



## **Competitions Policy**

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### **1.0 Preliminary Statements**

- 1.1 The Association is the New Zealand Canoe Polo Association (NZCPA).
- 1.2 The Board is the standing committee of the New Zealand Canoe Polo Association.
- 1.3 Association Policy refers to other policy documents of the Association.
- 1.4 Association Regions are the regional bodies of the Association.

### **2.0 Championships Recognised by the Association**

- 2.1 Championships conducted by the Association:
  - (a) New Zealand Canoe Polo National League Championships.
  - (b) New Zealand Canoe Polo Inter-Regional Championships.
  - (c) New Zealand Canoe Polo National Secondary Schools Championships.
- 2.2 Championships conducted by other associations:
  - (a) Regional Championships conducted by each Association Region.
  - (b) Regional Inter-Secondary School Championships conducted by Association Regions or Sub-regions.
  - (c) NZ Universities National Championships conducted by Universities Sports Union.

### **3.0 New Zealand Canoe Polo National League Championships**

- 3.1 New Zealand Canoe Polo National League Championships shall be run by the Association.
- 3.2 Categories will include but are not limited to:
  - (a) Open (any age)
  - (b) Senior Women (any age)
  - (c) Open B grade
  - (d) Women's B grade
- 3.3 The National League format shall consist of a series of tournaments that clearly results in New Zealand Champions.
- 3.4 All teams contesting National League titles shall be club-based teams where all members are financial members of the club being represented. Mixed club teams may compete, but will not be eligible for points.

### **4.0 New Zealand Canoe Polo Inter-Regional Championships**

- 4.1 The Inter-regional Championships shall be run biannually by the Association in odd years.

- 4.2 Categories of competition at Inter-Regional Championships may include:
- (a) All ICF grades with the provision that men's grades are Open.
  - (b) Junior Open (The last year a competitor can compete is in the year that his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday falls in.).
  - (c) Junior Women (The last year a competitor can compete is in the year that his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday falls in.).
- 4.3 Regional 'B' teams of the same categories may also be entered, however 'B' team results do not count towards the Inter-Regional Trophy.
- 4.4 Draws will be designed to clearly ascertain the placings in each category.
- 4.5 The Inter-Regional Championships Trophy shall be decided by the Association Region which accumulates the highest number of points.
- 4.6 Unless an exemption is given by the Board, to be eligible to enter the Inter-Regional Championships:
- (a) All teams entered must represent an Association Region, and have the expressed permission of the Association Region to do so.
  - (b) All members of each team must be current members of that Association Region.
  - (c) A competitor may only represent an Association Region if they are a resident in that Association Region, or have moved out of that Association Region less than three months prior to the competition.
  - (d) Where a competitor resides in multiple regions for the duration of the year, they shall be considered a resident of the region where they reside most of the time in the previous 12 months from the date of Inter-Regionals.
- 4.7 Exceptions to clause 4.6 (c) or (d) may be granted by the Competition Council under guidance from the Executive.

## **5.0 New Zealand Canoe Polo Secondary School Championships**

- 5.1 The Secondary School Championships shall be run annually by the Association.
- 5.2 Should be sanctioned by the NZ Secondary School Sport Council.
- 5.3 Categories of competition should include:
- (a) Senior Open Division 1 and Division 2 (under 19 1<sup>st</sup> January)
  - (b) Senior Girls Division 1 and Division 2 (under 19 1<sup>st</sup> January)
  - (c) Junior Open (under 15 1<sup>st</sup> January)
  - (d) Junior Girls (under 15 1<sup>st</sup> January)
- 5.4 All competitors must be members of the Association.
- 5.5 All competitors within each team must be current members of the same school.
- 5.6 ICF rules shall be adhered to except where changes are made by the competition committee.
- 5.7 School Regions are to hold qualifier tournaments to qualify teams for the Finals Tournament.
- 5.8 A School's entry may be granted exception by the Competition Council under guidance from the Schools Council.