

06 May 2024

Dear Members and Clubs,

A fantastic weekend of hockey action with the first round of the IHNZ NPL taking place in Hamilton. Congratulations to the Devils who put together a series of great wins and topped the leaderboard. Special mention to the Waihi Miners taking out their first IHNZ NPL win!

The crowd favourite had to be the injury depleted Ravens who played with only five players during the tournament. Another injury saw them play their last game on Sunday with four players in what was an amazing performance of resilience and spirit against the Panthers, a final injury saw them left with just three - best wishes to Stephen Washer in his recovery with his dislocated shoulder!

Thanks to the Hamilton Devils for hosting the event – much appreciated to Jan and his team!

Tui also had a number of games scheduled with the younger grades and Senior B games spread amongst the premiers.

Kokako was extremely busy and kicked off their first rounds of the Conference league with the Stingrays, Panthers, Vipers, Orcas, and the Adult Social teams all having games across their grades.

Over the past few days, we have been working on:

- Matariki information out to clubs and registrations for those who have played before being loaded and distributed via Esports.
- Continuing to work with the conferences where required to ensure we have games starting to get underway.
- Ongoing registration drive to get players registered with IHNZ.
- Esports – continuing to use and integrate the system with IHNZ processes.
- NARCh schedule – next camp is 25/26 May in Hamilton, campaign documentation and finalising of arrangements.
- Financials – continuing to work through accounts for GST purposes.
- Payment of all outstanding invoices received to date.

The focus for our next few days involves:

- Matariki Event planning and preparation with more information to be passed on.
 - Continued work with the conferences
 - Reviewing the grades and potential improvements to a number of these leading to better play options (16/18 in particular)
 - Continuing the transition of our IHNZ website across to the Esports platform to allow us to run events, scoring etc in a more streamlined professional sporting platform and format.
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- Further development of the Female League Play weekends.
- Preparation of answers to the AGM list of questions asked.
- Financials

I have attached a table for your information regarding the processes/events we are working through and who is currently responsible for these. Many of these people have been involved in these actions over the past months or years and will continue to help us over the next period.

Replacements have been when we have had to go back to the drawing board for example Dispensations – huge thanks to both Brett Turia and Pete Shields who held this post for a number of years and offered their expertise again to help. Thanks to Shaun King who also extended his assistance and was also added to the Panel.

These people are empowered to bring in whom they wish to help them form the committees required to meet their objectives. If there is anyone else who would like to be a part of the process moving forward, please contact us via the usual channels.

Process/Event	Lead
Dispensations	Pete Shields Shaun King Brett Turia
Financials	Adrian Taylor Michelle Wood
Matariki Event	Willy Harvey Sheree Anderson
IHNZ NPL	Angela Prendergast Sheree Anderson
Esports	Colin Brown
Referees and Officials	Brendon Waterhouse
IT	Ivan Wood
Communications	Willy Harvey
Conferences	Jarrold Finlay – Kokako Bonnie Pert – Tui Alethea Stove – Kereru/Southern
16/18 Grades	Jarrold Finlay
Female League Weekend	Ian Wannamaker Ivan Wood Tara Fox
Administration/Operations (Including Nationals and other Events)	Willy Harvey Sheree Anderson

Dispensation Process:

There is no change to the process and is now available via Esports rather than on paper. I have attached the link for all Dispensations to be submitted through.

<https://secure.esportsdesk.com/login.cfm?leagueID=34462&clientID=7022®EventID=64367>

Board Application Process:

A reminder for those interested of the Board Application process - closing Friday 10 May!

<https://www.appointbetterboards.co.nz/position/apt21874>

For any questions you may have, please send via the usual channel to gm@inlinehockeynz.org.nz. Finally, our continued thanks to all those within the sport who are working hard within their clubs, conferences, on draws and at rinks in all capacities to enable everyone to play!

Enjoy your week and look forward to bringing you our further updates as soon as able.

Willy Harvey

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