



THE NEW ZEALAND HOCKEY FEDERATION INCORPORATED

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A Introduction

1. The New Zealand Hockey Federation Incorporated (“Hockey NZ”) has adopted this regulation to further the fundamental sporting imperatives identified in the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, by implementing and giving effect to those FIH Regulations within Hockey NZ’s jurisdiction. To such ends, this regulation:
 - 1.1 prohibits organisations, athletes, technical officials, umpires, coaching or management staff, and other individuals under the jurisdiction of Hockey NZ or who agree to be bound by this regulation, from participating in Unsanctioned Events (see clause B.1);
 - 1.2 establishes a procedure for an Event organiser to apply to Hockey NZ to sanction that Event (see clause B.2);
 - 1.3 prohibits participation in an Event organised or sanctioned by Hockey NZ by an athlete whose Home National Association is not Hockey NZ unless that athlete has first obtained a No-Objection Certificate from his/her Home National Association (see clause C.1.1);
 - 1.4 prohibits an athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey NZ participating in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association unless the athlete has first obtained a No-Objection Certificate from Hockey NZ (see clause C.1.2); and
 - 1.5 establishes a procedure for an athlete to apply to Hockey NZ for a No-Objection Certificate confirming that Hockey NZ has no objection to the athlete participating in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association (see clause C.2).
2. This regulation is to be interpreted and applied (including where an issue arises that is not expressly provided for in this regulation) by reference to the need to protect and advance the fundamental sporting imperatives referenced above. This purposive interpretation and application will take precedence over any strict legal or technical interpretations that may otherwise be proposed.
3. This regulation will come into force on 31 March 2011 (the Effective Date) and will apply to all Events taking place after that date. However, they shall not have retrospective effect, and therefore no action will be taken under this regulation against any athlete, organisation or individual based on any legally binding commitment that the athlete, organisation or individual made prior to the Effective Date.
4. For the purpose of this regulation:
 - 4.1 An Event is any indoor or outdoor Hockey match, tournament, competition or other event, at whatever level played, whether international, continental, national or local, and including age-group events such as “Masters” events.

- 4.2 A Home National Association is the National Association for whose National Representative Team the athlete in question plays or last played or (if he/she has not yet played for any National Representative Team) is qualified to play.

Explanatory note: *If the athlete is eligible to play for the National Representative Team of more than one National Association, but has not yet played for any of them, he/she must designate one of those National Associations for purposes of this regulation, and that will be the National Association from whom a No-Objection Certificate must be obtained to allow him/her to play in Events organised by another National Association.*

- 4.3 A National Representative Team is a team selected to represent a National Association or its country including as a team to compete in the Commonwealth Games or the Olympic Games, including age-group teams from Under-16s up to "Masters".
- 4.4 A No-Objection Certificate means a document issued by an athlete's Home National Association, certifying that it has no objection to his/her participation in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association.
- 4.5 A Sanctioned Event is any Event organised or sanctioned by the relevant Continental Federation(s), National Association(s) and/or the FIH in accordance with the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, including any Event organised or sanctioned by Hockey NZ pursuant to clause B.2.
- 4.6 An Unsanctioned Event is any Event that is not a Sanctioned Event.
5. This regulation may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time by the Hockey NZ Board, and/or it may issue further guidance as to their operation and implementation, as it sees fit.

B. Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events

1. Prohibition on participating in Unsanctioned Events:
- 1.1 Organisations, athletes, technical officials, umpires, coaching or management staff, and other individuals under Hockey NZ's jurisdiction or who agree to be bound by this regulation may not participate in any manner in any Unsanctioned Event.
- 1.2 Any organisation, athlete, technical official, umpire, coaching or management staff, or other individual under Hockey NZ's jurisdiction or who agree to be bound by this regulation, who is found to have participated in an Unsanctioned Event:
- a. may be excluded from consideration for selection for any National Representative Team for a period specified by Hockey NZ; and/or
 - b. may have disciplinary consequences imposed under any applicable Hockey NZ rules, regulations or policies for failure to comply with clause B.1.1, including (if seen fit) being ruled ineligible to participate in any capacity in Sanctioned Events for a period of up to 12 months (first offence) or more (subsequent offences).
 - c. nothing in this regulation prevents Hockey NZ from imposing any additional sanctions or any other terms and conditions under any agreement, rule or regulation which applies to, the organisation, athlete, technical official, umpire, coaching or management staff, or other individual.

- 1.3 Hockey NZ will recognise and give effect within its own jurisdiction to any restriction, exclusion or ineligibility imposed by another National Association on an organisation, athletes, technical officials, umpires, coaching or management staff, and other individuals under its jurisdiction for participating in an Unsanctioned Event.
 - 1.4 It is a condition of eligibility for participation in any capacity in any Sanctioned Event that the athlete, organisation, technical official, umpire, coaching or management staff, or other individual or individual in question has not participated in any Unsanctioned Event in the twelve months prior to that Event.
2. Applying to Hockey NZ to sanction an Event:
- 2.1 In accordance with the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, any Event that is open only to teams in membership of or affiliated to Hockey NZ and that would be staged entirely within New Zealand must be either organised or sanctioned by Hockey NZ.
 - 2.2 Hockey NZ organises the Events listed in Part One of Appendix One, sanctions the Events listed in Part Two of Appendix One, and sanctions all Events falling within the categories listed in Part Three of Appendix One.
 - 2.3 Anyone wishing to organise an Event that falls within the scope of Article B.2.1 and has not been sanctioned pursuant to clause B.2.2, requires the express sanction of Hockey NZ and they must submit a written application by hand, post or email to the following address:

For attention of:
Chief Executive Officer
Hockey NZ
PO Box 67-088
Mt Eden, Auckland
Email: support@hockeynz.co.nz
 - 2.4 The application must be submitted as soon as possible to the Chief Executive Officer of Hockey NZ after the details of the proposed Event are known and must include the following information:
 - 2.4.1 The name and address and (if applicable) company registration number of the applicant (which must be the organiser of the proposed Event).
 - 2.4.2 The proposed name, venue(s), date(s) and format of, the proposed participants in, and the proposed technical officials and umpires for, the proposed Event.
 - 2.4.3 A binding, unqualified and unconditional commitment by the organiser to stage the Event in accordance with and subject to all applicable regulations of the FIH and Hockey NZ, and to be accountable to Hockey NZ for applying and enforcing those regulations in relation to all participants in the Event.
 - 2.4.4 A detailed explanation of:
 - a. The extent to which the proposed Event will contribute to the maintenance and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of athletes, including by the prevention of overplaying (athletes must have adequate time to rest and recover, as well as train, between Events).
 - b. How the organiser will ensure the safety and suitability of the venue(s) intended to be used for the proposed Event.

- c. The extent to which the proposed Event may be accommodated within the existing calendar of Events without conflicting with or otherwise compromising (i) Events already in the calendar, and/or (ii) any commitments that Hockey NZ has made to any commercial partner(s).
 - d. The extent to which the proposed Event would have any meaningful role in the promotion and development of the sport or any other charitable or benevolent purpose.
 - h. Any other factor that the organiser would like Hockey NZ to take into consideration.
- 2.5 Hockey NZ may ask the applicant for any further information about the proposed Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the application until that information is received.
- 2.6 Hockey NZ will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the organiser at the address specified in the application. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), Hockey NZ may require that the proposed Event is played in accordance with and subject to specified codes of conduct, anti-corruption rules, anti-doping rules and/or other rules or regulations. Where an application is granted conditionally, the proposed Event shall not be deemed sanctioned unless and until Hockey NZ confirms in writing that the organiser has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Hockey NZ that all of the conditions have been met.
- 2.7 An application for sanction made pursuant to this clause B.2 may not be deemed approved unless and until written notice is received from Hockey NZ that the Event is sanctioned and (if applicable) that any relevant conditions have been satisfied. The Event organiser should not issue any formal invitations to participate in the Event until such notice is received.
- 2.8 Any sanction granted by Hockey NZ pursuant to this clause B.2 shall amount solely to recognition of the Event as a Sanctioned Event, and shall not amount to or be construed as approval by Hockey NZ of any of the safety or security or other arrangements for the Event. Instead, those arrangements shall remain the sole responsibility of the Event organiser.
- 2.9 If a proposed Event requires Hockey NZ's sanction under clause B.2.1, falls outside the scope of clause B.2.2, and the Event organiser fails to obtain Hockey NZ's sanction for the Event in accordance with clause B.2.7, then for purposes of this Regulation and the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events the Event shall be an Unsanctioned Event.
- 2.10 Hockey NZ will include details of all Events that it has sanctioned in its official fixture calendar posted on its official website, and will update that calendar regularly to ensure that it includes details of all Sanctioned Events. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether or not an Event is a Sanctioned Event or an Unsanctioned Event, clarification should be sought from Hockey NZ at the address set out at clause B.2.3.
- 2.11 Subject only to the right of review reserved by the FIH to itself under the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, Hockey NZ's decision on an application for sanction of a proposed Event pursuant to this regulation shall be final and binding on all parties.

C. No-Objection Certificates

1. Prohibition on participating in certain Events without a No-Objection Certificate:
 - 1.1 An athlete whose Home National Association is not Hockey NZ may not participate in an Event organised or sanctioned by Hockey NZ unless such athlete holds a valid No-Objection Certificate from his/her Home National Association for that Event.
 - 1.2 An organiser of an Event sanctioned by Hockey NZ may not permit an athlete whose Home National Association is not Hockey NZ to play in that Event without a No-Objection Certificate.
 - 1.3 An athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey NZ who wishes to participate in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association must obtain a No-Objection Certificate from Hockey NZ in respect of that Event.
 - 1.4 An athlete who fails to comply with clause C.1.3 may not participate in the Event in question.
 - 1.5 A failure to comply with this clause may result in the bringing of disciplinary proceedings and the imposition of disciplinary consequences under any applicable Hockey NZ rules, policies or regulations.
2. Obtaining a No-Objection Certificate from Hockey NZ:
 - 2.1 Hockey NZ may from time to time issue a notice identifying athletes and/or categories of athletes who are deemed to have been given a No-Objection Certificate attached as **Appendix Two** by Hockey NZ to participate in some or all Events organised or sanctioned by other National Associations.
 - 2.2 An athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey NZ who wishes to participate in one or more Events organised or sanctioned by another National Association, and who is not included by name or by category in a notice issued by Hockey NZ pursuant to clause C.2.1, must submit a written application in accordance with the procedure attached as **Appendix Three** for a No-Objection Certificate by hand, post or email to the following address:

For attention of:
Chief Executive Officer
Hockey NZ
PO Box 67-088
Mt Eden, Auckland
Email: support@hockeynz.co.nz
 - 2.3 The written application must be submitted as soon as possible and must include the following information:
 - 2.3.1 The name and address and contact details (phone number, email address) of the athlete.
 - 2.3.2 The name, date(s) and format of each Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association in which the athlete wishes to participate.

- 2.3.3 Details of the team(s) on whose behalf the athlete would be participating in the Event(s), including the name of and contact details of the team manager/coach.
- 2.3.4 Confirmation that as far as the athlete is aware, his/her participation in the Event(s) would not clash with any commitments that he/she has made to any National Representative Team.
- 2.4 Hockey NZ may ask the athlete for any further information about the proposed Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the athlete's application until that information is received.
- 2.5 Hockey NZ will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the athlete at the address specified in the application. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), Hockey NZ may agree to the athlete's participation in parts of an Event as long as he/she is released from other parts of the Event for specified periods so that he/she can train/prepare for and/or participate in other Events as part of his/her National Representative Team.
- 2.6 An application for a No-Objection Certificate made pursuant to this clause C.2 may not be deemed granted unless and until written notice is received from Hockey NZ to that effect.
- 2.7 Subject only to the right of review reserved by the FIH to itself under the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, Hockey NZ's decision on an application for a No-Objection Certificate pursuant to this regulation shall be final and binding on all parties.

APPENDIX ONE

PART ONE - Events organised by Hockey NZ including but not limited to:

Home Test Series/Internationals	
National Team Home Test Series	
National U 21 Home Test Series	
National Under 18 Home Test Series	
Senior Events	
National Hockey League	
National Senior Men's and Women's Tournament	
Age Group Events	
National Under 21 Men's and Women's Tournament	
National Under 18 Boys Premier	
National Under 18 Girls Premier	
National Under 18 Boys and Girls Championship	
National Under 15 Boys Premier	
National Under 15 Girls Premier	
National Under 15 Boys Championship	
National Under 15 Girls Championship	
National Under 13 Boys Tournament	
National Under 13 Girls Tournament	
Secondary School Events	
Boys	
Rankin Cup	
India Shield	
Johnson Cup	
Mayhill Cup	
Coaches Cup	
Founders Cup	
Olympic Stick	
Woolaston Trophy	
Galletly Cup (2nd XI Tournament)	
Girls	
Federation Cup	
Marie Fry Trophy	
Audrey Timlin Memorial	
Chica Gilmer Trophy	
Eveline Hankers Memorial	
Jenny Hair Cup	
Jenny McDonald Cup	
Kate Trolove Cup	
Mary Clinton Cup	
Rosemary O'Brien Cup	
Chris Arthur Cup (2nd XI Tournament)	
<i>Mixed</i>	
North Island Mixed	
South Island Mixed	

PART TWO – Events sanctioned by Hockey NZ:

- National University Tournament (University Games)
- National Indian Tournament
- National Maori Tournament
- South Island Super Six Tournament

PART THREE – Categories of Events sanctioned by Hockey NZ:

- Events organised by Affiliated Associations;
- Events organised by Regional Associations;
- Events organised by Clubs affiliated to Affiliated Associations;
- Events organised by the Hockey NZ Councils (including Youth Council, University Council, Masters Council and Maori Council).

APPENDIX TWO

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

The New Zealand Hockey Federation Incorporated (“Hockey NZ”) having adopted a regulation to further the fundamental sporting imperatives identified in the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, hereby grant a No Objection Certificate to (“the Athlete”) in respect of the Event detailed below.

Name of Event

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Dates of Event

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Dates for which Certificate applies

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(if different from Dates of Event)

Signed on behalf of Hockey NZ

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Title

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Date

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PROCEDURE FOR NO-OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

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2. An athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey NZ who wishes to participate in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association must obtain a No-Objection Certificate from Hockey NZ in respect of that Event.
3. An athlete who fails to comply with clause C.1.3 may not participate in the Event in question.
4. A failure to comply with this clause may result in the bringing of disciplinary proceedings and the imposition of disciplinary consequences under any applicable Hockey NZ rules, polices or regulations.

B Obtaining a No-Objection Certificate from Hockey NZ

1. An athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey NZ who wishes to participate in one or more Events organised or sanctioned by another National Association, and who is not included by name or by category in a notice issued by Hockey NZ pursuant to its rules and regulations must submit a written application for a No-Objection Certificate by hand, post or email to the following address:

For attention of:
Chief Executive Officer
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Email: support@hockeynz.co.nz

2. Please provide the following information:

Name of athlete	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Email address	
The name, date(s) and format of each Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association in which the athlete wishes to participate.	
Details of the team(s) on whose behalf the athlete would be participating in the Event(s),	
Name of and contact details of the team	

manager/coach.	
Confirmation that as far as the athlete is aware, his/her participation in the Event(s) would not clash with any commitments that he/she has made to any National Representative Team.	

3. Hockey NZ may ask the athlete for any further information about the proposed Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the athlete's application until that information is received.
4. Hockey NZ will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the athlete at the address specified above. The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), Hockey NZ may agree to the athlete's participation in parts of an Event as long as he/she is released from other parts of the Event for specified periods so that he/she can train/prepare for and/or participate in other Events as part of his/her National Representative Team.
5. An application for a No-Objection Certificate made pursuant to this clause C.2 may not be deemed granted unless and until written notice is received from Hockey NZ to that effect.
6. Subject only to the right of review reserved by the FIH to itself under the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, Hockey NZ's decision on an application for a No-Objection Certificate pursuant to this regulation shall be final and binding on all parties.