

Kia ora Hockey Whānau,

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I'd like to express the further thanks of the IHNZ Board for the efforts made by the New Plymouth Ravens Inline Hockey club over the recent IHNZ 2024 National Championships.

In what has been a difficult year, the event proved to be a great success and was fantastic to see the inline community come together and enjoy their many friendships and witness the fantastic hockey on display.

Thank you to the Ravens club members who helped with the myriad of duties to be undertaken to ensure the success of the event over the past few months of planning and whilst the event took place.

We appreciate all the volunteers who ensured the rink was in such a pristine state to hold the event and the continued work to keep it that way during the event over 8 days of late nights and early mornings!

Willy, Krys, Trent, Richard, Ben Faye, Todd and all the other Ravens helpers – our sincerest thanks!

To everyone else who contributed to the event – thank you!

Nothing happens without our referees, scorebench, managers, coaches, players and lastly our parents – without you all and your unwavering commitment to support the players to help them attend and take the rink. We appreciate everyone's time and efforts to attend the 2024 event and ensure it was a great success!

2025 is going to be a huge year for Inline Hockey New Zealand being our 30th anniversary, 10th anniversary of the IHNZ Māori Team, new leagues, structures and systems to revitalise and reinvigorate the game! We look forward to everyone being a part of this as we move forward.



IHNZ Life Membership Awarded – Willy Harvey

Inline Hockey New Zealand is proud to recognise Willy Harvey as a Life Member for his unparalleled contributions and dedicated service to the sport. Willy has been a cornerstone of the Ravens club, Skate Sports Taranaki and the New Plymouth rink, tirelessly supporting their growth on the land of [Parihaka](#). As Chair of Skate Sports Taranaki, Willy has not only overseen its operations but personally taken charge of the venue's maintenance, dedicating countless hours of his own time to maintain and improve the facility.

Willy's impact extends well beyond Skate Sports Taranaki and the Ravens. He has been instrumental in supporting the New Plymouth school league that David Carrington and Krys Beardman established in 1997. The New Plymouth school league has fostered national champions and developed talented players, including Willy's three sons. A qualified referee, Willy is a familiar face on the rink, often spotted on skates supporting players from all clubs.

Willy has also been a pioneer in supporting Māori representation within inline hockey. As the IHNZ Kaumātua, he has guided the formation of the IHNZ Māori team, which celebrates its 10th anniversary next year. His vision has brought the Matariki tournaments to life, and he has worked diligently alongside IHNZ to develop the Māori Inline Hockey Strategy, aimed at growing the sport among Māori communities.

In a year marked by profound challenges and transition, Willy stepped up to ensure the continuity of IHNZ during a period when the Board was dissolved. His leadership and stability were vital.



For his lifelong commitment, leadership, and enduring vision, it is our great honour to award Willy Harvey with Life Membership in Inline Hockey New Zealand. IHNZ celebrated this honour with Willy, along with the team captains, at the National Premier League's Final at the IHNZ National Club Championships on Saturday, October 5, 2024.



IHNZ Heart Trophy Awarded – Jess Crow

Inline Hockey New Zealand is honoured to present the inaugural Heart Trophy to Jess Crow, Chair of the Rimutaka Renegades, for her unwavering dedication in rebuilding the club and fostering an exceptional culture within the sport. Over the past two years, Jess has transformed the Renegades, rebranded the club and created an inclusive environment. Her leadership has been pivotal in regrowing the club after significant challenges, and she continues to inspire both players and the community.

Jess is incredibly proactive in promoting the Renegades, sharing club events and news at every opportunity. Her commitment to spreading the word is far-reaching. She ensures the Renegades have a strong presence both online and in the local area.

Her approach to leadership is hands-on. Under her guidance, the club has grown its Learn to Play program and hosted regular scrimmages. To attract new members, she has organized exhibition sessions at local schools, introducing young players to the sport and encouraging them to join the club. Her efforts have been instrumental in boosting player numbers and engagement.

Despite the lack of organized games in Lower North this year, Jess has worked tirelessly to find hockey opportunities for the Renegades. A notable example is the upcoming trip to Nelson during Labour Weekend, which Jess has meticulously planned, organizing all travel logistics, securing grant funding, and spearheading additional fundraising efforts, such as raffles and firewood sales, to make the trip more affordable for everyone involved.

Jess's efforts come when the Renegades are recovering from turmoil. She has faced the challenging task of rebuilding the club. Her ability to restore a positive and healthy culture is remarkable. Through her determination, community-mindedness, and passion for the sport, Jess Crow has not only revitalized the Renegades but has also embodied the heart of inline hockey in New Zealand.



Inline Hockey New Zealand is proud to recognize Jess Crow's outstanding contributions to the sport by awarding her the Heart Trophy, a symbol of her extraordinary efforts and leadership.



It's a Wrap!

This year esportsdesk online scoring was established providing a new live platform for watching box scores and overall results.

The overall results provided by online scoring were very positive. The results can be found online [here](#). You can “drill” down to some very specific information on players, goalie stats, goals and all results.



IHNZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

PREMIER PENGUINS GOLD PANTHERS SILVER STINGRAYS BRONZE	MASTERS ORCAS GOLD WHALERS SILVER MUSTANGS BRONZE	14 UNDER PANTHERS GOLD WHALERS SILVER DEVILS BRONZE
SENIOR WOMEN PANTHERS GOLD DEVILS SILVER RAVENS BRONZE	SENIOR B WHALERS GOLD PANTHERS SILVER RANGERS BRONZE	12 & UNDER DEVILS GOLD RAVENS SILVER WHALERS BRONZE
SENIOR A LIGHTNING GOLD THUNDER SILVER MUSTANGS BRONZE	16 & UNDER PANTHERS GOLD VIPERS SILVER RAVENS BRONZE	10 & UNDER VIPERS GOLD DEVILS SILVER MUSTANGS BRONZE
JUNIOR WOMEN VIPERS GOLD RAVENS SILVER	INTERMEDIATE WOMEN VIPERS GOLD PANTHERS SILVER DEVILS BRONZE	

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IHNZ KEY DATES

AGM REMINDER

- 17 Oct – Last day for all applications and remits to be received
- 25 Oct – Agenda disseminated
- 8 Nov – Final day for Delegate Registration
- 16 Nov AGM (A link will be shared for remote access)

TASMANIA CUP

IHNZ is seeking Expressions of Interest from those players who would be interested in attending this event in the following two divisions:
 Women's: Open to all female participants 15 years and older
 Division 1: Masters/ Veterans/ legends
 EOI Applications close Oct 11 at 9pm (Friday)

TASMANIA CUP LINK

[Expressions of Interest Here](#)

For any other queries, questions or feedback please email gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz

Enjoy your week and we look forward to bringing you more information as soon as available.

IHNZ Board

