

Proposed Conference Concept

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Concerns

High Cost of Administration – Financial and Personnel

Player Engagement

Player Participation

Administration Cost

- Currently <1100 registered players
- Admin roles
 - Board 6 seats
 - Committees 5 Leads plus members
 - Regions 4 members (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) x4
 - Clubs 4 members (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) x 17
- Total Admin approximately 95 people
- Ratio of 1 Admin to every 12 players
- If you use the 80/20 rule of volunteers where 20% of the people will do 80% of the work you have about 220 dedicated volunteers across the sport and 95 are used up in admin roles
 - Requires many people to take on multiple roles – high risk of volunteer burnout

Player Engagement

Under the current model an average player starting in U10 will play against many of the same kids 60 – 100 times by the time they finish U16

- 12 game season playing same teams 4-8 times per year
 - 6x8 years = 48
- Playing 1-2 times in tournaments (RR+PO) plus nationals
 - 3x8 years = 24

Will play other kids 15-25 times

- Playing 1-2 tournaments per year plus Nationals
 - 3 x 8 years

Player Participation

- No consistency across regions on season length
- # of games played doesn't seem to match length of season
- High emphasis on inter-regionals, tournaments, national team training weekends and nationals to increase games played
 - Exclusionary of new players, less skilled players and small teams
- A player who misses one weekend of play could miss 1/3 of their season

2021 U12 Central Region Schedule

- 12 games per team over 4 months (avg. 3 games per month)
- Season stopped for 5 weeks (July 24 – Aug 31)
- Ravens start Season 3 July
- Miners 5 weeks between first and second set of league games

| Date | Grade | Home | Away | Time | Venue |
|--------|-------|------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| 15-May | 12U | 12U Miners | 12U Devils White | 10.55 am | Hamilton |
| 15-May | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Miners | 2.35 pm | Hamilton |
| 15-May | 12U | 12U Devils White | 12U Devils Red | 4.25 pm | Hamilton |
| 29-May | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Devils White | 1.40 pm | Hamilton |
| 12-Jun | 12U | 12U Devils White | 12U Devils Red | 2.35 pm | Hamilton |
| 26-Jun | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Miners | 12.45 am | Hamilton |
| 26-Jun | 12U | 12U Miners | 12U Devils White | 4.25 pm | Hamilton |
| 3-Jul | 12U | 12U Ravens | 12U Devils White | 11.50 am | New Plymouth |
| 3-Jul | 12U | 12U Ravens | 12U Devils White | 3.30 pm | New Plymouth |
| 24-Jul | 12U | 12U Devils White | 12U Ravens | 10.00 am | Hamilton |
| 24-Jul | 12U | 12U Miners | 12U Devils Red | 12.45 am | Hamilton |
| 24-Jul | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Ravens | 2.35 pm | Hamilton |
| 24-Jul | 12U | 12U Miners | 12U Ravens | 4.25 pm | Hamilton |
| 24-Jul | 12U | 12U Miners | 12U Devils White | 6.15 pm | Hamilton |
| 31-Aug | 12U | 12U Ravens | 12U Devils Red | 10.55 am | New Plymouth |
| 31-Aug | 12U | 12U Ravens | 12U Devils Red | 3.30 pm | New Plymouth |
| 7-Aug | 12U | 12U Ravens | 12U Miners | 10.00 am | New Plymouth |
| 7-Aug | 12U | 12U Ravens | 12U Miners | 2.35 pm | New Plymouth |
| 8-Aug | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Devils White | 10.50 am | Hamilton |
| 14-Aug | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Ravens | 10.55 am | Hamilton |
| 14-Aug | 12U | 12U Devils White | 12U Miners | 11.50 am | Hamilton |
| 14-Aug | 12U | 12U Miners | 12U Ravens | 1.40 pm | Hamilton |
| 14-Aug | 12U | 12U Devils Red | 12U Miners | 3.30 pm | Hamilton |
| 14-Aug | 12U | 12U Devils White | 12U Ravens | 4.25 pm | Hamilton |

Projected 2023 Youth Teams Across Regions

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| North | | | | | | Central | | | | | |
| Vipers | 10U | 12U | 14U | | | Hamilton Devils | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | |
| Northland Stingrays | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Hamilton Devils | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | |
| Panthers | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Waihi Miners | | | 14U | | |
| Panthers | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Ravens | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | |
| | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Lower | | | | | | South | | | | | |
| Rimutaka Renegades | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Nelson Whalers | 10U | 12U | 14U | | |
| Thunder | 10U | | 14U | | | Lions | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | |
| Capital Penguins | | 12U | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

Proposed Conference Model

- Change from 4 Regions to 3 Conferences
 - Ruapehu, Tongariro, Aoraki
- Clubs Nominate their Conference Chairs for Board Appointment
- Conference Chairs manage pre-season schedule (Mar 1– May 31)
- League Schedule managed by IHNZ (June 15 – Aug 31)
- League Ranking determine Nationals team

Proposed Conferences

Tongariro

- Vipers
- Stingrays
- Panthers
- Devils
- Miners
- Mustangs
- Pirates
- Orcas

Ruapehu

- Ravens
- Renegades
- Penguins
- Lightning
- Thunder
- Sharks
- Rangers

Aoraki

- Whalers
- Lions

Proposed Travel Concept

Each Team within a conference will travel across conference every 2nd year for a series against the other conference teams

(# games and opponents determined by # of teams in the other conference)

- 2023: Ruapehu to Tongariro, Tongariro to Aoraki, Aoraki to Ruapehu
- 2024 Tongariro to Ruapehu, Ruapehu to Aoraki, Aoraki to Tongariro

Travel weekends will be coordinated so that all games against the local conference teams take place over one weekend in combination with some regional games

- Christchurch Lions go to Auckland and will play games against Panthers, Vipers and Stingrays
- Same weekend Nelson Whalers travel to Hamilton and plays games against Devils and Miners

Proposed 2023 Conference Alignment

| | Tongariro | | | | | Ruapehu | | | | | Aoraki | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|--|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Vipers | 10U | 12U | 14U | | | Renegades | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Whalers | 10U | 12U | | |
| Stingrays | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Thunder | 10U | | 14U | | | Lions | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U |
| Panthers 1 | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Pengiuns | | 12U | | | | | | | | |
| Panthers 2 | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | Ravens | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | | | | | |
| Devils 1 | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Devils 2 | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miners | | | 14U | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Pre-Season

- Runs March 1 to May 31
- Concept of the Pre-season is to just play hockey
 - High focus on training time and having fun
 - Teams can play games across age groups
 - Players can play multiple grades
 - Players don't have to choose between Inline and other sports
 - Clubs/Conference Chairs can set up mini-tournaments and games
 - Concludes with Queen's Birthday weekend tournaments

Season

- Runs June 15 to Aug 31
- League Qualification for Nationals
 - Must be done under Sport NZ Balance is Better Rules
 - President's Trophy for League Champion
 - Played under IHNZ age grade and qualification rules
 - No tournaments during this time to allow for cross conference travel

2023 Ravens U12 League Schedule

- 18 games over 3 months, alternating weekends

| Date | Grade | Home | Away | Comments |
|--------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jun-17 | U12 | Ravens | Renegades | |
| | U12 | Ravens | Renegades | |
| Jun-24 | U12 | Penguins | Ravens | |
| | U12 | Penguins | Ravens | |
| Jul-08 | U12 | Whalers | Ravens | Penguins and Renegades go to Christchurch |
| | U12 | Whalers | Ravens | |
| Jul-09 | U12 | Whalers | Ravens | |
| | U12 | Whalers | Ravens | |
| Jul-22 | U12 | Renegades | Ravens | |
| | U12 | Renegades | Ravens | |
| Aug-05 | U12 | Ravens | Panthers 1 | Panthers 2, Devils 2 and Miners go to Renegades for games vs Renegades and Penguins |
| | U12 | Ravens | Stingrays | |
| | U12 | Ravens | Devils 1 | |
| Aug-06 | U12 | Ravens | Panthers 1 | |
| | U12 | Ravens | Stingrays | |
| | U12 | Ravens | Devils 1 | |
| Aug-19 | U12 | Ravens | Penguins | |
| | U12 | Rvens | Penguins | |

Season Rules

Top 2 Teams from each Conference Qualify for Nationals plus 2 wild card teams

(wild card teams chosen based on win%*)

Rankings based on win %

(Teams may not all play exact same number of games)

If conference teams are within .150 win% drop cross conference games and use conference win% to determine ranking

(13/17= .764 / 13/18=.722 / 14/19=.736)

For 16 and over any team that does not do their cross regional travel forfeits any National position

17 and Over Grades

- Greater than 48 registrants must have a Prem team
- Between 36 and 47 registrants must have a Seniors A or Prem Team
- Between 24 and 35 registrants must have a Masters, Senior A or Prem team
- 23 or less registrants can register teams in any 17 and over age grade

Example

| | Devils | Orcas | Renegades | Vipers |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------|
| # Registrants 17 and over | 82 | 37 | 31 | 14 |
| Prem | Min 1 | Min 1 or Sen A | Min 1 or Sen A or Masters | Option |
| Senior A | Min 1 | Min 1 or Prem | Min 1 or Prem or Master | Option |
| Masters | Option | Option | Min 1 or Prem or Sen A | Option |
| Senior B | Option x 1, 2 or 3 | Option x 1 or 2 | Option x 1 or 2 | Option |

Thank You

