

Girls Give-it-a-Go Ice Hockey Weekend



Who: Girls - Come along and have a go at the World's fastest team sport.

Where: Botany – Paradise Ice rink
Corner Ti Rakau – Te Irirangi Drive, Botany.

When: Saturday 8 October 2016

Time: 10.15am – 12.15pm

Cost: \$20 per player (which includes entry to The Global Girls Game on Sunday)

Requirements: Skates, helmet and gloves.

We will have the Head Coach of the Ice Fernz as well as Ice Fernz players, NZWU18 team players and others on the ice coaching.

Please register your interest with Philippa Kaiser before Friday 7 October

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Ice hockey is the fastest team sport in the world. There are currently 1,277 registered players in New Zealand, of all ages and levels of ability, from beginners to National Team representatives. Ice hockey is played in Auckland on the North Island and in several ice rinks on the South Island, including Christchurch, Queenstown, Dunedin, Gore, Alexandra and Tekapo. Most rinks have Learn-to-Play programmes and adult skate classes for those wanting to learn to play ice hockey.

Players are divided into teams which play in different age groups at various levels: local, regional, national and international. New Zealand teams compete in World Championships annually with tournaments being held all round the world in countries such as Mexico, Iceland, Spain, Scotland, China and many others.

Ice hockey is for everybody, and more and more female players have joined the game in the past two decades and the numbers are still going up substantially.

Between 2007 and 2010 the number of registered female players worldwide grew from 153,665 to 170,872. Women's hockey is on the rise in almost every part of the world and there are teams in North America, Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa and Latin America.

Women's ice hockey tournaments at the Olympic Winter Games since 1998

- IIHF European Women's Champions Cup since 2004
- IIHF World Women's U18 Championship since 2008
- IIHF Women's Challenge Cup of Asia since 2010



Ice Hockey is an international sport organized by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). In Auckland ice hockey is run by the Auckland Ice

Hockey Association. In order to be a part of a team in Auckland, you must register as a member of the AIHA on their website: www.aiha.org.nz



The Auckland Women's Rep team is the Auckland Steel. This team competes against teams from Canterbury and Southern in the New Zealand Women's Ice Hockey League (NZWIHL), which consists of a round robin and then finals played over a long weekend. The NZWIHL season is typically from November through to March, as a lead up to the Women's World Championship.

For further information about ice hockey in New Zealand and around the world, please look at the following websites:

- www.aiha.org.nz
- www.nzicehockey.co.nz
- www.iihf.com

