



Competitions Policy

Ratified by the 2020 AGM

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.
 - (d) and any other National competitions approved by the Board.
- 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 biennially 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 Executive Director (in consultation with the Competitions Manager), 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.

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 School Sports New Zealand.
- 5.3 Categories of competition should include:
- (a) Senior Open Division 1 and Division 2 (under 19 1st January)
 - (b) Senior Girls Division 1 and Division 2 (under 19 1st January)
 - (c) Junior Open (under 15 1st January)
 - (d) Junior Girls (under 15 1st 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.