



NEW ZEALAND
JUNIOR HOCKEY ACADEMY

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
2009

Updated August 2009

VISION

**“SUCCESS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE”
2016 AND BEYOND**

MISSION

**FOR THE TIGERTURF NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR HOCKEY ACADEMY TO SUPPLY
TALENTED/WELL DEVELOPED HOCKEY PLAYERS INTO THE BLACK STICKS HIGH
PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME**

OBJECTIVES

- To identify athletes with the required attributes to become elite senior Black Sticks
- To case manage identified athletes to ensure their well being
- Maximise contact between elite youth players and national programme coaches

PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

- The Academy will run on 12 month cycles (Nov-Nov)
- Athletes will be placed in a training group (Northern or Southern) for 3 two day camps (January, March and April)
- The fourth and final camp of the cycle will be in October (4-5 days) and will include matches against competitive opposition
- 2009-2010 will be a transition year, with the programme starting with the series against Queensland in October 2009.

ELIGIBILITY

- Players in the New Zealand Junior Hockey Academy will predominantly be between the ages of 15-18 years. There will be flexibility to allow for the inclusion of players older than 18 to be included at the discretion of Hockey New Zealand.

TALENT ID / SELECTION PROCESS

- Appointed selectors, together with the National Coach will determine and select talent
- Players locally identified at Regional Development Clinics
- Members of the Talent ID Panel will attend National Age Group Tournaments
- Squads are selected by the Talent ID panel and announced in November
- In 2009, the TigerTurf New Zealand Junior Hockey Academy will be named in August
- Selectors/Talent ID Personnel:

Role	Boys	Girls
Head Coach	Darren Smith	Greg Nicol
National Coach	Shane McLeod	Mark Hager
Talent Identification	Peter Miskimmin	Chris Leslie
Talent Identification	Brad Jensen	Brad Jensen
Convenor	Ramesh Patel	Ramesh Patel

ACADEMY COMPOSITION

- The Academy will consist of 16 field players and 2 goalkeepers
- Players will be selected on their individual ability but where possible to give the strongest possible team structure
- In time, athletes entry to the squad will be predominantly from the U16 level

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

- January, March and April
- 2 days
- 1 Northern camp for Northern region group, 1 Southern camp for Southern region group
- Trainings based around individual skill development, playing structure, and tactical development

COMPETITION CAMP

- October, second week of school holidays
- 4 or 5 day camp
- Three match series against competitive opposition (currently Queensland Open Secondary Schools)
- Based in Hamilton
- The first year (transition year) of the programme will have two competition camps, one to start and one to finish the programme.