



**Underwater Hockey New Zealand  
2018**

**Interzone Championships**

**Briefing Pack**

**14 & 15 April 2018**

**Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre  
Wellington**

*An Underwater Hockey New Zealand Inc Event*



## 2018 Interzone Underwater Hockey Championships

### 1.0 Programme

#### **Saturday 14 April 2018 – Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (refer to point 3.1)**

7.00 am	Pool Set Up
8.00 am	Registration commences
9.45 pm	Round Robin Competition commences for day
	Competition concludes for day

#### **Sunday 15 April 2018– Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre**

7.30 am	Round Robin Continues
1.45 pm	Finals Commence
4.40 pm	Finals Conclude
4.45 pm	Prize Giving
5.00 pm	Tournament Concludes

### 2.0 Championship Officials:

Tournament Director:	Shayne Blake
Tournament Chief Referee:	Tony Colquhoun

### 3.0 Tournament Facilities

#### 3.1 Pool Entry

Pool entry is only via the Main Entrance off Kilbirnie Cres.

Pool passes will be provided to all teams (players and 2 team officials) and these will be required to gain entry into the facility. Pool passes will be collected from the pool reception from 7.00am on Saturday 14 April 2018.

Access is only granted to the main pool area where the competition is held. It does not include access to the other pools and or facilities within the centre.

**There is to be no poolside changing.** Pool Management have previously banned players from the pool, mid tournament for breaching this rule.

#### 3.2 Food in the Pool Complex

A condition of our rental of this facility is that no Catered or BBQ food is to be brought in from external sources. The complex has Cafe that is happy to offer catering or snack food as required and they can be contacted at [cathy.barnett22@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.barnett22@gmail.com) or 04 387 8901.

### 4.0 Tournament Rules

All competitors must be fully paid up and registered members of Underwater Hockey New Zealand Inc. A competitor can only play for one team during the tournament.

Competition will be held in the following grades

- Open Elite; and
- Women's Elite

#### 4.1 Registration / Gear Check

All teams are to register at the control desk (by the score desk) to confirm all players, complete gear check and to sign playing conditions including UWHNZ concussion rules. These will be distributed to all teams prior to the tournament.

#### 4.2 Governing Rules

The Championships will be run under the current version of the International Rules for Underwater Hockey approved by the President of the CMAS UWH Commission and adopted by Underwater



Hockey New Zealand (CMAS - Version 10 – July 2011) edition shall be enforced for this competition subject to amendments as set out in this briefing pack.

#### **4.3 Games**

Both grades will have full round robin followed by 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> playoffs and finals. Due to time constraints there will be no semi finals played.

The draw is set out in Appendix 2

The teams' positions for the playoffs, finals and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> positions will be determined by the final points standing from the round robin. If after the round robin competition teams have the same points then placing will be determined by using a points for /against ratio to 4 decimal points. After that, final placing will be determined by the toss of a coin.

Each game will consist of two halves each of 15 minutes with two minutes for halftime. Time will be stopped for penalty shots and for infringements in the last 2 minutes of each game. Team time outs are permitted – one per team per half. The time between games will be determined by the number of team time outs and other time stoppages in the previous game. All games will start at their allocated start time as per the draw.

If any game in the semis, finals or playoffs (from game 30) ends in a draw, sudden death will commence after a 1 minute break without changing ends.

**The official clock is that used by the scoreboard.**

#### **4.4 Points**

Points are awarded and tabulated to decide the seeding's for the playoff rounds of the competition.

Points are awarded as follows:

Win	4
Draw	2
Loss	0
Default (note 1)	-8
Backchat to Referee	-8

*Note 1: Default means where a team, of at least four players, fail to be in a position to commence the game within two minutes after the scheduled start time.*

#### **4.5 Protests (refer to s5.2 of rules)**

If a team wishes to protest the conduct of a game then:

- The protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a cash deposit of NZ\$200.00.
- The protest must be lodged by the team Captain or Coach with the Tournament Director at the Control Table within 30 minutes of the end of the contested game.
- Protests will be heard by a jury consisting of the Tournament Referee (Chair), Tournament Director and one other independent officer
- The decision of the jury is final.
- The deposit will only be refunded if the protest is upheld

#### **4.6 Referees**

All games will be refereed by pro referees.

#### **5.0 Specific Rules for this Tournament**

The Tournament Referee and or Tournament Director may amend the rules under which the tournament is run at any time. Any such changes will be advised to the Teams by e-mail if prior to the tournament or will be posted on the tournament notice board if during the tournament.



## **5.1 Equipment**

All equipment must comply with section 11.3 of the International Rules.

### Masks

- Masks must have two eye pieces (unless the single lens mask has a centre divider / support that is part of the frame)

### Fins

- Fins must have no sharp edges or buckles. Carbon fibre fins must have their edges encased by protective rubber.

### Snorkels

- Snorkels must be flexible – bend in half and squeeze the tube sides together to touch.

### Sticks

- May be produced from wood or plastic or other approved material.
- It does not have to float but the stick must be considered safe.
- It must be structurally sound and edges where surfaces intersect must be rounded such that they cannot cause harm.
- The stick must be uniformly black or white. However, it may have discrete markings in a contrasting colour for identification purposes on the non-playing area of the stick.

### Caps

- Players' caps must match the stick colour i.e. White or Dark. A team may however, seek dispensation to wear a distinctive cap colour or pattern with the Tournament Referee (c/- [competitions@underwaterhockeynz.com](mailto:competitions@underwaterhockeynz.com)), prior to the commencement of the Tournament.
  - Teams which do so will be required to wear these caps (which must have firm polyethylene or rubber ear protectors) in all games in which they play throughout the Tournament.
  - The decision of whether a cap colour or pattern is distinctive is that of the Tournament Referee and that decision will be final.
- Each player's cap number must be different from the rest of the team and players are required to use the same numbers for the duration of the tournament. (Rule 11.2.2)
- Coaches **must** wear the provided green caps

### Gloves

- A player's playing glove must be of a colour that strongly contrasts the player's stick, the referee's glove and colour of the puck which for this tournament will be orange.
- Players at tournaments cannot have **only** a black or white glove.
- Yellow, Gold and Orange coloured gloves (or anything remotely similar to these colours) are **reserved for referees only**.

### Mouth Guards

- Mouth guards, either external or internal must be worn **at all times during a game** by all players and referees. Not wearing a mouth guard is an equipment violation and the player will not be permitted to partake in the game until they are wearing one.
- Should a player lose their mouth guard during the course of play they are not to continue to play until the mouth guard is reinstated.

### Bathing Suits

- Teams must have bathing suits of the same design and colour however, only one suit is required for the Championships.

A gear check will be completed by the referees prior to the commencement of the game. **The referee's decision is final in respect to pre-game gear checks**

## **5.2 Player Identification**

In addition to the cap numbers as above, playing numbers are to be written on the forearms and both upper arms of each player. The number must be the same as the cap number and must not exceed 75mm in height.



In addition Captains and Vice Captains: Captains and Vice-Captain will be labelled on their shoulder with C or VC.

**No other writing is to appear on the player's body or equipment.**

**5.3 Substitutions**

- The official method of substitution is in water substitution
- The substitution area is located in the designated areas at the grandstand side of the court at the end that the team is defending. Substitutions can only occur in this area.
- A substitute player cannot enter the playing area until the exiting player's snorkel tip breaks the surface of the 'in water' substitution area
- There is to be no touching of the lane ropes designating the substitution area. A 2 minute penalty may apply for this offence.

**5.4 Time penalties**

The penalty area is located on the windows side of the pool. . Normal rules regarding re-entering the pool after a time penalty applies (CMAS rule 17.3.1.2.2).

In the case of a Total Dismissal, the referees must give a report to the tournament jury which will decide if there are grounds for further consequences regarding participation in the duration of the tournament. The Tournament jury will consist of the Tournament Chief Referee (Chair), Tournament Director and another independent senior official.

**5.5 Coaches**

Only one coach per team is permitted in the water and must remain within the designated coach's area which is between the substitution areas.

Coaches may not wear Referee's vests or any playing or referee cap.

**5.6 Puck**

The official puck for this tournament will be the SIMS puck.

**6.0 Pool Set Up**

**Refer to attached Pool layout in Appendix 1**

**6.1 Starting End**

The White team starts at the Windows end of the pool.

**6.2 Warm up**

Warm up time will be available in the area between the substitution area and the side of the pool in the grandstand side court.

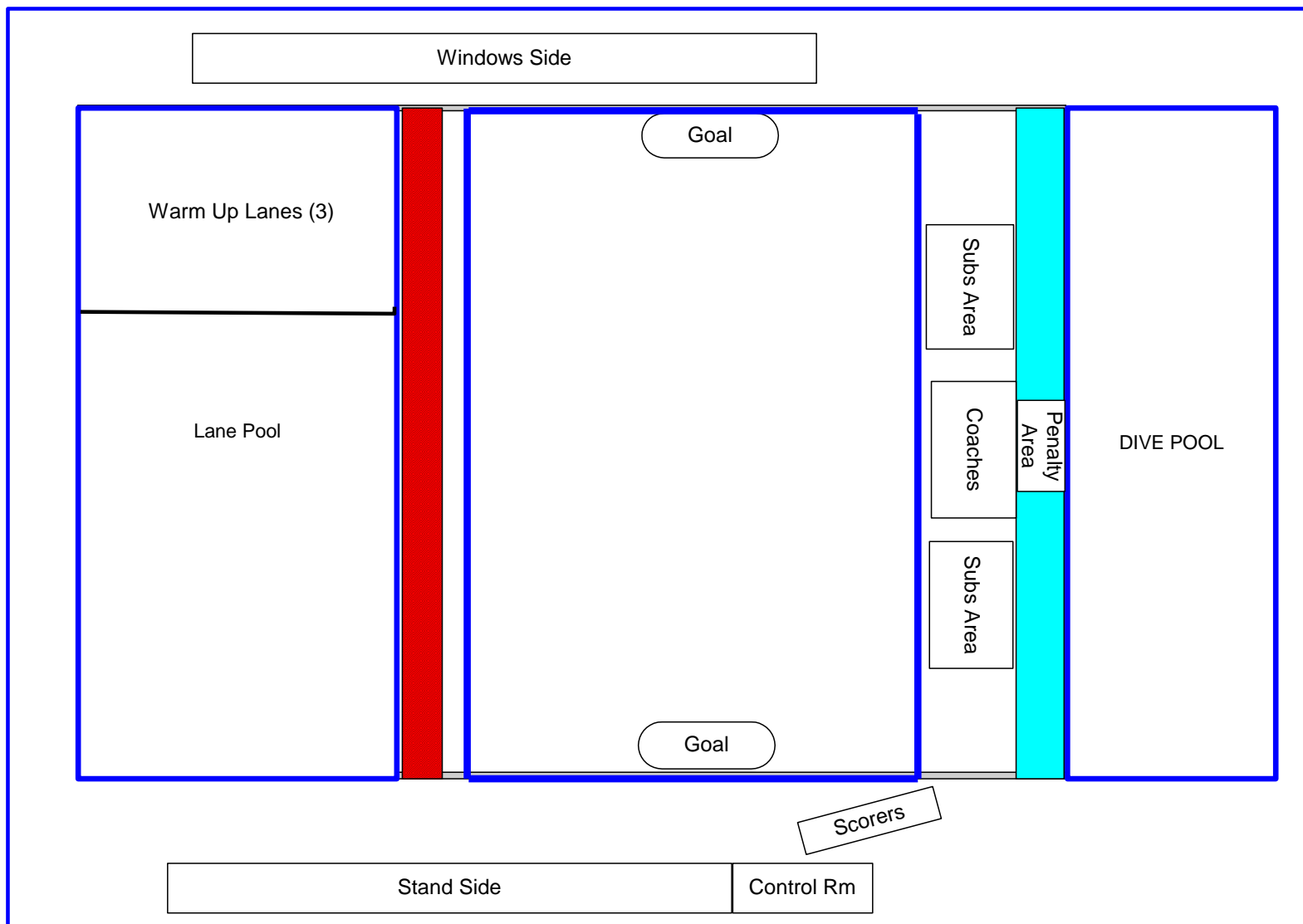
**6.3 Timing System**

The standard New Zealand Underwater Hockey timing system will be used for this tournament with the Court having an underwater and land based speaker.

The Score desk will be situated at the grandstand end of the pool.



Appendix 1 – Pool Layout





**Appendix 2 – Competition Draw**

<b>NZ Interzone Underwater Hockey Championships Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, 14 &amp; 15 April 2018</b>					
	<b>Women's Grade Pool A</b>		<b>Men's Grade Pool A</b>		
	Wmns Northern A Wmns Central B Wmns Southern Wmns Central A Wmns Mid Northern Wmns Northern B		Mens Northern A Mens Central B Mens South Mens Central A Mens Mid Northern Mens Northern B		
<b>White starts Windows end of Court</b>					
<b>Saturday (14/4)</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Score</b>	
7:00 a.m.			<b>Pool Set Up</b>		
8:00 a.m.	#1 Wmns Southern		Wmns Central A		Wm's RR
8:39 a.m.	#2 Wmns Northern A		Wmns Northern B		Wm's RR
9:18 a.m.	#3 Wmns Mid Northern		Wmns Central B		Wm's RR
9:57 a.m.	#4 Mens Central B		Mens Central A		Mn's RR
10:36 a.m.	#5 Mens Mid Northern		Mens Northern B		Mn's RR
11:15 a.m.	#6 Mens Northern A		Mens South		Mn's RR
11:54 a.m.	#7 Wmns Central B		Wmns Central A		Wm's RR
12:33 p.m.	#8 Wmns Mid Northern		Wmns Northern B		Wm's RR
1:12 p.m.	#9 Wmns Northern A		Wmns Southern		Wm's RR
1:51 p.m.	#10 Mens Central A		Mens Northern B		Mn's RR
2:30 p.m.	#11 Mens Central B		Mens South		Mn's RR
3:09 p.m.	#12 Mens Mid Northern		Mens Northern A		Mn's RR
3:48 p.m.	#13 Wmns Central A		Wmns Northern B		Wm's RR
4:27 p.m.	#14 Wmns Central B		Wmns Southern		Wm's RR
5:06 p.m.	#15 Wmns Mid Northern		Wmns Northern A		Wm's RR
5:45 p.m.	#16 Mens Central B		Mens Northern B		Mn's RR
6:24 p.m.	#17 Mens Northern A		Mens Central A		Mn's RR
7:03 p.m.	#18 Mens Mid Northern		Mens South		Mn's RR
7:42 p.m.	#19 Wmns Central B		Wmns Northern B		Wm's RR
8:21 p.m.	#20 Wmns Northern A		Wmns Central A		Wm's RR
9:00 p.m.	#21 Wmns Mid Northern		Wmns Southern		Wm's RR
9:39 p.m.	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	
<b>Sunday (15/4)</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Score</b>	
7:30 a.m.	#22 Mens Northern A		Mens Central B		Mn's RR
8:09 a.m.	#23 Mens South		Mens Northern B		Mn's RR
8:48 a.m.	#24 Mens Mid Northern		Mens Central A		Mn's RR
9:27 a.m.	#25 Wmns Southern		Wmns Northern B		Wm's RR
10:30 a.m.	#26 Wmns Northern A		Wmns Central B		Wm's RR
11:09 a.m.	#27 Wmns Mid Northern		Wmns Central A		Wm's RR
11:48 a.m.	#28 Mens Northern A		Mens Northern B		Mn's RR
12:27 p.m.	#29 Mens South		Mens Central A		Mn's RR
1:06 p.m.	#30 Mens Mid Northern		Mens Central B		Mn's RR
1:45 p.m.	#31 Womens Seed 3		Womens Seed 4		Wm's 3/4
2:27 p.m.	#32 Mens Seed 3		Mens Seed 4		Mn's 3/4
3:09 p.m.	#33 Womens Seed 1		Womens Seed 2		Wmns Final
3:51 p.m.	#34 Mens Seed 1		Mens Seed 2		Mns Final
4:33 p.m.	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Finish</b>	