

# New Zealand Inline Hockey Association August Bulletin 2012

## 2012 National Competition

National Inline Hockey Championships will be held in Hamilton from September 29 to October 7. The expected block schedule is shown below for all grades catered for. We look forward to having your teams attend in the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

### A call for Volunteers

Volunteer assistance is required from experienced scorekeepers and timekeepers. Scheduling for duties will be completed in September, but your availability needs to be advised by completing the "sign-up" form that will be circulated in August. Please keep a watch out for the form and let us know if you can help.

Referees interested in officiating at Nationals should contact Derek Mclean, Referee Chairperson. (dw.mclean@xtra.co.nz). Derek will be also contacting Referees from our database to seek help.



## Block Schedule for Nationals

(draft based on known teams attending)

Grade	Sat Sept 29	Sun Sept 30	Mon Oct 1	Tues Oct 2	Wed Oct 3	Thurs Oct 4	Fri Oct 5	Sat Oct 6	Sun Oct 7
Under 18					One Off Game (Grand Final)				
Under 10	UNDER 10 (5 TEAMS)								
Under 12					UNDER 12 (5 Teams)				
Under 14	UNDER 14 (6 Teams)								
Under 16					Under 16 ( 7 Teams)				
Women	WOMEN (4 TEAMS)								
Senior					SENIOR (8 TEAMS) Plus 2 U18 Teams(2 teams)				
Premier	PREMIER (8 Teams)								

## Inter Regional Championships

Labour Weekend October 19—22.

After having to cancel this major event on our annual calendar due to school holiday changes in 2011, the NZIHA will host in association with the Lower North Island at the Jubilee Stadium, in Wanganui over Labour Weekend.

Your assistance will be required for Referee and Scorebench duties. Grades being contested are Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Women, Masters and Veterans. Confirmation has been asked for from the regional Chairs regarding either a Under 20 or Under 21 grade and will be advised shortly.

The Central Region currently hold the regional trophy.

### Inside this issue

NZ Senior Men.....	2
2013 International.....	2
Penguins at NARCH.....	2
NZ Secondary Schools.....	3
First Aid .....	3
Invitation to Quote .....	4
Dan Brennan.....	4
Facebook.....	4
AGM Taskforce Update.....	5
Referee Committee Update.....	5
Citizenship Clarification.....	5
Referee Jerseys.....	5
Nationals Photographer.....	6
Accommodation Search.....	6
DVD Update.....	6

### Special points of interest

- Volunteers Needed
- Block Schedule
- National Events
- Coach Positions still Open
- Penguins March to NARCH
- Special Notice-First Aid
- Secondary School Champs
- Referee Jerseys
- Coaching Workshops
- Updates



## NZ Senior Men at IIHF World Championships

The New Zealand Team may not have brought home a medal from their competition in Ingolstadt, but they certainly did our country proud as ambassadors during their stay.

They were guests of the German Federation at a festival prior to the world championships commencing and were a "hit" with the many local guests. The experience gained by our senior men when competing at these events

can not be underestimated. The Qualifier for 2013 is being held in December (2012) in Argentina and while NZ is included in the invitations to contest a place, the current view is that to travel again in the same year is too much of a financial burden on our representative players given that some of them have already committed to NARCh 2012 as well.

### Capital Penguins

Capital Penguins have put NZ on the map at NARCh this year with a remarkable success in the individual skills programme for Senior Men (Gold). Four of the team members, Kendra Manning, Warwick Kendrick (1st and 2nd placed Goaltenders) and Lewis and Jensen Taiapa (1st and 2nd in the "sniper" shootout. The NARCh Senior Men Gold & Silver Skills video highlights can be found on their YouTube channel or accessed from the NZIHA website (July-News)

Pictured below: Kendra Manning, first female goalie to compete in Men's Gold Division and winner of skills challenge!



## 2013 International Competition

After some discussion on events available for consideration in 2013, due to Inline Hockey Australia declining to host Oceania next year, the view is that New Zealand should be sending teams to an international event. There are two events we are considering at this stage. NARCh in Toronto or AAU Junior Olympics in 2013. While these events will mean a higher airfare for our players, it is expected to be a similar cost in other aspects: accommodation, uniform etc.

AAU in 2013 has the added bonus of also providing FIRS World Championships in the 18U grade for Junior Men and Junior Women as well as Senior Men and Senior Women and possibly Masters (35+). Information to date indicates that the FIRS World Cup for Veterans will be in France (Age 37+). We understand the city hosting the Veterans event is Biarritz—not far from the Spanish border.

The AAU & FIRS events in 2013 will most likely be held late June, early July and will be hosted in Los Angeles utilizing "The Rinks" at Huntington Beach, The "Ducks" rink at the Honda Centre and others.

There are some positive aspects for our players when attending these events. These include an increased number of games, a variety of different American club and international teams to compete against and in the grades indicated above the FIRS World Championship event in addition to AAU events.

### New Zealand is planning on sending the following grades:

14 & Under, 16 & Under, Junior Men (18&Under) Junior Women (18&Under), 21 & Under, Senior Men, Senior Women and possibly Masters (35+)

### Coach Appointments

If you are interested in 2013 coaching positions especially in the grades where we now have clarification on the age grade, NZIHA would still be interested in hearing from you. Veterans players will need to decide also if they would like to pursue an entry for the World Cup event being held in France. We understand the dates are around May 2013.

Further applications will be accepted until August 10, 2012.

NZIHA are investigating other options for the future, including continued competition with Australia. This information is not readily available as the 2012 events have either just completed or are still to complete. Contacts have been made.

NZIHA will also be seeking information on possible events where development teams or club teams could consider entering. Options could include Hong Kong who host an annual event in November (currently club teams preferred.)



# NZ Secondary School Championships

## 2004-2013

History in the making, ten years of secondary school championships and still going strong. Invitations to tender for the tenth anniversary event have gone out to clubs.



The inaugural championships were initiated by Hamilton Inline Hockey Club in 2004 and have been hosted by New Plymouth Boys High School (2 years) and Mt Wellington (2 years). Teams have come from as far as Christchurch (2004) and Nelson (2012).

Submissions close on September 1st, NZIHA will notify the successful host shortly thereafter.

## Condolence Message

*Our sincerest condolences go out to Debbie Joyce and her family who recently lost a husband and dad due to illness.*

*The Joyce family have been members of Kapiti Rangers for many years and have given many volunteer hours to their club and the Lower North Region.*

Players from Botany (1st), KeriKeri (2nd) and Nelson (3rd) assembled after the finals at Mt Wellington in July 2012.



[www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz](http://www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz)

## Special Notice to All Clubs FIRST AID AT NATIONAL EVENTS

NZIHA Executive have received quotes to have FIRST AID providers at National and Inter Regional Championships this year. The costs of these services has increased quite dramatically and team entry fees simply do not cover these costs. In past years there have been times where funding has covered the cost and other years where the cost has been minimal.

Last year NZIHA asked the Hamilton Club to supply consumables and personnel along with asking clubs to assist with volunteers.

This proved unsuccessful as there were not enough volunteers to help and the Hamilton Club members were already committed to their own club duties related to providing their venue.

To ensure teams have adequate supplies on hand NZIHA are now advising that it is a condition of team entry for National and Inter Regional Championships that teams and or clubs provide their own First Aid equipment.

The Hamilton Club will have a stock of ice packs on hand and NZIHA will have a back-up supply of consumables in the Tournament Office.

The cost per team for a first aid provider to attend Nationals every day equates to approx. \$135/ team over and above the current team entry fee.

If there is someone in our midst who would be willing to volunteer their services, we would sure like to hear from you.

Clubs; if you have access to the 1-day online site, they have had first aid kits on special over the last couple of weeks. You might like to check them out.



### Coaching Workshops

During the first week of September Dan Brennan will be making a visit to New Zealand. While here, he will facilitate coach to coach workshops in Auckland, New Plymouth and Wellington. The timing of workshops will be advised shortly. The dates and times are being worked out to allow coaches to be able to attend - especially the weekend workshops in Auckland or Wellington/ Levin.

### Invitation to Quote New Zealand Team Trials

Rink operators are being asked to supply a quote for use of their facilities for NZ trials and training camps. We are seeking the best possible options to reduce the overall costs to teams travelling internationally in 2013.

Dates are as follows for trials;

**December 1-2**

**December 8-9**

Then an estimated two week-ends each month starting 2013 February to May or June, this will also depend on notified dates of the AAU / FIRS / NARCh events and adjusted accordingly.

**Please have your quotes into NZIHA by August 17, 2012.**

## Dan Brennan-USA Hockey

Dan Brennan began working with USA Hockey in February 1996 as the coordinator of coaching and player development programs. In 1999, he was named manager of the ice and inline coaching education programs. In addition to managing the coaching education programs, including seminars and clinics, Brennan oversees the USA Hockey National Inline and U.S. National Sled Hockey programs. He also assists with USA Hockey's 30 diversity programs across the United States.

Dan has also served as Coach, Assistant Coach and general manager for the USA Hockey National Inline Team .

He has had a huge input into development of the Skills Series Development and Education material from USAHockey and featured in the



DVD Skills Series along with Joe Cook, the current USA Inline team coach.

## Facebook Protocols

Building a virtual footprint and network via the NZIHA group page relies heavily on current trending news items relevant to our sport or our members. The NZIHA has guidelines currently listed in the "About" section on the group page. This advises how members can list content. Members can be invited to join the page and are free to comment on posts loaded on the page. However inappropriate posts/ comments and or photos will be removed.

Facebook is becoming a huge resource with more and more members, please consider content and comment before loading it. Please avoid personal attacks, hostile communications or erroneous information. Protocols advise comments should be respectful, informative, use sentence case format ( ie not CAPS LOCK) and write factually and in good humour.

Once researched and finalized NZIHA will publish a social networking policy and circulate to all clubs.



## Volunteers are critical!

Sport New Zealand Sport Volunteer Awards are closing soon. Follow the link below if you wish to nominate a worthy volunteer from within your club.

### Closing soon

<http://volunteers.sportnz.org.nz/?class=none>



[www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz](http://www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz)



## Annual General Meeting—Update

Barbara Baker was appointed to lead the taskforce and investigate initiatives our sport can consider in relation to trends affecting our operations, these include ;

- Restructuring of funding criteria that will impact our sport and solutions to ensure the sport adapts to these changes.
- Investigate the real possibility of regional funding only being available.
- Look at aligning clubs to regional funding boundaries if required.
- Look at move to a “board” structure with two independent members appointed to the Executive to assist with governance, best practice, issues etc
- Depending on funding regional boundaries investigate best regional boundaries
- Ensure whatever changes are finalised to the NZIHA Constitution that these align with Charities Commission guidelines
- Look at current regional committees and the impact of any changes.
- Link regional committee to NZIHA Executive.
- Look at multi-year funding applications to cover various operational areas.
- Prepare a “Statement of Direction” for clubs to review ( to be completed by Aug 18/19 ready for circulation to clubs week of Aug 20 with Special General Meeting notification.



## Referee Update

At the AGM an agreement was reached that an online education facility would be investigated to up skill referees on an on going basis.

A system was investigated and available immediately, however it does require input from the Referee Committee in relation to the content. This is under discussion with the Referee Committee at present.

The new rules advised by IIHF will be included in the next revision of the NZIHA Rulebook. The Referee Committee will advise dates for refresher workshops to ensure that referees are familiar with the rules being adopted in New Zealand.

The rule change document was advised to clubs in march 2012 and can be reached by following this link:

<http://www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz/assets/documents/referees/2012->

### NZ Citizenship Clarification

New Zealand Citizenship is required by international federations when NZ teams represent our sport. If you do not have NZ citizenship you are not excluded from playing or trialling, however players are advised that NZ Citizenship will be required by the 1st of February in the year of competition if selected into a NZ representative team. If this is not available a reserve player will be named as a replacement.

If you believe you have NZ Citizenship eligibility and you are interested in trialling for a NZ team it would be advisable to start the application process now as it can take some time.



got one of these?

Referee shirts in a variety of sizes are back in stock.  
\$65 + courier fee  
Order from NZIHA direct.





## NZIHA Contact Information

Your Executive

**Rob Henry - President**

**Krys Beardman** - Vice President  
(Administration Portfolio)

**Maxine Dines**  
(Referee Committee Liaison)

**Mark Drummond**  
(Coaching Committee Liaison)

**Sandy Nimmo**  
(Coaching Chairperson)

**Anna Carrington**  
(Coaching Committee)

### Contact Email

krys.beardman@xtra.co.nz  
nz.inline@gmail.com

### Website

www.inlinehockeynz.org.nz

## Nationals Photographer

On the recommendation of Stephen Barker who was the on site photographer at Nationals last year, we will have Jeremy Ward taking team and action photos in 2012. Jeremy hosts a website (<http://www.shot360.co.nz/photography/index.html>)

Jeremy will be offering team photos and action shots, closer to Nationals, information will be circulated to clubs regarding this opportunity.

## Accommodation for National Events

For players and families attending NZ National and Inter Regional Championships in 2012, and still seeking accommodation.

Here is a link to a "trademe" site that appears to be able to show pricing availability etc for various destinations around New Zealand including Hamilton and Wanganui.

[www.travelbug.co.nz](http://www.travelbug.co.nz)

## Production Delay—DVD

*The Oceania Highlight DVD will be sent out next week to those who ordered and paid for the DVD.*

*There has been a delay with production of the DVD but the master copy has now been received and these are currently being copied ready for posting.*

*Slapshot Productions owner, Jez, has put an enormous amount of time into producing the highlight package covering each grade at Oceania 2012. Thanks also goes to his commentator helpers who provide information as the games progress.*

