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Nationals 2009



NZIHA circulated a club bulletin earlier in June to advise the expected time frames for each grade at National Championships so players and families could plan ahead.

While NZIHA reserve the right to change the expected time frames if necessary the released draft is the ideal to cater for all expected teams. Regions have been asked to confirm numbers by the end of June so the wildcard vacancies can be determined. Invitations will follow to regions and clubs if wildcard entries are available.

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Oceania Tender for Venue 2010

The tender for provision of venue for Oceania 2010 closes June 30 at 5pm with the Executive Officer as previously notified. You can find a copy of the tender document in the download column. Reminder: this needs to be received by tomorrow.

Oceania Coaches & Selector Applications

Applications for Oceania 2010 Coaches and Selectors close tomorrow at 5pm with the Executive Officer as previously notified. You can find a copy of the application form in the download column.

Ministry of Health Flu Pandemic Precautions



The Ministry of Health is advising that people should take general precautions to protect themselves from influenza, which includes the usual strains of influenza that occur each winter season.

It is important to remember that there is a lot we can do to help ourselves. The Ministry of Health identifies that good hygiene is the most important step in preventing the spread of influenza.

- Washing hands thoroughly, for at least 20 seconds with soap and drying hands well, or using an alcohol based rub, are the best ways to protect yourself from the spread of germs.
- Keep coughs and sneezes covered, and dispose of tissues in a covered, lined rubbish bin.
- Try to stay a metre away from sick people.
- Do not share drink bottles, cups, glasses etc.
- Stay at home if you develop flu like symptoms.
- Seek medical advice if symptoms persist or get worse.

July Tournament Events

- Hamilton Training Camp and Tournament Check their website (see side panel)
- New Plymouth Junior Tournament, check website (see side panel)
- Waihi Miners have advised that their 3 on 3 tournament has been cancelled.

Face Cage Reminder



From 2010 all players 21 years and over must wear minimum of a half visor or half cage. This is the only age group affected by the new rule. The remaining rules as they apply to face cages remain in force.

Also a reminder that players 18 years and under are required to wear a full face visor regardless of the team they are playing for. All Helmets, cages and visors are required to be HECC and CSA approved.

Referee and Coaching Seminars

If you are interested in attending a referee or coaching seminar, please register your interest and your name will be forwarded to the co-ordinator in each region.

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Referees for National Championships

There has been some response from interested referees attending nationals willing to provide referee duties. If you are interested could you please advise as soon as possible. [EMAIL HERE](#)

Nationals Invitational Team



Indications from Brazil are that they are booked and will arrive in New Zealand just prior to our National Championships. They plan to travel/ sightsee for a couple of days on their way to Nationals and then play a series of games in New Plymouth against our Premier teams. More information will follow as it comes to hand and a competition running concurrently within National Championships is developed.

Registration Reminder

Regions are currently auditing their membership from game sheets and comparing this with the regional membership database. Please remember that all senior players **MUST** be registered by July 31st, 2009 or prior to playing their first game to be eligible to compete at National Championships.

Due to the addition of Veterans grade to Inter Regionals it is important that any player wishing to be considered for teams must also ensure their membership is current by July 31st, 2009.

Television Coverage



You may have seen recent TV coverage of the Levin "Nothing but Wheels" skate nights and also the Ravens who braved the zero degree weather to be filmed on the walkway for the TV1 morning breakfast show. NZIHA have also been contacted by 2 other independent filming companies about coverage of our sport. One programme wants to film some premier game time in Auckland with interviews and their presenter "having a go". Mt Wellington's Richard Lewis has kindly agreed to liaise with the presenter to get this underway. The other possibility is a new magazine type sports programme wanting to focus on "non-elite" sport to give viewers information about other sports and the requirements & equipment

necessary to participate. Currently we are providing some general interest ideas to get this underway and will advise once air dates are known. This is expected later in the year.

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