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NEW ZEALAND INLINE HOCKEY OCTOBER BULLETIN

National Championships

The 2009 National Championships went off without a hitch with a remarkable number of spectators attending this year to watch some very exciting games. An added bonus was the attendance of Team Brazil who played a series of games against our top Premier teams and also a final game against a NZ Select team coached by Shane Clark.

The atmosphere was excellent throughout the event, the weather left a lot to be desired. Thankfully we play an "indoor" sport and didn't have to worry too much about the outdoor conditions.

A huge thankyou to all participants, referees, scorekeepers, officials, goaljudges, clubs and spectators. Games ran to schedule or early thanks to teams warming up prior to their scheduled time and referees taking control of all aspects of the game management.

The grade finals proved to be great crowd pleasers with the coveted premier trophy going to Levin Jackals in 2009. (the jubilant Levin Jackals are pictured below)



Team Brazil

The Brazilian team members were excellent ambassadors for their country and the sport in general, arriving in New Zealand on September 26 and sightseeing for the first few days of their visit "downunder" in Rotorua and Taupo. They arrived in New Plymouth and attended a Powhiri hosted by Howie Tamati and Mayor Peter Tennent at Sport Taranaki before settling into their motel and arriving at the arena for the first of their games on September 30th.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

A full list of all results can be found on the NZIHA website (www.nzih.com) along with photos uploaded to "flickr".

On behalf of the New Zealand Inline Hockey Association sincerest thanks and appreciation goes to Radio Network, Sport Taranaki, New Plymouth District Council, the local New Plymouth club volunteers, Olex, Waste Management and Southern Trust.

Inter Regional Championships

The final major championship event on our annual calendar takes place in Auckland over Labour Weekend. The North Island regions will compete in all ten grades and the southern region will be contesting four grades this year.

The full game schedule is available on the www.NZIHA.com website.

Thanks to Mt Wellington Panthers and the North Region Committee for organising this event in 2009.

This event also provides NZ coaches and selectors with the opportunity to view players and compile trial invitation lists for trials to be held in New Plymouth early in December.

Trial invitations will be issued during the week following Inter Regionals.

The dates and grades for each trial weekend are as follows

December 5th & 6th (14U, Senior Women, Junior Women and Veterans)

December 12th & 13th (16U, 18U, 20U, enior Men and Masters)

Weekend timing for each grade will be advised in invitations. As a guideline trials will commence at 8am on Saturday morning and complete by 4pm on Sunday for each weekend.

SPARC Prime Minister Scholarships

Information is available on SPARC website for these annual scholarships. The applications are now completed online, you also can download a word document to draft out your application prior

to submitting. You are required to copy your application to NZIHA and have this completed by November 6th. NZIHA and Skate NZ are still required by SPARC to prioritise applicants, so it is in your best interest to have these applications to NZIHA in readiness for this discussion on November 7th.

You will note that the criteria is very specific, however you are encouraged to submit if you believe you have the qualification and are intending to attend a tertiary educational institution in 2010. The website information is available following this link (below)

[PRIME MINISTER SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

BULLETIN FORWARDING

As the season draws to a close it would be appreciated if you could forward the bulletin to interested associates, players, family members etc. The database will be updated in the new year. A reminder also that anyone can sign themselves up to receive these bulletins by going to the NZIHA website and clicking on the "hockeyline" link for the signup form.

MEMBERSHIP

NZIHA would appreciate final database information for school and social league participants in your clubs and regions by the end of October 2009 to complete the registration cycle for this year.

Congratulations to the Levin organisers who have commenced a summer league with a good number of participants being introduced to the sport along with existing members to assist with these players and their development.

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