

20 May 2024

Dear Members and Clubs,

An amazing weekend of hockey was held at the New Zealand Secondary Schools tournament hosted by the Hamilton Devils over the weekend. We had 8 teams in attendance which included both school teams and a number of composite teams where teams from two schools have joined together creating more opportunities to play.

The final saw New Plymouth Boys High School and Hamilton Boys High fight it out with the gold medal going to Hamilton.

Thanks again to Jan and his team the Hamilton Devils for hosting another great weekend of hockey!

Club Presidents Meeting:

A Club Presidents meeting was held on Wednesday evening to discuss two main points:

- A new Event Notice for 2024 leading to the National Championships
- A draft league focusing on more play opportunities for the 16/18 grades in a similar format to the NPL

The Event Notice will be distributed with feedback and a summary document showing the important dates etc. Clubs were given until Sunday evening to provide any further feedback in regard to the 2 documents which have proved extremely positive to date.

The 16/18 grade will have a registration form come out with more detail attached but we hope this helps to improve the retention of those grades and to provide meaningful hockey opportunities moving into a series over a number of weekends in 2025 onwards. Please ask your club presidents for more information or email us direct.

To attend these events all players must be registered via Esports so we encourage the clubs and conferences to ensure all players are registered as soon as possible.

Board Selection Process:

An update was sent last week to all registered members via Esports and to date the Panel have meet with the majority of applicants and some further interviews will continue this week. There has been many applicants (both internal and external) which is encouraging, the panel will provide further updates as soon as they have more information to share.

A busy week ahead with:

- ✚ Matariki registrations and confirmations, planning and preparation – (confirmations to play are due this week)
- ✚ Registration drives continue across all grades
- ✚ Continuing the transition of our IHNZ website across to the Esports platform to allow us to run events, scoring etc in a more streamlined professional sporting platform and format
- ✚ NARCh Camp 3 and the finalising of travel arrangements
- ✚ Financials – Xero, GST and reviewing of the accounts in preparation for the annual return and audit to take place
- ✚ Event Notice and associated reviews for Nationals 2024 criteria
- ✚ 16/18 National League
- ✚ Female League Play Weekends

Lastly another thank you to those working hard across the clubs and conferences who are enabling everyone to play! Its fantastic to see so many people putting up their hands to help support the sport and do what we all want – play hockey!

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

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

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