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Date: 22 December 2021

To: AKH Club Presidents  
Cc: AKH Club Secretaries  
From: James Sutherland, General Manager

RE: 2022 Winter Competition details for Clubs

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## Fees

Winter Registration Entry fees have risen by rise by the larger than usual CPI (caused by COVID19) of 4.9% for 2022 incorporating the HNZ Affiliation Fee CPI increase and increases in external turf hire charges across Auckland. Details are in the 2021 AKH Hockey Competition Fees document attached.

## Senior Competition Formats

### Premier Intercity

Please refer to information to be sent by the Competition Director Gavin Hawke.

### Auckland Premiership

To be confirmed in early 2022 following confirmation of Intercity Men's Format and discussion with clubs.

### Premier Reserve

#### Open Entry

Players are permitted to play in this grade from their 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday. No dispensation requests will be accepted. Formats will be confirmed once team entries close.

### Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4

Grades will be open up to 12 team competitions, enabling movement of teams from divisions without Promotion/Relegation in 2021 due to Covid lockdown impact. Movement of teams will still need to follow rankings based on 2021 standings as per usual Entry Entitlements. We will provide an opportunity for clubs to enter teams in a higher grade during the 2022 Team Entry process, but encourage you to indicate your intentions via email to Merissa McLocklan [admin@akhockey.org.nz](mailto:admin@akhockey.org.nz) by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

Grade formats will be confirmed following team entries but each grade will comprise of 1 x full round robin, then being spilt into a top 'Championship' half/bottom 'Plate' half round robin, followed by a 1 - 3 week finals format. Total = 17 games



## Competition Rules

The 2022 Competition Format and Competition Rules documents will be published in February.

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.

No play dates have been extended to include ANZAC weekend and Matariki weekend.

## Key Dates

Grade	Entries Close	Start/Finish Dates
Premier Intercity Men & Women	Mon 21st February	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Premier Intercity Finals		Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> August
Premier Reserve Men & Women	Monday 21st March	3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Division Grades 1/3	Monday 21st March	2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 20 <sup>th</sup> August
Division Grades 2/4	Monday 21st March	3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Club Finals Weekend – All Grades		20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> August
Promotion/Relegation Matches		27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> August
No Play Dates <i>Subject to change on team grade entries and if we are asked to host international events during the season.</i>	Easter: 16/17 April ANZAC Weekend: 23/24 April Queen's Birthday: 4/5 June Matariki Weekend: 25/26 June	

## Youth Competition – Entries close Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

The Youth Competition will be ability based as per the 2021 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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**Youth Key dates**

Season Start Date: May 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Finals: 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August

**Junior Competition - Entries close Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Season Start Date: May 7<sup>th</sup>

Finals: 27<sup>th</sup> August

There **will be play** the first weekend of the July School holidays 9<sup>th</sup> July

Kind regards,

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General Manager