



ICE HOCKEY NSW

Sanctioning of Events – Application Form

Sanctioning requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to requested start date.

1. Club & Event Details

Applicant Club (Inc.)					
Event / Competition Name					
Event Dates	From		To		
Number of Teams					
Age Grade				☐ Contact	☐ Non-Contact

Note: there is no “semi-contact” grading – sanctioning is granted as either Contact or Non-Contact only. Squirts and Peepees are non-contact grades; IHNSW cannot sanction women over 18 in contact leagues.

Conditions of Sanctioning

The Club accepts, in writing, full responsibility for ensuring all participants are IHA registered and that all requirements below are adhered to.

• All competitors must be active members of IHA.	Initials:
• All age-relevant protective equipment is mandatory – neck guards, face cages, visors and playing equipment.	Initials:
• Games must be officiated by IHA-accredited officials; IHNSW has final determination on the officials used. Officials must abide by the minimum age requirements.	Initials:
• Payment of officials and scorekeepers is the responsibility of the Club requesting sanctioning.	Initials:
• Scorekeepers and timekeepers must be NPO registered (minimum).	Initials:
• All bench officials must be NPO registered (minimum).	Initials:
• IHA-Accredited Level 1 Coaches must be present on benches.	Initials:
• Working With Children Check requirements must be met.	Initials:
• Child Safeguarding Requirements must be met.	Initials:
• Clearances are not required from the winter-season Club – players may participate in more than one Club-run summer competition.	Initials:
• The Referee must forward the Game report sheets to IHNSW within 24 hours for record and insurance purposes.	Initials:
• The Club accepts that insurance will be revoked by IHNSW’s insurers if minimum requirements are not met. IHNSW cannot sanction Pee Wees playing against Seniors.	Initials:
• All players and team officials must be registered.	Initials:
• All officials must be registered and accredited.	Initials:
• eSportsDesk must be used to register players for the event.	Initials:

Scope of Sanctioning

IHNSW will only accept sanctioning requests through an affiliated Club. In the absence of IHNSW sanctioning, IHA insurance will not cover members in the event of an injury.

IHA and IHNSW intellectual property cannot be used to promote or conduct any non-sanctioned event. IHNSW and IHA reserve the right to advise members that participation in a non-sanctioned league or event will threaten their membership rights, including issuing a date to cease playing in a non-sanctioned league – after which further participation may lead to membership being revoked.

IHNSW reserves the right to refuse sanctioning without limitations.

Winter

IHNSW will not sanction any event or competition that runs, or may run, in conflict with the organised IHNSW Winter Season.

Summer

IHNSW recognises that Clubs endeavour to maintain relationships with their home rinks during the summer months, with events organised on weeknights and weekends so hockey can be played in summer.

Some of these events may not meet IHNSW sanctioning requirements. In such instances, Clubs may organise these events under their own liability insurance. Even where an affiliated Club runs the event or league in conjunction with a rink, IHA insurance will not cover the Club or the participants.

Year Round Events

Hockey Development Schools run year-round and are essential to the growth of the sport, often rink-run without IHNSW involvement or sanctioning. Members using these schools to improve their skills do not risk their IHNSW membership. These schools focus on skill development and do not involve structured, organised games between attendees.

Where a Hockey Development School is run by a Club and sanctioned by IHNSW, everyone on the ice must be registered with IHA. Come-and-Try and Development registrations cater to new participants, and players from various Clubs may attend to increase their skill level.

Drop-In Hockey sessions are generally rink-run scrimmages conducted ad hoc, mid-week, all year. Drop-In Hockey is not sanctioned by IHNSW or IHA and does not involve structured, organised games – participants simply attend and scrimmage. Where these sessions remain 'in-house' (within the one rink), members do not risk their IHNSW/IHA membership by participating.

In-House Leagues are rink-run leagues conducted mid-week, all year, from a single venue only, with an organised structure and playoffs, potentially across more than one season per year. Where these leagues do not replace or compete with an IHNSW winter competition, members do not risk their IHA/IHNSW membership.

Overseas Teams

Where a visiting team is an IIHF member, games require sanctioning. All team members must be members of IHA and active participants in IHNSW. IHA will correspond with the member country to ensure all of their participants are registered. Sanctioning must be initiated through an affiliated Club.

2. Declaration

The applicant club named above hereby declares that it will organise, operate and conduct any IHNSW-sanctioned Summer League or 'in-house' program in accordance with, and abiding by, the IHNSW and IHA statutes and regulations – and in particular, all of the conditions of sanctioning prescribed in this document.

For and on behalf of:

Ice Hockey Club (Inc.)	
Name	Position (please circle)
	President / Secretary
Signature	Date