



2016 NZIHF Annual General Meeting

New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation

- Günther Birgel elected as NZIHF President.
- Reformatting of the U13 NZPIHL to U14 NZPIHL.
- Reformatting of the U16 NZMIHL to U17 NZPIHL.
- U20 NZJIHL to allow 4 Overage Players (20 years old) with maximum 3 NZIHL games experience.
- Players must wear face cage and neck guard until their 18th Birthday, after which they may wear a visor and mouth guard until they turn 20 years old.
- Günther Birgel stepping down as NZIHL General Manager. Replacement sought.
- 2016 NZIHL Import Rule: 4 Import Players and 1 NZ Permanent Resident permitted to play in any game.
- 2016 NZIHL will have live streaming of all games.
- Jan Goulding stepping down as NZWIHL General Manager and Women's Ice Hockey Portfolio Holder. Replacement sought.
- Stephen Reid to take on Disciplinary Portfolio.
- Jonathan Albright to take on Senior Players Portfolio and International Transfers Portfolio.
- Andreas Kaiser & Jonathan Albright unanimously voted as NZIHF Life Members.
- NZL to enter World Championship teams in WM, WW, WMU20 & WMU18 in 2017.
- NZL to place bids to host WM in March/April 2017 (Auckland) or WW in March/April 2017 (Auckland) and WMU20 (Dunedin) in January 2017.
- National Skills Development Programme to be introduced in 2016.
- Revisions to come for the NZIHF Coaching Strategy, and courses offered in 2016.
- New NZIHF Website to launch in April/May 2016.