



## 2019 Inter Regional Championships

### Format and Guidelines

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The Inter-Regional (IR) competition is organised by the New Zealand Canoe Polo Association (NZCPA) and offers age based competition to the five regions in New Zealand. The competition is covered by the NZCPA Competitions Policy with the following guidelines:

**Location:** Quarry Lake, Auckland (up to 3 pitches will be used)  
**Date:** 26th/27th October 2019  
**Times:** 7am - 7pm both days (approx, as daylight and entries allow)

#### Grades Offered and Eligibility:

- Grades offered (9)
  - U18 Women
  - U18 Open
  - U21 Women
  - U21 Open
  - Masters Women (30+)
  - Masters Open (35+)
  - Veterans Open (45+)
  - Senior Women
  - Senior Open
- Players may only compete for one region.
- Players may play for more than one team for their region.
- Teams are region based, refer to the Competitions Policy for eligibility requirements
- B teams are allowed to enter a category if all five regions have not entered teams in that category. When entries have closed the Competitions Council will confirm which B teams have been included. B teams will not score any IR points.
- A minimum of 2 teams are required for any grade to proceed.
- A region that cannot field a team in a category is encouraged to seek further players to complete a team. This is to support regions to field teams in more categories in future or use stronger players to help with development in their region, however please note the next point
- A region who wishes to include a player(s) outside of the eligibility requirements must request permission from the Competitions Council in writing. eg where a region cannot field a full team of sufficient players, a correctly affiliated overseas-based player wishes to play, a composite team is made up to represent within a grade, a current NZ squad member does not have a team to compete with etc.
  - If Permission to play is granted: All games would be a default and the team would not receive any IR points for games or final position.
  - If Permission to play is not granted: The referee is directed to insist that the ineligible player leave the water. If they refuse then the referee is to abandon the game. This also applies to non-affiliated players who are playing for their correct region.
  - Under exceptional circumstances the Competitions Council may refer to the Board a case where it is recommended that the out of region player receives a full exemption and full points accrue in the tournament.

#### Entries:

- All entries close six weeks before the start date of the tournament (**Friday September 13th**). <https://forms.gle/k7LHwgEPSux48zAX8>
- After this date it will be confirmed if B teams, overseas teams or any other composite team will be allowed.
- Full squad lists must be supplied two weeks prior to the start date of the tournament (**Friday October 11th**) at the following link: <https://forms.gle/y7w8THpYTzrRsgYHA> Team lists can be updated up to the day of the tournament in writing to the Competitions Director.
- Inter-Regional entry fee is **\$250** per team. Full payment must be received by New Zealand Canoe Polo no later than one week prior to the tournament.

## Team Uniformity

- Boats, PFD's, Helmet's and rash top colours must be consistent across a team.
- Numbers are required on PFD/bibs and helmets (and numbers must match).
- Ferns for current NZ reps may be displayed but if regional colours/patterns are to cover part/ all of the Fern, then this is to be consistent across the team.
- For the top deck of the kayaks a minimum of 20% "non-black" colour to be applied to all boats and must be consistent across a team.
- Black and clear carbon (not coloured carbon) are considered the same for the purposes of uniformity

## Draw

- The Competitions Council shall determine the tournament draws in partnership with team managers.
- The draw for the tournament will be available at least a week before the tournament
- The draw format will be flexible to meet the requirements of teams in each island. This may include combining the draws for grades.
- All games shall be played on a court that meets the requirements of the ICF Rules and have timing and scoring systems clearly visible to players and the public viewing areas.
- The tournament will aim to run on 24-minute turnarounds for round robins. ie. 10 min halves and a 1 min half time while games that need a result will aim to be 30-minute turnarounds. ie. 10 min halves and a 3 min half time. Some timing adjustments may need to be made for some venues and will be allowed in consultation with team leaders.
- NZCPA shall be responsible for booking and meeting the expenses of the venue, providing competition quality balls; organising referees, scorers and timekeepers.

## Points and placing

Round robin points shall be awarded as per ICF requirements. The draw shall ensure that final positions can be determined.

## Medals

Only gold medals will be awarded in each division. B teams can win a medal

## Inter-Regional Trophy

Points shall be awarded from all games played and for final placings and as follows: Round robin games played between eligible teams:

- Win 3 points
- Draw 1 point
- Loss/default 0 points (Default is a 5-0 loss)

Rankings at the end of round robin pool play shall be determined by the following mechanisms (in descending order of importance):

- As per ICF
- Toss of a coin

## Final placings

- 1st 20 points
- 2nd 16 points
- 3rd 14 points
- 4th 12 points
- 5th 10 points

B teams are ignored for final points rankings.

## 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 barring the amendment of the protest fee to \$20 NZD. If the competition has been concluded the case will be referred to the NZCPA Board.