested at NZ National Championships will be advised once regions confirm availability of competition grades.

As there will be two distinct grades in the Open Championship; Premier and Senior, Clubs and Regional Committees are free to decide how their teams are determined "Premier" or "Senior" and this should be clearly established in detail in each region's event notice which must be published and approved by NZIHA prior to the commencement of the Regional Club Championships. Premier and Senior grade players and goalies must abide by the "Players playing in another team" clause above.

- 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.
- The Mercy Rule may be applied at the discretion of each regional committee and be included in their "events notice" at the beginning of the season. The event notice shall detail how this is applied if applicable.
- The Regional Committee shall decide how the national qualifiers shall be determined at the commencement of the Regional Club Championships.
- If eligibility for entry to the National Club 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 in conjunction with their Regional Club Championships Event Notice.
- **All male players must be entered under one team and can play for only one team at a Nationals Qualifier**
- **Female players may play for a Senior Women's team and a mixed gender team at a Nationals Qualifier.**
- Entry close dates, entry fees & rink fees must be notified.
- It is recommended that each region or each venue appoints a Referee Co-ordinator to oversee the allocation of game officials.
- The points system must be notified in the Regional Event Notice.

## 3. 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.

*NZIHA reserve the right to make administrative changes to clauses within this document, in the event of circumstances affecting the league operation.*



## Template

### (insert region ) Regional Club Championships Event Notice

#### Organising Authority

- The organizing authority for the **(insert region)** 2014 Regional Club 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 Club Championship and the term **(insert region)** Regional Champion is to be conferred on the winning team in each grade.

#### Rules

- The **(insert region)** 2014 Regional Club Championships will be conducted under the NZIHA Constitution, NZIHA Policy, the NZIHA Official Rule Book and rules in the Regional Club Championship Event Notice. Where the Official Rule Book and this event notice conflict, the event notice will take priority.

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#### Eligibility - Teams & Clubs

- The **(insert date)(insert region)** Regional Club Championships are open to teams, entered by NZIHA **(insert region)** Region clubs, in the following grades:- U10, U12, U14, U16, U19, Senior Women, Open and Social
  - Regions are free to organise additional development teams (ie Junior women) within their own areas.
- All players must hold current NZIHA registration for the club they are playing for prior to competing.
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### Grades

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### Format

- (insert in detail the format of regional competition e.g. a single round robin, a double round robin, agreed method to determine Premier and Senior teams etc; )
- As there will be two distinct grades in the Open Championship; Premier and Senior the following will determine how teams are determined and ranked Premier or Senior (insert details here.)

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- Premier and Senior grade players and goalies may not play in more than one team.
- 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.
- (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 7th September 2014.

### 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.inlinehockeynz.org.nz](http://www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz)
- Each team may collect a copy of the score sheet from the host rink.

### 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.)

- (optional) 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.

### Dates

- Games will be scheduled to commence **(insert date)** and finish no later than **07 September 2014**
- There will be no regional games scheduled on the following dates:-
- Panthers – Easter April 18 – April 21
- Ravens – CJ Yoder Camps & Game April 22 – May 5
- Ravens Senior – Queens Birthday May 31 – June 2
- Devils Junior – Queens Birthday May 31 – June 2
- FIRS World Championships (France) June 26 – July 12
- Oceania Championships (Hamilton) July 3 – July 8
- NZ SSC (Hamilton) July 12 – July 13
- Ravens Junior Tournament July 12 – July 13
- National Championships (NP) Sept 27 – Oct 5
- Inter Regional Championships (Ack) Oct 24 – Oct 27

### Camps

- **FIRS Camp** **May 3 / 4**
- **Lower North League Mix** **May 10/11**
- **Northern League Mix** **May 17/18**
- **Oceania Training Camp** **June 21/22**
- **NZ WC Teams Camp** **June 20,21,22,23**
- **Central League Mix** **Aug 9/10**
- **Lower North Mix League** **Sept 6/7**

**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 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 designation & names) if it is in the interests of the championships.

### First Aid

- NZIHA recommend that each team appoints their own team official who is familiar with first aid and who will carry a supply of first aid consumables. NZIHA will also have first aid consumables on hand in the office. The venue provider will ensure an "ice" supply rink side for use of players and officials.
- The host venue must ensure measures are in place to ensure the safety of spectators (i.e. netting and/ or perspex erected around playing surface).

### Prizes

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



#### **National Club Championships Qualification**

- The Regional Committee shall decide how the national qualifiers shall be determined (insert the method used to determine qualification – e.g. top two club teams by 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 Club 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 Club Championships.

**The NZIHA reserve the right to set minimum or maximum number of club teams to be accepted for entry for NZ National Club Championships.**

NZIHA APPROVAL by email: [krys.beardman@extra.co.nz](mailto:krys.beardman@extra.co.nz) for approval prior to publication.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Inquiries to : (insert person name & phone number)





**Team Entry Form - ( Insert Region) Regional Club Championships**

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate confirmed team numbers entered below**

<u>Under 10</u>	<u>Under 12</u>	<u>Under 14</u>	<u>Under 16</u>	<u>Under 19</u>	<u>Open Premier</u>	<u>Open Senior</u>	<u>Senior Women</u>	<u>Social /Other</u>

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

- **All players are NZIHA registered in 2014 with the club they are playing for.**
- **All players hold current NZIHA registration for the club they are playing for.**
- **All officials hold current NZIHA registration.**
- **2014 Club Affiliation fees have been paid to the NZIHA.**

The person authorised by the club to sign this form agrees that the club will comply with the rules of the NZIHA and National and Regional Club Championships Event Notices.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries Close ( insert date)**  
**Team Entry Fees ( insert Fee)**  
**(Insert method for payment to Regional Treasurer)**  
**Email ENTRY FORM to: ( insert email(s) )**

### NZIHA FINAL PLACINGS

In the event of a drawn game in round robin or pool play  
**EXTRA TIME WILL NOT BE PLAYED.**

If the addition of points brings two or more teams to an equal amount of points at the end of the round robin and/or pool play and they are in a placement or move-up position, the team position will be determined as follows:

(A) The victor of the head to head within the competition round shall be awarded placement position.

**Team A 10 goals defeated Team B 6 goals  
Team A will be declared the winner.**

(B) If a tie still results from A) above then the next highest total of goals for minus goals against for the entire round shall be used to determine position for tied teams.

	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL
<b>TEAM A</b>	21	16	+5
<b>TEAM B</b>	31	15	+15
<b>Team B will be awarded the placement position because they have the greater differential</b>			

(C) If any teams are still tied after A) and B) above then goal average will be determined to place the teams. This is achieved by **goals for divided by goals against**.

	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	GOALS DIFFERENTIAL	GOAL AVERAGE
TEAM A	15	10	+5	1.5
TEAM B	23	18	+5	1.27
Team A goal average is $15/10 = 1.5$			Team B goal average is $23/18 = 1.27$	
Team A will be declared the winner with the higher goal average.				

(D) If the teams are still tied after A, B or C then the team with the least penalty minutes for the entire round robin shall be used to place the teams.

(E) If the teams are still tied after A, B, C or D then the move up position and/ or winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.



### **Process and Timeline for Wildcard Entries for the National Club Competition**

The National Club Championships is the culmination of the Regional Club Championship that has occurred during the season.

The aim of the National Club Championship is to identify and acknowledge the top club teams in New Zealand.

To achieve this each of the four regions, conduct a regional competition and the top two club teams from each region compete at the national club competition held in September. This provides an opportunity for eight clubs to vie for the title of best club team in each of the grades.

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Given:

- The uniqueness of each region
- The current economic climate and
- the need for the National Club Championships to be financially viable,

Wildcard entries will be available to endeavor to have 8 club teams compete in the Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Senior Women, and a maximum of ten teams in the Premier and Senior competition.

*To assist in the process of determining the possible wildcard entries, each Regional Committee is required to confirm to the NZIHA, the number of teams and their grades available for National Championships from their own region by July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Team numbers in each regional competition competing in each grade will be notified on the NZIHA website. If wildcard entries are available, NZIHA will call for applicants.*

**Notification of available Wildcard entries available (if any) will be advised to all clubs by end of July. Teams gaining wildcard entry will be advised as soon as possible.**

NZIHA reserve the right, based on the standard of teams, not to fill all positions with wildcard applications. The successful wildcard applications will be determined by the performance of the team in the grade in the relevant Regional Club Championships.