



Memo

Date: 16 December 2020

To: AKH Club Presidents
Cc: AKH Club Secretaries
From: Denise Smith, Community Competitions Manager

RE: 2021 Winter Competition details for Clubs

Fees

Winter Registration Entry fees have risen by 1.7% for the 2021 season incorporating the CPI increase and turf hire charge increases across Auckland (with the exception of Premier Women who will be playing extra matches). Details are in the 2021 AKH Hockey Competition Fees document attached.

Senior Competition Formats

Premier Intercity

Please refer to the memo sent by the Competition Director Gavin Hawke.

Auckland Premiership

- Men – Round 2 Intercity Conference matches and crossover Conference matches between Auckland v Auckland teams count toward the Auckland Premiership placings.
 - Semi Finals Game A: 1st v 4th, Game B 2nd v 3rd
 - Final Winner A v Winner B
- Women – On completion of Round 2 of Intercity all Auckland vs Auckland matches will count toward the Auckland Premiership placings.
 - Semi Finals Game A: 1 v 4, Game B 2 v 3
 - Final Winner A v Winner B

Premier Reserve

Open Entry

Players are permitted to play in this grade from their 15th Birthday. No dispensation requests will be accepted.

Formats will be confirmed once team entries close.

Divisions 1, 2, 3

We would like to see these grades be 10 team competitions. Please see the attached Entry Entitlements document. If you would like to take up entitlement in a higher grade this needs to be completed and returned to admin@akhockey.org.nz by 19th February 2021.

10 Team Format will be 2 x full round robins (18 games) plus a final for 1v2 only. Total = 18/19 games



Division 4

Will depend on the number of teams entered in the competition, and will be confirmed once entries close.

Competition Rules

The 2021 Competition Format and Competition Rules documents will be published in February at the latest.

Premier Intercity and Premier Reserve Grades will remain the same and play in 17 minute quarters.

Divisional grades will remain the same and play 35 minute halves.

Confirmed Dates

We are looking at starting the competition with a Festival of Hockey for all 8 team grades on 10/11 April with competition rounds starting on 17/18 April with finals on 21/22 August. For the 9/10 team grades their competition will start 10/11 April with finals 21/22 August.

Grade	Key Dates
Premier Intercity Men & Women	13 th March
Premier Intercity Finals	14 th August
Premier Reserve Men & Women	11 th April – 22 nd August
Division Grades 1/3	10 th April (FOH or Comp start) – 21 st August
Division Grades 2/4	11 th April (FOH or Comp start) – 22 nd August
Club Finals Weekend – All Grades	21 st /22 nd August
Promotion/Relegation Matches	28 th /29 th August
No Play Dates <i>Subject to change if we are asked to host international events during the season.</i>	5 th /6 th June (Queens Birthday) – All Grades 17 th /18 th July (school holidays) – All 8 team Grades only.

Youth Competition

The Youth Competition will be ability based as per the 2020 Competition. Premier grades will play on Friday nights and Championship grades will play on Sunday mid-morning.

- Premier and Premier Reserve U18 players will be ineligible to play in Youth Competitions
- Grading round/tournament to be held the first weekend of competition.
- A list of Year 8 players that may be used should a team get caught short of players at short notice can be submitted to Auckland Hockey at the start of the season for dispensation. These players are only to be used to give the team a maximum of 13 players.
- There **will be play** the first weekend of the July school holidays 9th & 11th July.



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Key dates

Season Start Date: May 7th & 9th

Finals: 27th & 29th August

Junior Competition

Season Start Date: May 8th

Finals: 28th August

There **will be play** the first weekend of the July School holidays 10th July

Kind regards,

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Community Competitions Manager