

ANNUAL MT WELLINGTON INVITATIONAL 2015

(featuring THE BAUER CUP)

Friday, 3 April 2015 to Monday, 6 April 2015 (inclusive)

Event Notice and Rules

Organisers

The organisers for the Mt Wellington Invitational 2015 tournament are Mt Wellington Roller Sports Club Inc., and Mt Wellington Panthers Inline Hockey (“the Organising Committee”).

Venue and Dates

Dates: Friday 3 April 2015 to Monday, 6 April 2015 (inclusive)

Venues: Skateland Roller Sports Rink, 66 Mountain Road, Panmure, Auckland and Activezone, Glenfield (if required).

Eligibility

To participate in this tournament, all New Zealand based players must be registered with the NZIHA and intend playing for the NZIHA 2015 inline hockey season with a club based in New Zealand. The clubs they represent must be incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act.

As this is the 20th anniversary of the tournament, the Organising Committee, will consider allowing individual registrations of players for the tournament, dependent on entries and time availability, should their club that they are playing the 2015 season for not be able to enter a viable team (considered to be 6 players and a goalie) and the Organising Committee reserves the right to create teams from such individual registrations (numbers permitting) and to allow some players, such as goalies, to play for more than one team, if considered appropriate and approved prior to the commencement of the tournament on 3 April 2015 by the Organising Committee. Any players seeking to register as an individual registration will be notified as to whether such registration has been accepted and sufficient entries to create teams on or before 5.00 pm on 25 March 2015.

Players of Other Nationalities: The Organising Committee, at their sole and absolute discretion, can upon application to them for eligibility, grant approval for either any team or any player who is not primarily living in New Zealand or who are not of NZ nationality, to play in the tournament as long as eligibility approval is sought from the Organising Committee, prior to commencement of the tournament. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

Official Rule Book and this Event Notice

Where the NZIHA Rule Book and the Event Notice conflict the Event Notice will take priority.

Rules

- Teams should be named in writing and including NZIHA registration numbers (if possible) by no later than 16 March 2015, either by post to PO Box 14-055, Panmure, Auckland or by e-mail to randjhenry@xtra.co.nz.
- All team entry fees must have been received by this date or the entry will be regarded as invalid and the draw altered.

- Subject to the eligibility rules stated above players are expected to play for one and the same team throughout the tournament, unless prior dispensation approval from the Organising Committee has been sought and granted, and each player is playing in the grade for which he/she is eligible or in a higher or older grade.
- The tournament is a club based tournament. It is expected that teams will consist of players intending to be registered for that club for the 2015 season. Exceptions as stated in the Eligibility rules above will be considered at the discretion of the Organising Committee and any application for dispensation will need to be provided to the Organising Committee for consideration prior to the commencement of the tournament. Any decision will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Team ages must be adhered to.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept entries from teams, outside of club based teams, in order to run further games and produce viable grades for the tournament, should they deem it acceptable. Any such entries will be determined and accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- NZIHA rules and Constitution as set out in the NZIHA Official Inline Hockey Rule Book apply and ages are taken as at 1 January 2015.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to either withdraw a grade prior to commencement of the tournament or combine a grade if appropriate due to insufficient registrations in a grade;
- The Organising Committee reserves the right, given the 20th Anniversary of the event, to offer prize money to the Premier Grade, as it deems appropriate for first place.

Format

Game playing times will be as follows:

Pool games

2 periods of 18 minutes with a 2 minute half time.

Semi Finals and Finals – 2 periods of 20 minutes with a 2 minute half time

- Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes before the scheduled playing time. The Organising Committee reserves the right to start games up to 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- Due to the tight programme schedule only a 2 minute warm up will be permitted but the Organising Committee reserves the right to reduce this time in the event of the games running behind schedule. If reduced, the reduction of warm up time will be notified to the team manager or team coach prior to the team entering upon the rink.
- Only one time out per team per game will be allowed
- In the event of a tie at the end of ordinary time extra time will be played in semi finals or finals ONLY. All clubs will be rostered on for scoring and goal judging throughout the tournament. The roster will be posted on the tournament notice board.

Draw

- The draw will be published as soon as practicable on www.skateland.co.nz and on the Mt Wellington Panthers facebook page;
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of games or make whatever operational changes are deemed necessary in the case of unforeseen circumstances.
- Any changes will be posted on the Tournament Notice Board.

Safety

- Each Player is personally responsible for wearing the correct protective equipment for all games and warm-ups as per NZIHA rules.
- A first Aider will be in attendance during playing time.

Uniforms

- All players must be uniformly dressed in matching jerseys and matching pants.
- All teams must have an alternate jersey.
- In the event that the Organising Committee declares that there is a clash of colours the Home Team will be required to use its alternate jersey.

Disputes

- All match penalties, disputes or protests will be handled by the Organising Committee who will appoint a Tournament Discipline Committee ("TDC")
- The composition of the TDC and it's processes will follow the guidelines set out in the NZIHA Disciplinary Procedures.
- All protests must be accompanied by a fee of \$30 (refundable if protest is upheld).

Score Sheets

- It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check that the team roster is correctly recorded on the Official Score Sheet
- The Team Manager must initial the Score Sheet before each game.
- The Organising Committee will not be held responsible for omissions or errors in team rosters on score sheets;
- A copy of Score Sheets can be requested from the Organising Committee and that Committee will arrange to provide a copy of those sheets requested via email following the closing of the tournament and which will be forwarded to one club appointed Official.

Officials

- There will be two referees appointed to each game and at least one referee will have a minimum of a level one referee qualification.
- For each game there will be two referees, an official scorer, a game timekeeper, two goal judges and a penalty timekeeper.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for a team registration is \$300 (GST incl) payable by 16 March 2015. (Spectator entry is free of charge).

The entry fee for an individual registration is \$40 per player.