

2014 – 2015 SUMMER HOCKEY SEASON

It's the time of the year again! NIHC will be running a 2014-2015 summer hockey season.

We expect to start the week commencing **MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2014** and will run to **MONDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2014**. We hope to come back **TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2015** and run through to **FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2015**.

We will be running the following competitions:

1. Mixed;
2. Womens;
3. Juniors;
4. Mixed Masters. - TBD

Due to the ACF Asia Cup being held during January 2015 at Hunter Stadium, the week of Monday 26 January to Friday 30 January 2015 will be considered a bye week. There are games on Tuesday 27th and Friday 30th and Turton road will be inaccessible for several hours on these dates. At this stage, every grade will receive a bye – including those that play on Thursday 29th, as this date will be held open for deferred games. There is one other AFC Asia Cup game on the 12th January, where the Womens teams that play on this date will be moved ahead to the 15th December 2014.

Now is the time to start putting in your team nomination forms. You can pick them up at the canteen from a Duty Officer or ask for them to be emailed to you. A team nomination form *must* be filled out for your team to be considered for entry in one of the competitions – simply emailing NIHC a list of names does not count! **Please ensure you include every player's Date of Birth, as this is to assist in insurance coverage.**

We also take **individual nominations** – if you wish to play but do not have a team please submit your details and we will contact teams that are looking for players on your behalf.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES, REQUESTS FOR FORMS OR GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SUMMER SEASON PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 4952 8899 OR VIA EMAIL ON nihcduty@newcastlehockey.com.au.

FEES AND CHARGES

As with last year we are implementing an upfront payment system. Teams will be charged in advance in instalments for turf fees and payment should be made either in cash or via direct deposit.

(We are looking to implement monthly instalments due to the game schedule).

Teams will get billed for turf fees only. Individual players are responsible for paying their registration fees and each team is responsible for paying an umpire each game they play.

A deposit fee of \$89.00 is required to be paid by each team when entering their registration form. This fee will be taken off the last game for the season.

In case of washed out games or legitimate forfeits (a team has given **48 hours notice** that they are unable to play) then turf fees will not be charged. These will be taken off the last instalment's invoice or refunded if the money has already been paid.

These are the following fees for the 2014-2015 season:

TURF FEES \$89.00 per team per game

UMPIRE FEES \$15.00 per team per game

REGISTRATION FEES - 2014 winter competition player

\$25.00 per player

REGISTRATION FEES – non 2014 winter competition players

\$25.00 per player + recommended insurance = \$66.80 for Over 18s

The \$25.00 registration is paid directly to the NIHC; but the insurance now has to be paid externally due to a NSW Hockey policy change. This policy now states that you must be covered by NSW Hockey's insurance provider (which all 2014 winter players are) or sign that you are electing to play without insurance. Just having private health insurance is now no longer acceptable and further registration info will be passed onto team contacts closer to season commencement.

The new insurance costs are as follows:

\$41.80 (Over 18)

\$26.15 (Under 18)

\$15.70 (Under 9)

COMPETITIONS

WOMENS

This competition will run on Mondays and Tuesdays. You must be 13 years of age to play in this competition.

Please note that each grade will have a nominated day to play. We anticipate that grades 1 and 4 will play on **Monday night** and grades 2 and 3 will play on **Tuesday night**.

MIXED

This competition will run on Thursdays and Fridays. You must be 15 years of age to play in this competition.

Please note that each grade will have a nominated day to play. We anticipate that grades 2, 4 and 6 will play on **Thursday night** and grades 1, 3 and 5 will play on **Friday night**.

MIXED MASTERS

This competition will run on Sunday afternoon/evening.

As with last year, we will need at least four teams to consider running this competition.

JUNIORS

These competitions will run on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Although it will largely depend on numbers, we hope to run the following junior competitions:

1. Hook in 2 Hockey – **we are presently looking for someone to run this competition and if you are interested, please contact the office;**
2. Under 9's;
3. Under 11's;
4. Under 13's

We are also interested in trialling **Hockey 5** for those kids who are not quite old enough play mixed/womens but are a little too old for Under 13's. This would be 5 aside hockey played on half a field.

UMPIRES FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Every year the same fantastic people put their hands up to help everyone out to umpire games throughout the week. However we are always on the lookout for more umpires to help cover games.

Womens and mixed competition umpires are paid \$15.00 per game while those umpiring juniors are paid \$10.00 per game.

If you are interested in umpiring in this upcoming summer season for womens, mixed or juniors then we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office on 4952 8899 or nihc@newcastlehockey.com.au.