



New Zealand Canoe Polo Quarterly Newsletter

Second Quarter full of Action

Welcome to the second edition of the NZCPA Quarterly Newsletter for 2014. The second quarter of the year has seen a lot of polo action. From National league finals for A, B and C grades, to the selection of the NZ teams that will be representing NZ at the World Championships in France.

2014 has seen some major action on and off the water; including what could have been a huge upset was the unexpected closure of the Naenae pool just before the B & C Grade finals. Thank you to those people who worked around the clock to ensure that there was a venue available for the finals, especially James Mitchell the competitions director, Penny Dustin, Michael Beauchamp and the pool staff from both Naenae and Stokes Valley Pools. Without your huge efforts the weekend would not have been as successful as it was.

Brenda Clayton
Communications Director

Regional Boundary Change

A request to form a new region called 'Eastern' was submitted and accepted at the 2014 NZCPA AGM. The decision to form a new region will result in providing more opportunities for players to represent their region and hopefully more competition for other regions.

The new 'Eastern' Region will mainly comprise of CPHB but aims to develop canoe polo in other areas including Gisborne and Taupo. Welcome Eastern!

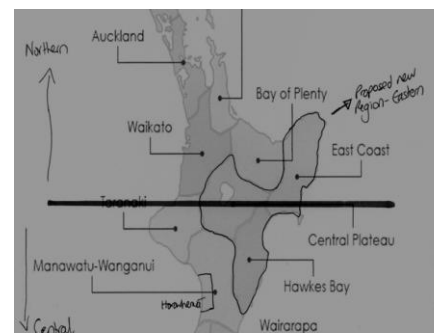
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Rules Schmules

There have been no recent changes in the ICF canoe polo rules; they do tend to get changed following World championships though, so expect something later in the year.....

Recently however it has become evident that there are various interpretations of the jostling/illegal holding rules - primarily what you can legally do with your paddle while jostling.

The relevant rule is rule 69 (pg 48 of the 2013 rules). I've copied the section in below.

69 ILLEGAL HOLDING

The following holding is illegal:

69.3 A player using their paddle to lift, pull or hold an opponent's kayak while jostling for position in the six metre area, or attempting a kayak or hand tackle.

The official ICF interpretation is that this should be refereed as written - this means it is NOT illegal to PUSH with your paddle on your opponents boat while jostling. Note that the word hold in this rule just literally means physically hold.

There is no other ICF rule that makes the underlined section above illegal.

A clarification from ICF previously which I find useful is In General play - when jostling for position within the 6 metre area, a defending or attacking player may use their paddle against the near side of an opponent's kayak to block or impede their progress only if one blade is in the water i.e. during an active stroke. Any other use of the paddle to fend off or impede an opponent's kayak whilst neither blade is in the water WILL be penalised as illegal holding.

(note: this is an older clarification and is not the actual rule, but does explain it well)

I'm aware that not everyone likes this rule and believe this 'paddle on boat' contact is illegal, we're all allowed our opinions. However what I have outlined above is the official ICF interpretation and therefore it is the interpretation players have a right to expect and referees need to apply.

Sean Thomson
NZCPA Refereeing Director

Upcoming Events

July 2014

NZ Women's Training Camp,
26th - 27th July

August 2014

NZ Men's Training Camp, 2nd -
3rd May

South Island Secondary
Schools, 2 - 3 August,
Invercargill

September 2014

World Championships - 24th -
29th September, Thury
Harcourt, France

Gen Y – A Grade Women Gold Medalists

Generation Y was formed by a group of friends that had first met as pre-schoolers. From the age of 10 years old, the girls had been competing and winning medals in NZ Surf Lifesaving competitions, encouraged by their Surf Life Saving Coach Peter Housiaux. To keep fit over the cooler winter months, Pete forced the girls to take up the sport of canoe polo, which soon developed into their sport of choice. The team went on to win New Zealand Secondary School titles in both the Girls and Open grades.

In 2008 Generation Y entered the A Grade National League tournament. The team name was created to highlight the youth (and beauty) of the girls. As the years progressed the colour purple became their trademark at competitions, along with their spirited warm ups and unbreakable bond.

Currently the girls all live in different parts of the country, but have continued to play together under their home umbrella of Sunny Otaki. Having lost a couple of players over the years they have been lucky enough to pick up Cat, JP, and Skinny who share the same team philosophy and fun attitude. Along the way, Gen Y has also received ever-enthusiastic and positive encouragement by friends, whanau, and supporters.

In 2014 Generation Y took out the New Zealand Women's Title in the A Grade Division thanks to their teamwork and trusting style of play; possibly the point of difference in what was a closely contested competition.

The original Generation Y mantra is to "Play Hard, Play Fair, Have Fun" which is still implemented to this day.

Generation Y 2014: Jordan Housiaux, Paris Pidduck, Kelsi Robertson, Haley Bertelsen, Catherine Jeffries, Jordan Pearse, Kate Horrocks, Peter Housiaux (coach), Ann-Marie Housiaux (Manager).

Hurricanes C – C Grade Open Winners



This is a development grade for HB and our teams in this grade are usually new players to the National League scene and are most often our younger players however this would have to be HB's youngest team ever in Open C grade. The team was made up of players from 4 different schools - St John's College; Hastings Boys High; Lindisfarne and Havelock North High School - so there was quite a bit of settling in and getting used to playing with new team members. Some experience was available with 2 players returning from last year's 2nd placed team and it meant this team had a consistently strong season.

There was a minor glitch a week before the Auckland round with one of the boys who had been selected in the team breaking his jaw playing volleyball! Don't ask how he can do that! So a reserve was pulled in at the last minute and he fitted into the team extremely well despite the fact that it meant there were 3 Liam's in the same team!!

A good first up trip to Auckland showed the boys had a bit to learn about playing the game tactically, but their enthusiasm and skill set was very high for a group of young boys. Coming 2nd to the wily 'oldies' SPIVS was a great start.

Some good training and a 'home' round at Flaxmere with lots of parental support gave the boys more impetus and good solid pool play had them playing against SPIVS again in the final - this time the result was reversed with Hurricanes coming out on top.

Onto Wellington and the final tournament as well as the overall final. With SPIVS & Hurricanes being level on points this round was very important as to who would play in the overall final. The boys had their work cut out in pool play with all teams showing an improvement and some tough games brought their fighting qualities out.

A semi-final win against SPIVS had Hurricanes in the tournament final against Otaki and another win for 1st place in Wellington tournament. This meant that Hurricanes & SPIVS would contest the overall final and SPIVS were very keen to reverse their Flaxmere final and Wellington semi-final results.

The final was a very willing, physical game with no quarter asked or given by either team. Towards the end of the first half the Hurricanes got a couple of goals ahead and their composure and determination to never give up started to tell and they came away with a convincing win.

Team was:

Chris Dew (captain); Andrew Gush; Liam Bowden; Liam Ward; Liam Brunton; Hamish Legarth and Zavier Jones. Coach - Chris Howard.

Hurrikets A – B Grade Women Winners

With 3 players and coach returning from 2013's winning team, HB Hurrikets 'A' team had a very strong core of players for 2014. Early trials in February showed some good new players coming through and so a team of 8 was eventually chosen - with a couple of development players being included.

The team was made up of players from Napier Girls; Havelock North; Karamu and Taradale High - along with our international player - an ex-German U/21 coach! Hopes were high for a strong showing in 2014.

With the coach unable to attend the Auckland round and a bigger court to play on, games started nervously with a very scratchy win over Maelstrom. A couple of better games and good wins had things settling down until a loss to Valkyries A brought the girls back down to earth. Much better focus and decision making in the final against Valkyries A meant a win for Hurrikets with goalies Anna & Codie keeping a clean slate.

Some good training sessions and a 'home' round at Flaxmere where they had been training had the girls more settled. However with 8 players available this round, someone took a turn to stand down out of each game which meant that some games were not as flowing as they should have been and a draw against Valkyries Ravens in pool play meant Hurrikets would play them again in the final. Hurrikets top team was on the water for the final and after a scratchy start, Hurrikets finally hit their straps with another good win but no clean slate this time.

Wellington and the final tournament as well as the overall final. With the girls having lost a game in Auckland and drawn a game in Flaxmere, their aim was to go through the Wellington tournament unbeaten - which they did, however Wellington for all other teams was a very topsy-turvy tournament - teams were winning games they shouldn't and vice versa! Due to all the upsets Hurrikets again played a Valkyries team in the tournament final - but this time it was a third different Valkyries team - Valkyries B.

Two days of early starts saw some tired players line up for their final against Valkyries B and with Valkyries B scoring first it shook the girls up and they had to work their way out of their lethargy. A much better 2nd half saw Hurrikets run out eventual winners, but they had to wait until the results of other games before they knew their overall finals opponent - Valkyries A.

The final was very tight to start with but some early goals, great defense and tight marking up the front by the Hurriket chasers frustrated the Valkyries attack and Hurrikets won the overall final.

Team was:

Anna Coppelmanns (captain); Alexia Hinton; Elise Legarth; Laura Wills; Anna-Lena Jammer; Codie Campbell; Kaya Shlomi and Hana-Tia Ross. Coach - Kirsten Demanser-Wilson

NZ Men's Teams

In September 2014 the New Zealand Senior and Under 21 Men's Canoe Polo Teams will be competing against the best in the world at the 2014 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships held in Thury-Harcourt, France.

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to represent New Zealand at these Championships:

New Zealand Senior Men

Hamish Dugdale
 Carl Duncan
 Luke Dustin
 Jed Graham (Vice Captain)
 Nevan Hadley
 Matthew Keong
 James Mitchell (Captain)
 Conor Sellwood

New Zealand Under 21 Men

Aaron Crabb
 James Gibb
 Sam Hapeta (Captain)
 Jordan Hinton (Vice Captain)
 Jade Johnson
 Rod McDonald
 Olliver Maassen
 Max Whitaker-Mills

The sixteen strong squad will depart New Zealand in early September to begin a four week long European Campaign. There are three European Tournaments leading up to the World Championships the teams have targeted. These lead up competitions are important in offering the players a much appreciated opportunity to fine tune skills, strategies and team work while competing against top European club teams, and other International Teams, to ensure our players are experiencing high level competition and are performing at their very best of their abilities for the challenge ahead.

We are also very fortunate to have the opportunity to train in Germany as part of the build up to the World Championships, being hosted by a local team in Liblar. This provides us an excellent training situation with valuable court time against their strong club team.

Our teams, and their coaches, Steve Hunt and Mike Taylor, will be striving to achieve success and meet their goal of improving the current Senior Men's world ranking of 13th, and Under 21 Men's 4th place ranking attained in Poland in 2012. We have every confidence and expectation that they will deliver.

All members are well into personal preparation and also attend four weekend training camps prior to departure. The third of these being in Hamilton on 14/15 June.

New Zealand Men's Teams

A list of tournaments and dates are as follows:

September

6/7 ECA Cup, Harkstede, The Netherlands
 13/14 Breizh Cup, Acigne, France
 20/21 Poppies Tournament, Ieper, Belgium
 24/28 ICF World Championships, Thury-Harcourt, France

On a personal note, this is my first campaign as Men's Teams Manager. I'm very enthused and excited about my new role, and will be doing everything within my capabilities to ensure the players have the best opportunity to play with passion, dream big and achieve their sporting aspirations at the World Championships, Thury-Harcourt 2014.

Lisa Hunt NZ Men's Teams Manager



Board Profile: Cam Butler

Lives in: Auckland
 Family: Nicolette plus boys Finn and Kieran
 Polo club: ACP
 First started polo: Howick College 1993

Starting late at school Cam initially thought Canoe Polo was a silly sport and went away. Only to return due to friends playing a month later and then get hooked. Unable to roll for 18 months Cam specialised in goal and played at the National Secondary School Champs after three months of playing the sport.

Now 21 years later and only two lots of 6 months off Cam still has a great passion for the sport through both playing, organising plus making kayaks all while being an at home dad to Finn and Kieran. (Finn has a polo boat already) After competing at the 2004 World Champs a mountain biking accident put paid to further high level polo so B grade is now the best fit for time, fitness and injuries.

Cam is a past president, past chair of the board, past president of ACP and Kiwi clubs and while he used to be chief official at almost every competition due to business commitments playing, being on the board and running Polo Mania are the main responsibilities at the moment.

NZ level polo involvement: 2013 NZ Vets B team (c), 2011 NZ Vets B team (c), 2004 NZ Senior team, 1996 NZ U21 team

National League: Current Slackers (B grade), Kaos (A grade)

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NL Final Results – A Grade

Open		Women	
1 st	Vikings Black	1 st	Generation Y
2 nd	Expose	2 nd	Valkyries A
3 rd	Justice	3 rd	NemMrs
4 th	Raiders	4 th	Valkyries B
5 th	Viking Gold	5 th	Avengers
6 th	Kaos		
7 th	Hurricanes		
8 th	Viking Development		
9 th	Bailiffs		

NL Final Results – B & C Grade

B Open			B Women			C Open		
1 st	Knights	8 th	Hurricanes B1	1 st	Hurrikets A	1 st	Hurricanes C	
2 nd	Otaki	9 th	Viking Blue	2 nd	Valkyries A	2 nd	SPIVS	
3 rd	Viking Silver	10 th	Hurricanes B2	3 rd	Valkyries Ravens	3 rd	Otaki	
4 th	Slackers	11 th	Viking White	4 th	Valkyries B	4 th	Viking Green	
5 th	Smurfs	12 th	Larrikins	5 th	Maelstrom	5 th	Te Puke Thunder	
6 th	Guvnors	13 th	Burnside A	6 th	Hurrikets B	6 th	Dad's Army	
7 th	Demons	14 th	Burnside B			7 th	Viking Red	
		15 th	Viking Steel			8 th	Viking United	

NZ Teams Announced



NZ Men
Connor Selwood, James Mitchell (c), Matt Keong, Nevan Hadley, Jed Graham, Luke Dustin, Carl Duncan, Hamish Dugdale.



NZ Women
Hannah Staples, Olivia Spencer-Bower, Megan Juno, Jordan Housiaux, Emma Hicks, Tania Duadale (c), Erin Bolton



NZ U21 Men
Aaron Crabb, James Gibb, Sam Hapeta (c), Jordan Hinton, Jade Johnson, Rod MacDonald, Ollie Massen, Max Whittaker-Mills



NZ U21 Women
Stephanie Dryfhout, Sian Fendall, Jordan Pfeiler, Lara Pritchard, Sarah Ralton, Ella Richardson, Britney Rolston, Sophie Winton(c)

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