

## 2024 Youth Competition Rules Summary

Please note all rules covered in this summary document refer to the Auckland Hockey Senior and Youth Competition Rules and Auckland Hockey Local Competition Rules. A youth rule written in this Youth Competition summary supersedes any rule youth rule in the 2024 Senior & Youth Competition Rules.

This rules documents serves as a summary for all relevant Youth Rules, however in any instance where the rule is not covered in this summary document, please refer to the 2024 Senior and Youth Competition Rules.

Auckland Hockey Youth Competition Rules are run in accordance with the rules and regulations listed in this document along with the following:

- The current FIH Rules of Hockey – Outdoor
- Auckland Hockey Code of Conduct
- Auckland Hockey Local Competition Playing Rules
- Hockey NZ Safety Policies
- Hockey NZ Anti-Doping Code
- Hockey NZ Concussion Policy – 2018
- Hockey NZ – National Code of Conduct

These documents are available on the Auckland Hockey or Hockey NZ websites.

The Auckland Hockey Competitions Manager, acting as the Competition Director, shall deal with any matters arising that are not specifically dealt with in the regulations below or in the documents listed above. If possible, the Competition Manager should consult with the Auckland CEO, CAG and Administrators to deal with the matter. Any decision reached by the Competition's Manager will be final.

### 1. Dates and Format

**Youth Premier: Friday nights – May 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Youth Championship: Sunday mornings – May 5<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Format Premier Boys: Double Round Robin followed by Final's.**

- Finals Format: 1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6
- *1 x Double header. Round 9 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June*

**Format Premier Girls: Round Robin followed by 3 weeks Final's.**

**Game Duration/Format:**

- Finals Format Week 1:
  - Game 1: 1 v 2
  - Game 2: 3 v 4
  - Game 3: 5 v 6
  - Game 4: 7 v 8
  - Game 5: 9 v 10
- Finals Format Week 2:
  - Game 6 Friendly: Winner Game 1 v Loser Game 2
  - Game 7 Semi Final: Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2
  - Game 8 Friendly: Winner Game 3 v Loser Game 5
  - Game 9 Plate Semi Final: Loser Game 3 v Winner Game 4
  - Game 10: Loser Game 4 v Winner Game 5

- Finals Format Week 3:
  - Game 11 Final: Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 7
  - Game 12 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Playoff: Loser Game 7 v Loser Game 2
  - Game 13 Plate Final: Winner Game 3 v Winner Game 9
  - Game 14 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Playoff: Loser Game 9 v Winner Game 10
  - Game 15 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Playoff: Loser Game 10 v Loser Game 5

### **Format Championship Boys and Girls:**

- Week 1: Festival of Hockey
- Week 2 onward: Competition round as follows:
  - Round 1-5: Pool A & Pool B
    - Round Robin
    - Weekly bye friendly crossover game between Pool A & B
  - Round 6-10: Grade 1 and Grade 2.
    - Grade 1 – Top 2 from Pool A & B and best ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team
    - Grade 2 – lower ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team and bottom 2 from Pool A & B
    - Round Robin
    - Each week there is a bye friendly crossover game between Grade 1 & 2
  - Finals:
    - Grade 1 & 2
      - Game 1 Final: 1 v 2
      - Game 2 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Playoff: 3 v 4
      - Game 3 Friendly: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 v 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2

### **Game Duration/Format:**

15 minute quarters, no stoppages (apart from serious injury).  
2 minute quarter breaks and 5 minute half time break.

### **Finals Tiebreaker**

Premier Youth = Shoot Out

Championship Youth = Strokes

### **No Play weekends:**

#### **Premier Youth Boys:**

- Matariki Weekend Friday 28 June
- School Holidays Friday 12 & 19 July

#### **Premier Youth Girls:**

- Kings Birthday Friday 31 May
- Matariki Weekend Friday 28 June
- School Holidays Friday 5, 12 & 19 July

#### **Championship Youth:**

- Kings Birthday Sunday 2 June,
- Matariki Weekend Sunday 30 June
- School Holidays Sunday 7, 14 & 21 July

## 2. PlayHQ - Player Registration, Match Day Requirements, Draws & Results:

### Player Registration

All players must be registered with their relevant Team and Club via the PlayHQ system. If a player is not registered in PlayHQ they are not eligible to play. The penalty for playing an unregistered player is a default loss.

Youth Championship players playing up into Premier Youth are to be registered in their Youth Championship team and added as a 'fill-in' player to the relevant Premier match day team list.

Any player registered with their Club and Association who is eligible within the rules can take the field of play, provided they are listed on the physical Match Sheet.

**Draws and Results:** Draws and results will be available via AKH website [www.akhockey.org.nz](http://www.akhockey.org.nz) or our PlayHQ website.

### PlayHQ – Game Day Requirements

Team line-up's must be completed prior to any match.

Team Managers/Coach/Admin must enter their team score in PlayHQ within 24 hours of the completion of the match.

Teams are required to enter their own scores, even if there were no goals scored.

### Entering Results

Teams are to enter their own scores, goal scorers and cards to PlayHQ. This will ensure quicker reporting of results.

### Competition points

Competition points will be recorded as follows:

Result	Competition Points
Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points

- Default Wins shall be awarded 3 points and the score shall be recorded as 3-0 in favour of the winning team.
- If both teams are deemed to have defaulted, then the score line shall be 0-0 and no points shall be awarded to either team.

### Youth Grade Eligibility

Youth Grade is for Secondary School Students (i.e. Year 9 and above). A player registered to play in the Senior Competition Premier or Premier Reserve grade who is under the age of 18 is not eligible to play in the Youth Competition.

## **Grading**

When grading the following principles will be applied:

- No player may play in any team lower than that in which he or she is registered.
- For all Youth Grade Teams, a minimum of 12 players must be registered per team.

## **Grading of players**

- All Youth Championship grade players can play up into the Premier grade an unlimited number of times per season and may play both Youth Premier grade and Youth Championship grade teams per weekend.
- All Youth Players can play up into any Divisional Senior grade an unlimited number of times but may only play 1 Senior game per weekend. Youth players over the age of 15 may play up to three Premier Reserve games a season but may only play 1 Senior game per weekend. A Youth player under the age of 15 may not play up to Intercity/Auckland Premier Grade or Intercity/Auckland Premier Reserve Grade.

## **Interchange Rule**

- Where a club has two or more teams registered in the same grade the club shall nominate one team the A team, the next the B team (and so on), AK Hockey will assign team rankings if a club fails to do so.
- The players in the lower team may play up into the higher team, but the players in the higher team may not play down into the lower ranked team.

## **3. Number of Games per Weekend**

For this regulation, a weekend is defined as Friday to Sunday.

All Youth players can play up into any Senior Division grade an unlimited number of times but may only play one Senior Division game per weekend.

All Youth players who are over 15 years old as at 1<sup>st</sup> April of the current season may play up to Premier Reserve a maximum of three games a season but may only play one Senior game per weekend.

Youth players may only play two games per weekend which may include only one Senior Grade game. One of the two games must be for their registered Youth team.

A Youth player may play: One Youth game and one Senior game or two Youth games (subject to the Interchange Rules) per weekend.

#### 4. Discipline and Judicial

**Penalty Points:** Players accumulating 6 Abuse/Foul Language Points and/or 12 penalty points will be subject to an automatic one game suspension.

**Team Penalty Points:**

Teams that reach:

- 12 points specifically for abuse and foul language (including coaches, managers and team officials) will have an automatic deduction of 4 competition points.
- 18 points will have an additional 8 points deducted.
- 24 points will be requested to attend a Judicial Hearing for the Judicial Committee to decide any further punishment, points deduction, game forfeiture, finals cancellation, monetary fine or other punishment deemed appropriate.

**Key documents:**

**2024 Full Senior & Youth including Local Playing Rules**

[https://akhockey.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/AHA-Competition-Rules-2024-Senior\\_Youth-FINAL.pdf](https://akhockey.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/AHA-Competition-Rules-2024-Senior_Youth-FINAL.pdf)

**Hockey NZ New Rules**

<https://akhockey.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/HNZ-New-Rules.pdf>

**Code of Conduct**

<https://akhockey.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/AK-Hockey-Code-of-Conduct-March-2015.pdf>

**Player forms including serious injury reports and dispensation sheets**

<https://akhockey.org.nz/player-forms/>

**Play HQ Auckland Hockey website link**

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/org/auckland-hockey-association/26a0c1b5>