

# Underwater Hockey New Zealand Inc

UWHNZ Player Council

# Player Council

- What is a player council?
  - A Group of member stakeholders
    - Predominately players
    - May also include non playing members – coaches / managers etc
  - Pulled together to provide feedback to the UWHNZ Executive on an issue currently being considered by the Executive
  - Issue could cover a range of topics but would expect to be predominately operational policy matters

# Player Council

- Why do we want a Player Council
  - In past there has been insufficient consultation with members on issues under consideration by the UWHNZ Executive
  - Gives members ability to be involved in the future of UWHNZ without commitment to being on the executive
  - Ensures that we as an Executive have the views of the members for decisions where appropriate

# Referral Guidelines

An Issue will be referred to Player Council when:

- Executive consider formal member input would assist the making of a decision for the benefit of UWHNZ
- Relates to an Issue that impact members eg:
  - UWHNZ Teams
  - Tournaments – Calendar / New Tournaments
  - Where technical guidance is required
- An urgent decision is not required

# Process for Referral

- i. Executive resolve Player Council to be consulted on issue
- ii. Agreement on the Issue question requiring answer
- iii. UWHNZ Executive member assigned to take lead on the issue
- iv. Reporting deadline set (30 to 45 days)
- v. Seek specific nominations from clubs for specific Issue group
  - Relevant experience or interest in subject
  - May request specific individuals with interest
  - Set number with Exec lead sign off of group members
- vi. Specified number to keep focused and report on time
- vii. Member can only be on one issue group at a time
- viii. Exclude those members with conflicts of interest
- ix. Have different members for different issues to share the load and ability for members to provide input

# Operational Points

- Report from Player Council Issue Group will be a written recommendation for consideration by the Executive
- Majority of issues to be dealt with
  - Electronically
    - Email
    - Skype meetings etc
  - At training camps / tournaments where applicable
- Where physical meeting is required then budget will be considered by the Executive (where appropriate)

# Exec Member Involvement

Executive member assigned to take lead on the issue

- Select relevant members of PC
- Provide background to issue
- Meet with PC discuss issue
- Work with PC to produce recommendation(s)
- Report to Executive with recommendation
  
- Implementation of the policy (where applicable) will be assigned as appropriate

# UWHNZ Player Council

## Approved Issues for Consideration

February 2018

# Issue # 1

Title: UWHNZ Team Uniform Policy

Issue: There is a lack of consistency across all teams for the uniforms for our New Zealand representative teams and the teams are concerned about the annual cost of these uniforms.

Question: ***What uniform should Official New Zealand teams wear when attending International tournaments?***

Exec Lead: Sarah Arnold

Report Date: 26 March 2018

Members: 5

# Issue # 2

Title: Pucks for UWHNZ Tournaments

Issue: There is no formal UWHNZ policy for the use of pucks at UWHNZ tournaments or for the adoption of new pucks

Question: ***What pucks should be considered for use at UWHNZ tournaments and when should these be used?***

Exec Leads: Tristan Reynard / Anton Williams

Report Date: 30 April 2018

Members: 4

# Issue # 3

Proposer: Tony

Title: Women's Super 5 Competition

Issue: Due to a number of reasons the 2017 Women's Super 5 competition was cancelled and at this point there are not dates set for a 2018 competition.

Question: ***Do the members want a super 5 competition in 2018 and if so what format and when?***

Exec Lead: Nicole Baker

Report Date: 30 April 2018

Members: 4

# Issue # 4

Title: North Island Clubs Format

Issue: This tournament continues to grow as a successful tournament held in Rotorua over three days of Queens Birthday each year. Due to its size we have received comments that the current format is no longer applicable.

Question: ***What format do North Island club members want for the 2018 North Island Clubs tournament***

Exec Leads: Coral Dolman & Anton Williams

Report Date: 15 April 2018

Members: 6