

NZIIHA celebrates its **20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY** this year and it is important we remember those who helped develop the game in New Zealand. Our organisation has evolved today into one of the most exciting amateur sports in New Zealand. It is the intention of the Board to celebrate this historic milestone.

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015,  
12.00—3.00 pm  
at NZ National Championships*

This function will be for the inline hockey community and we intend to invite our founding 20 members and all past Presidents to attend. We are grateful to our foundation members that they had the foresight to establish NZIIHA and as time has passed, others entered the arena to carry the torch and build the sport to the level we all enjoy today.

#### 20th Anniversary All Star Exhibition Game

NZIIHA are pleased to advise the selection of teams, coaches and managers for the exhibition game being held on September 30th.

- 2015 NZ All Star team coached by Bevan Varney, the NZ current senior men's coach with manager, Pete Shields.
- 2015 NZ Maori team coached by Shane Clark, past NZ senior men's player and NZ senior men's coach with manager, Willy Harvey.
- Teams have been announced on the NZIIHA website and can be found here: [Link](#)

We invite you all to join us on Wednesday 30th September, watch the exhibition game and assist in congratulating the Volunteer and Distinguished Award winners.

#### 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award

NZIIHA is introducing an annual Volunteer of the Year Award to be presented as part of the 20th Celebration. Nominations are still open and forms can be downloaded here.

#### Distinguished Service Award

For Service to Inline Hockey over the past 20 years. Regions and clubs are asked to nominate 2-3 people who have contributed significantly to inline hockey in their region. Please send nominations to Krys Beardman, National Operations Manager. The awards will be presented at the 20th Anniversary celebration.

Nomination Forms are here: [Link](#)

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We are still looking for photos, especially from the first five years, preferably scanned and emailed to [nz.inline@gmail.com](mailto:nz.inline@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thank you



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# National Championships 2015

Hamilton Rink, 30 September to 4 October 2015

## Light Up the Rink with your Club Banners!

Bring along your club banners to hang at Nationals. Please drop them into the Tournament Office, downstairs just past the café. Please do not attempt to install them yourselves. And remember to collect them after the event.

Donations of old clean towels and rags would be greatly appreciated. Please drop into the event office.

## Most Valuable Player and Goalie Awards

Instead of a player skills competition during Nationals 2015, we will have a Most Valuable Player and Goalie award for each grade. Instructions will be given to team coaches and managers on the method being used to determine the winners in each grade. The first section award presentations will be made as part of the 20th Anniversary celebration on Wednesday 30th September.

Timing for the second section awards will be advised on the noticeboard at the venue.



volunteer here - please

## Can you Help?

click "here"...

- Scorekeeping
- Timekeeping
- Refereeing

# REMINDERS

## 20th Celebration and Exhibition

Please remind your teams and parents about the celebration on September 30th. We encourage your attendance at this exciting milestone event.

## Club Jerseys and Pants

Teams are required to have a light and dark jersey. Team members **MUST** wear a jersey of the same design, this includes goalkeepers. In the unlikely event of a jersey conflict, the home team will be required to change their jersey. NZIHA will have a "spare" set if required. Tournament Managers should be consulted prior to your game to remedy.

Team Player Pants are to be predominantly of the same colour and should be in good repair. ( safety gear should be fully covered and not visible through holes or tears in the fabric)

## First Aid Kit for Players & Gear

Each club team is responsible for supplying their own first aid kit. Shona Dowman has volunteered to assist as necessary for minor injuries. Any suspected serious injury will be referred to emergency services. The event office will have a back up supply of consumables. The Hamilton Club will have "ICE" rink side. Don't forget your team bench gear repair kit to cover urgent helmet and skate repairs during your games. e.g Alan key, screwdriver, spare screws, chin straps etc.

Don't forget!!!

## Volunteer Fundraising Opportunity

We are looking for a person or group/team interested in a volunteer position at 2015 Nationals. The duties involve keeping track of changing room key distribution, checking changing rooms after each team's use, reporting any issues, distributing scoresheets to and from scorebench when required, various other duties as needed. Reporting to Tournament Managers. Our preference is to have an individual or team coordinate the duties for the full event and not divide the duties between different individuals.

The hours are long, duties need to be covered every day of the event and a small reimbursement/ donation will be available at the end of the tournament.

Information and/ or application to Krys Beardman, nz.inline@gmail.com

# boardnews

## Have your opinion heard...

At the 30 August Board Meeting there was a proposal to change the format of National Competition. There will be two meetings at Nationals (one in each block) where clubs are invited to share their views. An outline of the proposal is below. ***It is important that each club and region have a representative attend to share their views*** - all clubs are encouraged to have someone attend these meetings.

### NARCh Model for NZ

Everyone is welcome no one is excluded - system does not disenfranchise players

- Competition established through divisions Gold, Silver, Bronze etc.
- Team size very small – typically 6 players and a goalie (except Pro).
- Consider NZ maximum team size 8 and a goalie.
- NARCh has an Under 25 grade, Division 1 that is highly competitive.
- With only 960 players in the country we desperately need growth/reinvigoration strategies.
- Do we need 4 regions cut down to two?
- Is our current structure disenfranchising players?
- Flow on impact Nationals?
- Flow on effect Inter Regionals?

### Proposal

That a Working Group be established to review the format of NZ competition and develop a report for the 15/16 November Board Meeting.

Two workshops to be scheduled at Nationals upstairs. Clubs are invited to come and discuss the issue and present any ideas they might have, followed up with a Member Survey to follow National events this year. Planning for 2016 will take place in November.

## NZIHA Board Meeting 30 August 2015

- Board Role Descriptions and Portfolios have been ratified and will be published to the website.
- The following Policies were passed by the Board. Policies will be uploaded very shortly.
  - \* NZ Reserve Players Training Attendance policy (with the amendment that NZIHA facilitate on behalf of clubs. Krys Beardman, National Operations Manager, will facilitate.
  - \* Member Club Identity Policy .
  - \* Volunteer Recognition System & Life Membership Policy.
  - \* Member Benefits Policy .
  - \* Reimbursement Motor Vehicle Allowance
- After the 20th Anniversary Celebration, NZIHA will create an Honours Board on the website.
- New NZIHA “Code of Conduct”.
- NZIHA Brand Identity - to be launched at 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Board Policy documents can be found following this link: [\(LINK\)](#)

## International Events 2016

NZIHA are intending to send teams to AAU in Hawaii in July 2016. Grades will be confirmed very soon. Information on FIRS World Championships has not yet been received, it is unknown where and when this event will take place. The intention is to send Senior Men and Women if there is interest from players and we receive information to allow preparations to begin.

***NZ Team Coaching applications*** close at the end of this week. If you are interested but not sure about which grade, please submit an expression of interest and you will be contacted once grades are finalised by organisers.

[Link here to Application Form](#)



**Superleague** team fees are due now. The \$100 should be deposited to the following account ( with your name) held at the **ASB bank account number 12 3152 0082141 51**. **Eftpos payments can be made at nationals**. The game schedule will be released by the weekend ending Sept 20.

## New Zealand National Championships - Teams, Timing, and Benches

***Due to the number of teams and tight scheduling the following information will apply to games at NZ National Championships. Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Junior Women grades will all play 2 x 18 minute halves throughout the event.***

***Games may commence up to 15 minutes early if the schedule runs early without exception.***

***Timekeepers will be instructed to start the game clock as close to scheduled time if teams delay taking the face off at the commencement or during all games.***

***Referees will call a delay of game if teams cause unnecessary delays during their game .***

***Teams are responsible for checking rosters prior to their first game, this is the only opportunity to ensure rosters are correct. No alternations can be made once teams start playing. Managers are to collect a team bulletin from Tournament Office on arrival.***

***The game schedule is attached to this bulletin and can be found on the NZIHA website. Please note there may be some small adjustments made before September 26th. These will be notified by notice at the venue. This may affect “home” and “away” sequencing.***