



Ice Hockey NSW

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National Championships: Team NSW Roundup

IHNSW, along with National Championships Director Suzanne Garas, successfully hosted the third annual Combined National Championships. We want to thank all the volunteers who filled over 600 slots, from ticket sales to merch to scoring and pen box. This event is the most prestigious on the calendar and we are very proud to have been a part of it. Our IHNSW teams represented the state proudly with exceptional on- and off-ice behaviour and sportsmanship. Despite out-playing and out-shooting many of our opponents, the puck luck wasn't on our side for the Ginsberg and Defris Teams who finished the tournament in 4th place. Boxall was a relatively new team with several rookies and had very close matches, resulting in 5th place. Our Tange team was the most successful, grinding out a silver medal in an exceptionally tough semi-final and medal match. Thank you to all the coaches and team management who gave up their time to care for and guide our teams.

Volunteer Recognition

Ice Hockey NSW extends its heartfelt thanks to Suze Garas, Heather Sutherland and Deon Shearer (IHA) for their outstanding work in planning and delivering the 2026 National Championships in Newcastle. After months of preparation and countless hours behind the scenes, their dedication and leadership ensured the successful hosting of this premier national event. IHNSW sincerely thanks them for their exceptional contribution.



SYDNEY SIRENS TRYOUTS

TRYOUT 1	23 AUGUST, 5.00 – 6.00PM @LCC
TRYOUT 2	30 AUGUST, 2.30 – 3.30PM @HISS
TRYOUT 3 (INVITE ONLY)	6 SEPTEMBER, 8.45 – 9.45AM @MAC

AWIHL AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE
SOUND THE SIREN

2026 NSW 15U Defris Team



2026 NSW 15+ Women's Boxall Team



2026 NSW 13U Ginsberg Team



2026 NSW 18U Tange Team



ICE HOCKEY NSW

QUEBEC

PEEWEE TOURNAMENT 2027

HEAD COACH & TEAM MANAGER NOMINATIONS



LEAD THE ICE CROCS
ON THE WORLD STAGE!

Ice Hockey NSW is seeking Expressions
of Interest for the positions of:



HEAD COACH



TEAM MANAGER

for the Ice Crocs competing at the
Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey
Tournament, one of the world's most
prestigious youth ice hockey tournaments.



TO APPLY

Email the **IHNSW Office** with:



Your ice hockey history
and experience



(Head Coach applicants)
Minimum IHA Level 1
Coaching Accreditation



QUEBEC CITY,
CANADA

10–21 FEBRUARY 2027



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

WEDNESDAY
19 AUGUST 2026



Draft Tribunal Regulations Released for Club Consultation

IHNSW is pleased to advise that the draft Tribunal Regulations have now been distributed to all affiliated clubs for review and feedback.

The regulations have been developed to provide a clear, consistent, and transparent framework for the management of disciplinary and tribunal matters across New South Wales. They have been aligned with the IHNSW Constitution, the Ice Hockey Australia National Integrity Framework, and contemporary governance best practice.

The consultation period provides an important opportunity for clubs to review the draft and provide constructive feedback before the regulations are finalised. We encourage all clubs to submit any comments, questions, or suggested amendments within the consultation timeframe. Following consultation, feedback will be considered and, where appropriate, incorporated into the final draft before the regulations are presented to the membership for a vote in accordance with the IHNSW Constitution.

IHNSW thanks our clubs for their ongoing engagement and support as we continue to strengthen governance and integrity across our sport.

Sanctioning Events Request Form

A new [Sanctioning Events Request Form](#) is now available and must be used for all future sanctioning applications. Clubs are reminded that sanctioning requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event or program start date to allow sufficient time for processing.

As many clubs begin planning their summer activities, don't forget that IHNSW is happy to help promote your sanctioned summer programs. Simply send us your flyer, and we'll advertise it through the IHNSW newsletter and on the website to help spread the word.



Safe Supervision of Non-Playing Minors

Creating a safe environment for children is everyone's responsibility. While many children attend the rink to support family members or enjoy the ice hockey community, appropriate supervision and clear boundaries are essential.

Parents and guardians remain responsible for supervising children who are not participating in games or training unless another suitable adult has been authorised to do so. Players, coaches and team officials should also be mindful of situations where they may unintentionally assume responsibility for a child.

Team dressing rooms are intended for players and officials only while in use. Children who are not members of the team should not enter these areas, helping protect both children and those using the facilities by maintaining appropriate boundaries.

By ensuring children are supervised in public areas and respecting team spaces, we can create a safe, welcoming environment for everyone.

Remember: See something, say something, do something.

Play Up + Down Forms

IHNSW has launched a new, modernised [Play Up](#) & [Play Down](#) application forms, providing a simpler, clearer, and more efficient process for clubs and participants.

Playoff / Finals Eligibility

With the reduction in regular season game numbers, playoff eligibility for junior grades, women and Senior divisions has been moved to 5 games played.

Local Sport Grant Program 2026/27

Funding to grow and strengthen
community sport in NSW

 **\$2,000 – \$20,000**
available per project

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$20,000 are available to help local sporting clubs and associations deliver projects that increase participation and build capability.

The NSW Government's Local Sport Grant Program is now open, providing funding to help local sporting clubs increase participation, improve capability and create more opportunities for members.



Key Dates



Applications Open
27 July 2026



Applications Close
1:00pm, Monday 24 August 2026



Who Can Apply?

- ✓ Affiliated sporting clubs
- ✓ Sporting associations
- ✓ Incorporated not-for-profit organisations
(Eligibility requirements apply.)



What could your club apply for?

Funding can be used for projects such as:



Come & Try ice hockey programs



Women's & girls participation initiatives



Coach and official education



Volunteer training and development



Off-ice fitness and training equipment



Starter equipment for new players



Programs that improve inclusion and accessibility



Initiatives targeting underrepresented groups



Why Apply?

- ✓ Increase participation
- ✓ Improve access to sport

- ✓ Build stronger, more inclusive clubs
- ✓ Support volunteers, coaches and officials

- ✓ Grow community sport across NSW



Apply now

Visit the NSW Office of Sport website for full program guidelines

and to apply: www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/local-sport-grant-program-lsgp-2026/27

Officials Corner



Congratulations to our IHNSW game officials who represented New South Wales with distinction at the 2026 Ice Hockey Australia National Championships in Newcastle. Across the tournament, our officials were selected to officiate a number of medal games, recognising their professionalism, skill, and commitment at the highest level of domestic competition.

A special congratulations to Emma Moonen, Jeff Scott, Fergus Colquhoun, Ethan Diplock, Jamison Harris, Jesse Thurston, Kyle Binstead, Joey Theriault, and Ben Armstrong for their outstanding performances throughout the Championships. Their appointments to key finals are a testament to the high standard of officiating being developed within IHNSW.



Looking ahead, Ice Hockey Australia has also called for nominations for IIHF Officiating Licences—the highest accreditation available to Australian game officials. IHNSW is working closely with Ice Hockey Australia to identify officials who meet the rigorous selection criteria, and we look forward to seeing our officials continue to progress on the national and international stage.

Thank you to all of our officials for the time, dedication, and professionalism you bring to the game every week. Your contribution is vital to the success and growth of ice hockey in New South Wales.

Resource Spotlight: Creating Safe Online Spaces in Sport

Much of our hockey community now connects online. Team apps, social media, email and messaging platforms help players, parents, coaches, officials and volunteers stay informed and engaged throughout the season.

While these tools make communication easier, they also come with a shared responsibility to ensure our online interactions remain safe, respectful and inclusive.

The Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner has developed a range of resources specifically for sporting organisations and communities. These resources provide practical guidance on topics including:

- Creating respectful online communities.
- Managing team communication.
- Preventing and responding to cyberbullying.
- Safe and appropriate use of social media.
- Supporting young people to have positive online experiences.
- Responding to online abuse and harmful content.

Whether you're a parent managing a team group chat, a coach communicating with players, or a club volunteer looking after your organisation's social media, these free resources can help build a positive online culture.

At IHNSW, we encourage all members to communicate respectfully, think before they post, and help create online environments that reflect the same values we expect at the rink.

To learn more, visit the [eSafety Commissioner website](https://www.esafety.gov.au) and explore the dedicated resources available for sporting organisations, clubs, volunteers and families.