



2020 New Zealand Canoe Polo Club Championships

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT (all divisions)

The Club Championships will be a one off tournament resulting in a Champion club team in each division.

- 24-26th October 2020 (Labour weekend)
- Categories offered (7):
 - Division 1 (open and women),
 - Division 2 (open and women),
 - Division 3 (open and women),
 - Division 4 (open)
- Entries will be capped to approximately 12 teams for Open and 8 teams for Women
 - Any team who wishes to play in a particular division is encouraged to enter, places in these divisions will be based on recent national league results and at the discretion of the competition's council.
 - Teams who miss out on places in their preferred division will be encouraged to play in the division below.
 - The intention of capping divisions is to have better consistency of games for all teams and less disparity between top and bottom teams within a division and that the teams best suited to a particular division will be the ones which qualify. The process and decision for teams to qualify is to be done within the spirit of the rules intention.
- Player's may only compete for one club.
- Teams are club based. All members of a team must be a member of the club they are playing for.
- If any club wishes to enter two or more teams in the same division they must provide distinct team lists that will apply for the duration of the tournament. Players may not move between teams in the same division at any time.
- If a club enters teams in more than one division, i.e., Division 1 and Division 2, players may not move between these teams. The exception to this rule is for women who may play for a women's team in Division 1 or Division 2 and simultaneously represent the same club in an Open team in a different division. Players may not play in two different divisions for Open or Women (eg. no player may play Open Div 1 and Open Div 2).
- Any player red carded in a game automatically receives a one game ban for the next game that player is due to play for that team during the tournament.
- All games should be played on a court that meets the requirements of the International Canoe Federation Canoe Polo Competition Rules and have timing and scoring systems clearly visible to players and the public viewing areas.
- New Zealand Canoe Polo shall be responsible for: booking and meeting the costs of venues; providing competition quality balls; and organising referees, scorers, and timekeepers via the referees and duty team draws.
- All games shall be controlled by a minimum of one fully qualified referee (qualification appropriate for that division or higher). Play off and medal games should be controlled by two fully qualified referees (qualification appropriate for that division or higher).
- All games shall be played according to the ICF Canoe Polo Competition Rules.
- Scrutineering will be undertaken as random "spot checks" throughout the weekend.
- An automatic \$50 fine shall apply for each duty missed or if the duty team (including referees) is not ready to start the match within 2 minutes of the scheduled start time. This shall be payable no later than 1 month after the final round.

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- All teams are required to supply one **referee unique to that team**. The nominated referee **must be qualified prior to the tournament**.
 - o Division 1
 - One **Regional** referee, fully qualified (both theory and practical) prior to the tournament
 - o Division 2
 - One **District** referee, fully qualified (both theory and practical) prior to the tournament
 - o Division 3 & 4
 - One **District** referee, who has passed their theory and working towards their practical pass

The nominated referee must attend and referee the appropriate games at the tournament.

- o If a team does not have a nominated referee for the tournament then there will be an automatic fine of \$100.
- o All teams must ensure all their duties are refereed by at least one suitably qualified referee, if they do not then they will be deemed to have missed their duty and have to pay the \$50 fine per game in addition to any other fines.
- o If a team's nominated referee cannot be there for one of the duty games for that team then the team must find a suitably qualified replacement referee for that game.

Team Uniformity:

Division 1

- All teams must have uniform coloured/patterned top decks on their kayaks.
- No team is allowed to have plain black top decks. Where teams wish to retain a black background a minimum of 20% must be covered in another colour/s.
- All teams must have uniform coloured helmets, PFD's (or bibs) and rash tops.
- Carbon and Black are considered the same

Division 2

- All teams must have uniform coloured helmets, PFD's (or bibs) and rash tops.
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Division 3 & 4

- All teams must have uniform coloured PFD's (or bibs)
- We encourage teams to have matching coloured helmets and rash tops where possible.



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Rule amendments for NZ Club Championships

Our official NZCPA Canoe polo rules are the ICF rules (currently 2019), however for the purposes of Club Championships please note the amendments (in red) below:

The purpose of this rule amendment is to allow our games to start on time without

- a. Causing undue delay to our draw
- b. Penalising the team that arrives on time and ready to start when their opposition does not (whether due to negligence, travel delays, injury etc).

If a team is able to field a full team, then this should still happen. This rule amendment is not to discourage the current 5 v 5 line-up and exciting spectacle start to the game. If teams are just being slow to line up though they have five prepared players on the water a start infringement still applies.

Applicable ICF Rules (with amendments in red)

45.1 Each team may consist of a maximum of eight (8) players for any one game. No more than five (5) players are permitted on the playing area at any one time. Any other players at that moment are to be considered as substitutes. A team ~~must~~ **should** begin each game with five (5) players, ready to start on their own goal line. **If a team is reduced to two (2) players at any time the referee shall end the game** and refer the matter to the competition committee who shall decide the appropriate action to be taken.

56.1 At the beginning of each period of play, five (5) players from each team line up ready to start, stationary and with some part of their kayaks on their own goal line. If the team deliberately causes an unnecessary delay a start infringement will be called. Signal 1, 15 and 17 (team warning) apply. **If one team is ready to start, the referee may start the game as soon as a minimum of three opposition players are lined up.**

56.2 If a team has insufficient players to start the game **5 2** minutes after the programmed start time and the referees are ready to start the game, the game will be declared a forfeit and referred to the competition committee. Signal 2 applies.

Rankings at the end of round robin pool play shall be determined according to the current 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 from non play-off groups that included both teams;
- (b) Total number of goals scored in non play-off groups that included both teams;
- (c) Results of all games between the two teams;
- (d) Honourable Play (lowest number of cards received by each team across all tournaments excluding greens; red card 10 points, yellow card 5 points);
- (e) Play Off, if possible;
- (f) The most recent result

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

- Two periods of 10 minutes with a three minute half time.
- If the scores are equal at the end of play and a result is required there will be a one minute break followed by periods of five minutes of sudden death play (one minute between periods).

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Entries:

- All entries close on **Sunday September 27th 2020**. Strictly no late entries will be accepted. Entry forms to be completed online. Any correspondence to Competition Manager nzcpacompetitions@gmail.com
- Entries are to be completed online via the Club Championships entry form
- Full **team lists** must be supplied via online form by **Sunday October 18th 2020**. Team lists can be updated up to the start of the competition in writing to the Competitions Manager.
- **Entry fee is \$300** per team. Full payment must be made to New Zealand Canoe Polo no later than **Sunday October 18th 2020**. Teams that haven't paid by this date won't be eligible to play in the 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.