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Kia ora Hockey Whānau,

Welcome to the second edition of our new, rebranded Board communication, Around The Boards!

Female League Weekend

Thanks to everyone who supported and watched our future women's hockey stars in action over the last weekend of the Female league series held in Kilbirnie last weekend. In the Junior Women, the Ravens took the gold in the "best of 3" series against Renegades then on Sunday it was mixed teams for some friendly competition. The Intermediate Women played some amazing games with the final results being:

- 1st – Vipers
- 2nd - Penguins
- 3rd - Renegades
- 4th - Ravens

IHNZ Merchandise

Don't forget our fantastic new merchandise range of IHNZ developed on rink and off rink clothing - tees, hoodies, shorts, playing jerseys and pants. All items are available for purchase via Esports – pictures and sizing charts are listed for each item and if you order by 5pm, Sat 7th September, items are guaranteed to be available at Nationals for you to pick up! **Various colours and graphic designs available.**

Thanks to those who have purchased already with the playing jerseys and pants proving extremely popular to date!



Follow the links
to get your
orders in!
[Clothing Gallery](#)
[Order Here](#)



IHNZ National Championships

Team rosters are due over the next few weeks, clubs will load these via Esports. The link will be coming out shortly. And sent to club administrators.

[IHNZ National Championships Schedule can be viewed here](#)

[Check out the Nationals Poster](#)

IHNZ NPL Finals and Junior Interconference

The finals are being held in conjunction with the Interconference event so our younger players will get to watch our premier players in action! With Nationals starting in three weeks, the National Premier League and Inter Conference taking place September 14-15 will provide an exciting lead up to the annual school holiday event.

Don't forget to mark your diaries for both events - September 14-15 in Hamilton and come support both our Premier players and our youth players battle it out for Interconference supremacy!

Follow the NPL on their public [Facebook - Here](#)

NORTH CONFERENCE		
PANTHERS	8 - 4 - 0	16 POINTS
STINGRAYS	7 - 4 - 1	15 POINTS
DEVILS	5 - 6 - 1	11 POINTS
SOUTH CONFERENCE		
PENGUINS	11 - 1 - 0	22 POINTS
RAVENS	3 - 8 - 0	6 POINTS
MINERS	1 - 11 - 0	2 POINTS

NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

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MINERS 1 - 11 - 0 2 POINTS



Club Update - Rimutaka Renegades

Another great weekend of Hockey for our Juniors, this time for our Renegade's wahine. The Renegades managed to pull together both a Junior Women's and Intermediate Women's team to enter into the Women's League -Round 2 at Kilbirnie. Our Junior women's team was made up of Renegades, Northland Stingrays, Levin Thunder and Nelson Whalers. This was a joint effort between IHNZ (and in particular Paul Mathews) and the Renegades and boy it really pulled off as it allowed us to enter a team under the Renegades banner.

It was a perfect way to meet new players and parents from around the country and it was lovely to see new friendships form between these young girls who all played together in between games instead of resting up. They played some great hockey and we had two new managers on the bench (Muirice and Evelyn) who really stepped and allowed the girls to show their skills and learn more about working as a team. It's this grade which are so important as they are the future and without the boys getting in their way (haha) they get to shine!

Our Intermediate team had help from a couple of awesome Levin Thunder girls which also meant we had help with coaching from Levin Thunder. Thunder Brent and Renegade Chris (who has three girls of his own...so he gets girls!) were very supportive and encouraging on and off the bench. The RENEGALS played their hardest against some very talented teams to pull off the bronze. Highlights for me (other than the games) was the pre game change room dance parties and the very strong team bond between the Penguins and the Renegades..... we had a big cheer squad for the Penguins in the final, in fact, I think I went partially deaf! Seeing both the Renegade and Penguins teams skate out onto the rink to congratulate the other team after wins or loses was heart warming. This goes to show that club sport goes way beyond just the game....new and long lasting friendships are formed, resilience is built and a sense of belonging for these kids is established.





There is something very special about female only teams, it's a different vibe and girl power is a very strong force! There was some outstanding talent on the rink from all the clubs that were entered and personally the separation of the Junior Women and the Intermediate Women has worked well as it gives the girls a pathway and eliminates some safety issues. At a national level, we just need to work on the senior women's part. I believe by having this pathway leading to Senior Women it will encourage girls to keep playing through the grades with Senior Women's as a goal for them. It was quite evident to me that the girls who have been playing together over the years have a real advantage.





Thanks to IHNZ for making this happen and we look forward to doing it all again next year. A very special thanks to the Renegade parents and caregivers and other supporters who gave up their time to give these junior players this opportunity.

**Girls really can do anything!!
(Especially the Renegade girls!! #RENEGALS)**

Don't forget to read this week's Coach's Notes section written by Willy Harvey, IHNZ Kaumatua and Manager of the Inline Hockey New Zealand Māori team.

For any questions you may have, please send via the usual channel to gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz .

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to bringing you further updates as soon as able.

Regards

IHNZ Board

