



Ice Hockey NSW

JUNE 2026 ISSUE



National Championships

With the National Championships now just a month away, Team NSW is entering the final stages of preparation at Hunter Ice Skating Stadium. Players, coaches, and officials are continuing to build momentum as training intensifies ahead of the biggest event on the national calendar.

Support Team NSW at the National Championships by cheering on the action in person at HISS or tuning in via the official live stream.

You can also get involved behind the scenes by signing up to [volunteer](#) and helping make the event a success.

Volunteer Recognition



This month, we recognise Bears coaching staff Tim, Marcus & Harry for their ongoing dedication and contribution to ice hockey in NSW.

Thank you for the time and effort you put into supporting players, developing the game, and strengthening our hockey community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BE PART OF THE ACTION

BOXALL & DEFRIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
10-15 JULY 2026, HISS

TANGE & GINSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
15-19 JULY 2026, HISS

YOUR TIME. THEIR GAME. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BE PART OF THE TEAM | SUPPORT THE GAME | CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Helmet Safety

Helmet safety is essential for all players and on-ice participants. A properly fitted and maintained helmet helps reduce the risk of head injuries and keeps everyone safer on the ice.

Important Reminders

- All members on the ice during sanctioned games and training must wear their helmet correctly at all times
- Chin straps must always be securely fastened
- Helmets must be worn during both games and training sessions
- Safety is everyone's responsibility on and off the ice
- Regularly inspect screws, padding, straps, and cages

Ensuring the Correct Fit

- Helmet should fit snugly but comfortably
- Helmet should sit level and cover the forehead properly
- Helmet should not move excessively when the head is moved
- Cage or visor should be securely attached and adjusted

When to Replace Helmets

- Replace helmets immediately if cracked, damaged, or after a significant impact
- Follow manufacturer recommendations
- As a general guide, replace helmets every 5-7 years depending on use and wear

Leading the Way

Our players look up to the adults around them. When coaches wear their helmets correctly and prioritise safety on the ice, they set a powerful example that helps build lifelong habits and a stronger culture of respect and responsibility throughout our club.

Let's continue working together to keep all members safe on the ice.



IHNSW Successfully Adopts New Constitution

We are pleased to advise that the resolution presented at the Special General Meeting - That the members of the New South Wales Ice Hockey Association Inc. adopt the proposed new Constitution dated April 2026, in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Constitution, amendments, and Bylaws - has been passed by the membership.

We thank all members who participated in the meeting and exercised their voting rights. The outcome reflects the democratic process of our organisation and the collective decision of the membership.

Constitution has been lodged with Department of Fair trading and we will now be implementing it.

Live Scoring

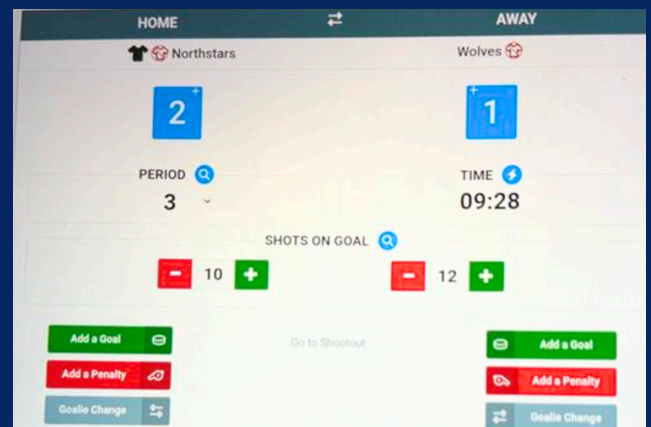
A big thank you to the Newcastle Northstars for creating and sharing a fantastic step-by-step guide to Live Scoring for our hockey community.

Live Scoring provides a range of benefits, including instant player statistics, real-time game updates, and a more engaging experience for players, teams, and supporters.

The guide is easy to follow and will help Clubs and Teams feel confident getting started with Live Scoring this season.

We encourage all teams to take advantage of this great resource and give Live Scoring a go.

Need a pin? Team Managers and Club Secretaries to contact eo@ihnsw.com.au.



[INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Sport-Related Concussion Short Course



Reminder: Mandatory Concussion Course

A reminder the AIS Concussion Course is mandatory for:

- Players aged 14 years and older
- At least one parent/guardian per junior player
- On-ice officials
- Off-ice officials

All Clubs have until Wednesday the 10th of June to submit evidence to IHNSW.

Any player that does not meet these requirements will be unable to play from Week 12, June 13/14.

[COURSE](#)

Senior Macquarie Ice

Macquarie Rink has been in contact to state they have some ice slots on Sundays starting in June. Yay!

We are looking to utilise for games in the Senior divisions to bring up the overall numbers from 12 to possible 15/16. This will mean extra games added to the draw. We will try to use the byes to add these games first, but there may be some changes required to the Senior draw to accommodate the new games.

They are Sunday night at Macquarie starting June 21st: 730pm/845pm/10pm and 830pm/945pm.

We need to know ASAP from any teams in your Club if they are not interested in more games. Or if you are interested, but need to block out certain dates due to a team event, we can also accommodate that.

All clubs to confirm with their Senior Division teams if they are NOT interested in adding extra games to the senior schedule.

Please respond via email by Thursday 11th June 5pm.

Empowering Young Players in Child Safety

Focus: Helping children understand their rights, recognise boundaries, and feel confident to speak up

Goal: Give children a voice and promote confidence in raising concerns.

Empowering young players is a key part of creating a safe sporting environment.

Children should not only rely on adults to keep them safe alone – they should also feel confident to recognise when something is wrong and know how to respond.

This starts with simple, clear messages:

- You have the right to feel safe
- It's OK to say no
- You can speak up if something doesn't feel right
- Trust your instincts and trust your intuition

When children understand these messages, they are more likely to raise concerns early and seek support.

Key Rules to follow:

- Children should always feel safe and respected
- It is OK to say "no" or move away from uncomfortable situations
- Children should be encouraged to trust their instincts
- No concern is too small to report
- Children must know who their trusted adults are

Actions

- Regularly remind players of their right to feel safe
- Encourage children to speak up and reassure them they will be listened to
- Clearly identify trusted adults within the club
- Display child-friendly safeguarding messages in changerooms and common areas available on our website
- For more information on Child Safeguarding, please visit the IHNSW safeguarding policies and OCG resources

Remember: See something, say something, do something.

[RESOURCES](#)

This Month in Officiating

2026 IHA National Championships – Expressions of Interest Now Open

The 2026 IHA National Championships will be held at HISS from 10–19 July 2026. IHA Referee in Chief, Chris Parks, has requested an expression of interest from all States for game officials (referees and linespersons) who are interested in and available to officiate at this prestigious event.

Any IHNSW game official wishing to be considered for selection must notify Jeffrey Scott as soon as possible.

Please note that Chris Parks will be responsible for selecting all game officials for the 2026 Championships.

Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) Courses

All game officials are required to register for and complete five Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) eLearning courses, totalling approximately five hours of training.

AIHL game officials will not be required to repeat previously completed modules but must complete:

- Annual Update 2026
- National Integrity Framework (if not completed previously)

IHA and Sport Integrity Australia will review completion records and provide a report to ensure all game officials have successfully completed the required modules.

Required SIA eLearning Modules

To access the courses, log in to the Sport Integrity Australia eLearning site and complete the following:

- Competition Manipulation & Sport Gambling (Match Fixing) – 60 minutes (once only)
- Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport Induction – 60 minutes (once only)
- Anti-Doping Fundamentals – 90 minutes (once only)
- National Integrity Framework – 60 minutes (once only) – NEW
- Annual Update 2026 – 30 minutes – NEW

Officials are encouraged to complete these requirements as soon as possible to ensure eligibility for future appointments and championship selection.



AWIHL SYDNEY SIRENS APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

IHNSW is calling for nominations for a Team Manager for the Sydney Sirens AWIHL Team.

The Australian Women's Ice Hockey League (AWIHL) is a national league that provides the highest level of competition played regularly by our female competitors.

Cameron Laws has been appointed as Head Coach, and we are looking for a Team Manager to join.

Sydney Sirens compete in the AWIHL over Summer, with training due to start early October with games beginning early November. Schedule still being finalised.

To apply send an email to the IHNSW office (eo@ihnsw.com.au) and include:

– your history and experience in Ice Hockey

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Wednesday 10th June 2026



Sydney Sirens Tryouts

Tryout 1 – 23 August, 5.00 – 6.00pm @LCC

Tryout 2 – 30 August, 2.30 – 3.30pm @HIS

Tryout 3 (Invite Only) – 6 September, 8.45 – 9.45am @MAC

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