

Queen's Birthday Tournament Event Notice

Event Information

- **Entry Requirements:** Entries will only be accepted from IHNZ affiliated clubs.
- **Event Dates:** Saturday 4th to Monday 6th February 2022. The organisers reserve the right to schedule games on the evening of Friday 3rd June 2022.
- **Grades:** 10U, 12U, 14U, Junior Women (14U) – Each grade is capped at 2 teams per club.
- **Team Entry/Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/VuwTubfPiZ4TpkTo7>
- **Registrations Close:** Friday 13th May 2022 at 8pm.
- **Entry Fee:** \$250 per team.
- Payment due by 20 May 2022 to Hamilton Inline Hockey Club Bank Account: 02-0316-0041458-00.

Rules

- Teams (players and officials) must be current registered members of IHNZ.
- Players must play for only one and the same team throughout the tournament. Junior Women may play for their age grade as well as Junior Women grade.
- A dispensation request will be required for any teams wishing to use players across grades to make a viable team. Dispensations will be considered by the tournament committee on a case-by-case basis.
- Each player is personally responsible for wearing protective equipment during all games including warm-ups.
- Participants must abide by the IHNZ Constitution, By-Laws, Disciplinary Procedures, and Game Rules as set out in the IHNZ Official Inline Hockey Rule Book and any official changes that may occur during the year and advised to clubs by IHNZ.
- Teams may be made up of players from any club, but all players and officials must be currently registered with IHNZ.
- Players must play for one and the same team throughout the tournament.
- Each player is personally responsible to wear protective equipment for all games and warm-ups.
- Player and official registrations will only be accepted via the official Team Entry Form.
- Organisers can reduce/remove warmups and haltime breaks to keep to the event schedule.

Team Entry

- Team entries will only be accepted via the online google entry form.
- Clubs can enter a maximum of two teams per grade.
- Entry fees are \$250 including GST per team and must be received by 13 May.
- Team entries close Friday 13 May at 8pm.

Venue

- The Hamilton Inline Hockey Club (HIHC) venue complies with the safety standards and rink dimensions set out by the Inline Hockey New Zealand (IHNZ) Rule Book.
- No pets are allowed indoors.
- The goals are the official size as stipulated in the IHNZ Rulebook.
- An electronic clock/score bench is used for timing all games and keeping the players, officials and spectators informed of the score and the time remaining.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited indoors.

- HHC reserve the right to livestream all games and make them available via public and social media.

Games

- Playing rules are those set down in the IHNZ Rulebook.
- A clash of jersey colours will mean the home team has the choice of jerseys colour.
- The official tournament puck is the IDS puck for all games.
- Stop-time will only apply in the final two minutes during finals or games where a result is required.
- Games consist of two 20-minute halves and a 2-minute break for half time. Game times may be shortened depending on team entries.
- Warm-up time may be scheduled once entry numbers are known.

Uniforms

- Players are uniformly dressed in the same colour and style playing shirts, cover pants are mandatory and should be of the same colour.

Team Composition

- All players must:
 - disclose if they are serving a suspension,
 - have a current IHNZ registration,
 - compete in the grade for which they are eligible or in a higher/older grade.
- Failure of players to comply with the above requirements may see their team disqualified from the event.

Officials

All teams must supply a referee and score bench official that will be available via a roster to assist during the tournament.

Referees

- Referees must be currently registered with IHNZ and hold at least a Level One qualification.
- Two referees will officiate in each game.

Scorer/Timekeepers

- The Official IHNZ Scoresheet is used. For each game there is an official scorer, a game timekeeper, and penalty timekeepers.

Disciplinary Committee

- The Tournament Organiser(s) shall appoint a Tournament Discipline Committee.
- The composition of the committee and the process shall follow the guidelines set out in the IHNZ Disciplinary Procedures.
- The committee will consist of the following IHNZ members:
 - the Tournament Director,
 - the Tournament Head Referee or their nominee,
 - a senior member from a club not involved in the disciplinary matter.
- The Tournament Disciplinary Committee is empowered to discipline players, teams, team officials, and clubs for their conduct both on and off the rink before, during, and after a game.
- This Disciplinary Committee may impose disqualification, suspension, fine and/or other measures as deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- Hearings will be conducted at a time notified to the parties involved by the Tournament Director, and as far as is practical, during the Tournament.
- Penalties imposed in this Tournament will, if applicable, carry over to further IHNZ sanctioned games.

- Details of all Disciplinary Panel matters are to be forwarded to IHNZ and copied to the regional Disciplinary Panel Chairperson.

Results

Rounds/Pool Play

If the addition of points brings two or more teams to an equal number of points at the end of the round or pool play and positions are required. The final rank will be determined using the tie break process in order as follows:

1. **Head-to-Head** – When only 2 teams are on equal points the victor of the head-to-head within the competition shall be awarded the higher rank. Where there have been multiple rounds the winner of most head-to-head competition wins. e.g.: Game 1: Team X 5 goal vs Team Y 2 goals, Game 2: Team X 2 goals vs Team Y 2 goals. Team X has more wins against team Y and is ranked higher.
2. **Goals Differential** – Take the goals the teams score and subtract the goals against for all games in the round. e.g.: Team X scored 21 goals and had 16 against for a differential of 5 goals. Team Y scored 28 goals and had 17 against for a differential of 11. Team Y is ranked higher due to a higher differential.
3. **Goals Against** – The highest ranked team has the lowest goals against for the whole round. e.g.: Team X has 6 goals against and Team Y as 5 goals against. Team Y is ranked higher than Team X.
4. **Least Penalty Minutes** – The team with the least penalty minutes for the entire round is ranked highest.
5. **Coin Toss** – Where more than two teams are tied, the ‘tie break’ sequence is used to identify the highest rank team. Once the highest rank team has been removed begin the tie break process again from Head-to-head. e.g.: Team X, Team Y and Team Z are all on equal points. Team Y has the best Goals Against differential so is ranked highest. Now Team X and Team Z need to be ranked so we start with head-to-head. Team X won the game against team Z. Final Ranking is: Team Y First, Team X second and Team Z third.

Semis/Finals

- **Tied Match** - At the conclusion of a tied match, a 2-minute rest will be allowed, then the teams will play a 10-minute sudden death playoff. The first team to score will be declared the winner.
- **Shootout** - If after the sudden death overtime period the teams are still tied, the teams will proceed to a Shootout to determine the winner as per Rule 1.3(e) of the IHNZ Rulebook.

Health & Safety

- Teams entering are advised that they **MUST** provide their own first aid personnel.
- Ice packs will be made available to all teams.
- Measures are taken to ensure the safety of spectators (e.g., safety netting, crowd control to keep spectators away from the barriers, etc.).
- Please avoid leaning on the side of the rink boards or standing too closely to the netting, particularly behind goals.
- Players are personally responsible for wearing protective equipment during games and warm-ups.
- All skates must be rink friendly e.g., flush mounted axle bolts.

Covid-19

- The Hamilton Inline Hockey Club (HIHC) will follow guidelines from the New Zealand Government, Sport NZ and IHNZ regarding Covid-19 and Tournament hosting.
- In the event of Tournament cancellation prior to commencement, team entry fees will be refunded in full.