



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP 2016 Tournament Event Notice

1. Organisers

- The organisers are Nelson Whalers Inline Hockey Club.
- Tournament Director is Alethea Stove leth10@xtra.co.nz 0272333222
- Event dates: May 7th & 8th 2016
- Venue: Nelson Skating Rink, Tahuna Beach Reserve, Nelson
- Closing date for entries is **April 17th 2016**.
- The competition fee is **\$285**

2. Rules

- NZIHA rules apply as will the endorsement of the Constitution of NZSSSC Inc.
- Names of all participants must be provided to the tournament organisers in order for them to register all players with the NZIHA.
- All players/teams will comply with the following:
 - Be enrolled, full time at a secondary school during 2016
 - Be in Year 9 or above
 - Be under 19 years on 1 Jan 2016
- Up to three grades are proposed:

A Grade Major Championship is for teams from individual schools (i.e. players on the team must come from one school only). This grade is the main event of the tournament and only teams in this grade can win the National Title.

A Grade Minor Championship is for combined teams made up of players from no more than **two** schools (there must be a minimum of **two** players from each contributing school). The teams will be identified as School X/School Y (e.g. Waihi College/Katikati College). It is expected that schools combining players will do so out of genuine need in order to field a team, rather than to stack their team with elite players. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry of any team they believe is not entering into the competition in a spirit of fair play.

B Grade is for **individual/combined** teams made up of players in Years 9-11 from **more** than two schools.

Individuals should contact the Tournament Director directly to be entered in a team.

Any player attending school in Year 9-13 will be able to play in this tournament if we can get enough numbers from combined schools.

- **Teams made of all Regional Players or NZ players will not be accepted**
- Teams must provide letters from schools confirming that each player is currently enrolled during 2016.
- Players must play for one team at the tournament.



- Entries will be accepted from secondary schools throughout New Zealand
- The Organisers reserve the right to make a final decision on whether all or some of the above grades go ahead. Games between teams from different grades may be scheduled, however these will not be for points.
- Schools may request dispensation in regards to the team composition criteria mentioned above, but the Organisers reserve the right to accept or decline such requests.

3. Venue

- The venue will be Nelson Skating Rink, Tahunanui Beach Reserve, Tahunanui, Nelson
- Web site: <http://www.nelsonwhalers.co.nz/>
- The rink complies with the safety standards set out by the NZIHA Inline Hockey Rule Book.
- The rink dimensions are 44x27m and the floor is painted concrete
- The goals are the official size as stipulated in the NZIHA Rulebook.
- An electronic clock/scoreboard will be used for all games.
- Smoking is prohibited in all areas of Nelson Skating Rink.

4. Games

- Playing rules are those set down in the NZIHA Rulebook.
- The official NZIHA score sheet will be used.
- The official tournament puck will be the IDS puck.
- Warm up period: 3min.
- Game format: Proposed timing is 2x 20 minute periods with 2 min half time. (*N.B.* Organisers reserve the right to alter the game durations depending on how many teams enter)
- Time out: one time out per team per game.
- There will be no overtime for tied pool games.
- Stop time will apply only for semi-final and final games. Stop time will commence in the final 2 minutes of a game provided that the score is within 1 goal or tied.
- In the event of a draw at fulltime in the final, a sudden death overtime period of 5 minutes will apply. Should the scores be tied at the end of overtime the result will be determined by a shootout.

The Tournament Director may change rules in exceptional circumstances.

5. Safety

- A qualified first aid officer will be present at all games.
- Measures are taken to ensure the safety of spectators (e.g. safety netting, crowd control to keep spectators away from the barriers, etc.)
- Each player is personally responsible for wearing the correct protective equipment for all warm-ups and games.

6. Uniforms

- Players must be uniformly dressed in accordance with NZIHA Rules.
- A clash of jersey colours will mean the home team will change their jerseys. Alternate jerseys can be provided by the organisers. (A clash in colours will be determined by the Tournament Director).



7. Officials

Referees

Two referees will officiate in each game where possible. Referees, where possible, will hold at least a Level One Referee qualification. Teams may be asked to provide a referee.

Scorer/Timekeepers

The official NZIHA score sheet will be used.

For each game there will be an official scorer, game timekeeper, and penalty timekeeper.

8. National Championships Disciplinary Committee

The NZ Secondary School National Championships Disciplinary Committee will deal with all disciplinary matters. The members of this Committee will be appointed by the Tournament Director in association with NZIHA registered officials and will be: The SS National Championships Disciplinary Committee is empowered to discipline players, teams, and team officials, for their conduct both on and off the rink before, during, 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 practical, during the Tournament. Penalties imposed in this Tournament will, if applicable, carry over to NZIHA sanctioned games, NZIHA trials and future SS National Championships.

9. Protests

- Protests must be notified to the game referee verbally by the captain of the protesting team immediately after the game and in writing to the Tournament Director 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.
- Referee decisions within the game are not available for protest.

For clarification of these rules please contact the Tournament Director.