



2018 New Zealand Canoe Polo National League Championships

Official Format C Grade

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NATIONAL LEAGUE FORMAT C GRADE

The National League Championships C Grade will be a series of two (2) ranking tournaments in each island culminating in separate Finals competitions where teams will be entered in ranked pools (i.e. 2 even numbered pools, ranked top half and bottom half) based on the previous ranking tournaments results.

- The ranking tournaments shall be held:
 - North Island :7/8 April (Palmerston North – Centennial Lagoon), 28/29 April (Auckland – Quarry Lake)
 - South Island: dates and locations to be confirmed
- Grand Finals: 26/27th May (Wellington – Naenae Olympic Pool)
 - Depending on the number of teams entered after the closing date, the finals at Naenae may be reduced to 1 day. If this change occurs the team contact will be notified within 14 days of entries closing.
- All new teams to the grade are required to gain permission from the Competitions Council.
- All C-grade teams are required to supply one **District referee unique to their team**. The nominated referee must at least have qualified in theory prior to the first competition. That referee must achieve a practical qualification prior to the end of the Grand finals. Failure to comply will result in a \$50/ tournament fine.
- Games shall be played under the 2015 ICF rules, unless exceptions are made by the organising committee.
- Shot-clock is not in operation for C grade.
- Player's may only compete for one club unless permission is granted for extenuating circumstances by the Competitions Committee and the Board.
- Teams are club based, all members of a team must belong to the club they are playing for.
- New teams to the grade are required to gain permission from the competitions council.
- If any club wishes to enter two (2) or more teams in the same category, teams must be named for the entire National League. Players may not move between teams in the same grade from tournament to tournament. This includes Open A grade players dropping between Open B or Open C grade (or between B and C grades).
- Any player red carded in a game automatically receives a 1 game ban for the next game that player is due to play for that team during National League.

Regional / Island based tournaments: C grade

- The draw for the C grade tournaments should be available at least two (2) weeks before each tournament and will be determined by the Competitions Council in partnership with team managers.
- The draw format will be flexible to meet the requirements of teams in each island.
- All games shall be played on a court that meets the requirements of the NZ Canoe Polo Rules and have timing and scoring systems clearly visible to players and the public viewing areas.
- NZ Canoe Polo shall be responsible for booking and meeting the expenses of venues, providing competition quality balls; organising referees, scorers and timekeepers.
- Draw formats for all 3 tournaments will be circulated after entries have closed.

Finals Tournament:

- The Competitions Council shall determine the tournament draws.
- NZ Canoe Polo shall be responsible for booking and meeting the expenses of venues, providing competition quality balls; organising referees, scorers and timekeepers.
- The Final Tournament will run on 30-minute turnarounds. I.e. 10 min halves and a 3 min half time. Some discretion will be allowed in consultation with team leaders.

Points and placing:

Points shall be awarded from the ranking tournaments for final placings only and as follows:

- 1st 20 points
- 2nd 16 points
- 3rd 14 points
- 4th 12 points
- 5th 10 points
- 6th 9 points
- 7th 8 points
- 8th 7 points
- 9th 6 points
- 10th 5 points
- 11th 4 points
- 12th 3 points
- 13th 2 point
- 14th and below 1 point

If a team defaults an entire round (eg. they do not attend) they will receive 0 points for that round.

Rankings at the tournaments and placings at the end of round robin pool play shall be determined according to the 2015 ICF rules which state:

Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw, and zero points for a loss or if a team misses a game.

Where two or more teams have gained the same number of points, they shall be ranked in order according to the following procedures: (a) Goal difference; (b) Total number of goals scored; (c) Results of game between the two teams within that group; (d) Play Off, if possible.

NOTE: Where the goal difference rule is applied results from play-off games will not be included.

Elimination games and games to determine final ranking places shall comprise of:

- Two periods of 10 minutes with a 3 minute half time
- If the scores are equal at the end of play, a 1 minute break followed by periods of 3 minutes of sudden death play shall commence (1 minute between periods).
- If the scores are equal at the end of play in **Grand final matches**, a 1 minute break followed by periods of 5 minutes of sudden death play shall commence (1 minute between periods).

Entries:

- All entries close on Sunday 25th February 2018. Entries to be completed online. Any correspondence to Competition Director: Jed Graham nzcpacompetitions@gmail.com
- Full team lists must be supplied via email to the Competitions Director 1 week prior to first tournament. Team lists can be updated during the season in writing to the Competitions Director.
- National League entry fee is **\$800** per C grade team. Full payment must be posted to New Zealand Canoe Polo no later than 29th April 2018. Teams that haven't paid by this date won't be eligible to play in the finals tournament.

Disputes:

Any formal disputes during a tournament will be handled according to clause 6.0 of the Association Disputes Policy and section 79 of the International Canoe Federation Canoe Polo Competition Rules. If the competition has been concluded the case will be referred to the Board.