



Ice Hockey NSW

OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE



Junior & Senior Season Wrap Up

What a season it has been for Ice Hockey NSW! As our junior and senior competitions come to a close, congratulations to all the teams, players, coaches, officials, volunteers and families who have contributed to another fantastic season of hockey.

The finals have provided plenty of exciting hockey and a great way to celebrate the hard work and commitment shown throughout the season. A huge well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to our finalists and champions!

But there's still plenty of hockey to come. The East Coast League continues throughout October, with more great games ahead.

If you have the chance, get down to the rink, support the teams and enjoy some live hockey. Bring your family and friends and help us finish the season on a high!

We look forward to seeing everyone return next season, and to welcoming Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink back, which will allow us to facilitate even more games and provide more opportunities for our players to get on the ice.

Well done to everyone involved in making the 2026 season such a great one!



11U - Sydney Bears



13U - Sydney Bears



15U - Liverpool Saints



17U - Newcastle Northstars



Womens - Canberra Pirates



Division 1 - Sydney Bears



Division 2 - Northstars



Division 3 - Apes



Division 4 (1) - Saints



Division 4 (2) - Kodiaks

Promotion / Regulation Senior Divisions - Club Feedback

Ice Hockey NSW is seeking Club feedback on the proposed Promotion/Relegation System for Senior competitions.

Feedback has already been received from Ice Zoo, Bears and Stingrays.

All Clubs that have not yet provided feedback are asked to submit their response. Clubs that do not provide feedback will be taken as accepting the proposal as presented. Clubs are also welcome to simply email IHNSW to confirm that they have no feedback.

The aim is to work towards a Senior competition structure supported by the majority of Clubs.



Women's Coordinator Report

Teams are currently being consulted on the possibility of travelling to Canberra for the 2027 season. Responses are still being collected from team representatives, with the results to be shared once all teams have provided their feedback.

Esportsdesk Surcharges

Clubs have been provided with instructions to ensure credit card and payment processing charges are not passed on to members.

Specific instructions are available in the meeting minutes for Clubs to review.



Members can be assured that they will not be charged credit card or payment surcharges.



Codes of Conduct: Setting the Right Standards

A Code of Conduct sets the standard for how we behave within our sport.

It applies to everyone — players, parents, coaches, managers, officials, committee members, volunteers and spectators.

We will not always agree. Sport can be competitive, emotional and frustrating. But disagreement, disappointment or passion are never excuses for disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour.

We all have a responsibility to treat others with respect, dignity and fairness, and to communicate appropriately — particularly when things don't go our way.

Positions of Power

Some people within our sport hold positions of power or influence, particularly coaches, managers, committee members, officials and other adults working with young people. With that position comes additional responsibility.

Young people look to adults in positions of authority as role models. They watch how we speak to people, how we handle conflict, how we respond to decisions and how we treat others.

If we expect young people to be respectful, resilient and accountable, they need to see those behaviours demonstrated by the adults around them.

Having authority does not give anyone the right to intimidate, belittle, threaten or silence another person.

The standard applies whether you are on the ice, in the change room, at training, at a meeting, at a tournament or communicating online.

We should also remember that respectful behaviour extends to our officials — disagreement with a decision is never a reason for threatening, intimidating or abusive conduct.

Setting the Example

A positive culture is created by what we do, not simply by what is written in a policy.

We all make mistakes. What matters is how we respond, whether we take responsibility and whether we learn from them.

A simple question to ask ourselves is: "Would I be comfortable with a young player watching my behaviour and thinking this is acceptable?"

Every person contributes to the culture of our sport.

Be the behaviour you want to see in our sport.

ACT Teams in the Competition for 2027

Ice Hockey NSW is considering the inclusion of additional ACT teams in the 2027 Winter competition. ACT representatives Daniel and Kristi attended to answer questions from Clubs.

2027 proposal:

- 13U (Peewee): ACT team to enter the competition.
- 17U (Midget): Possible ACT team, subject to further planning.
- Full-season participation: ACT is looking to compete for the full Winter season.
- Travel: ACT teams would travel to NSW for approximately half of their games.
- Flexible scheduling: Travel could be arranged around:
 - Same-day double headers
 - Overnight trips
 - Single-game trips

Potential game times:

- Saturday evening games to allow for overnight stays and double headers.
- Sunday 6:45am–9:00am games.
- Sunday 11:45am and 2:45pm time slots for same-day double headers or single games.

Travel and facilities:

- Bears raised the cost of travel, food and accommodation.
- ACT confirmed there is flexibility with ice times to accommodate Clubs that prefer to travel for a single game and return home without an overnight stay.
- ACT currently has the lowest ice cost per hour.
- The Philip rink is owned by developers, however recent upgrades and the popularity of ice sports in the ACT are positive signs for continued participation.

Club feedback:

- Northstars and Flyers indicated support for the inclusion of additional ACT teams and believe it could benefit the competition.
- The proposed 17U age group for 2027 is 2009, 2010 and 2011-born players, subject to review at the ACT end-of-season planning day.

What happens next:

- Clubs will consult with their 2027 Peewee and 2027 Midget teams and provide feedback on ACT participation in the 2027 competition.

Tribunal Regulations

Ice Hockey NSW has formally adopted the updated IHNSW Tribunal Regulations, following consultation with Clubs over two meetings. No amendments were requested during the consultation process.

The new regulations will commence on 1 November 2026, following completion of the 2026 Winter season competitions and associated tribunal processes.

If the East Coast Super League (ECSL) 2026 season has not concluded by 1 November, the existing Tribunal Regulations will continue to apply to the ECSL for the remainder of its 2026 season.

The updated regulations will apply to competitions and tribunal matters commencing after the relevant 2026 season has concluded.

The new IHNSW Tribunal Regulations will be published on the IHNSW website from 1 November 2026.



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Nominations Committee

Help shape the future of ice hockey in NSW



About the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee helps ensure a robust approach to Board governance, identifies and assesses candidates for Director vacancies, and manages the election/recruitment process.



The role

The Committee provides guidance, oversees processes and ensures the right people, with the right skills and diversity, are appointed to the Board.



How to apply

Submit a Nominee EOI Form and a Cover Letter (max one page) and CV to eo@ihnsw.com.au.



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

5pm 14 October 2026

We're looking for passionate people who want to make a difference and help grow ice hockey in NSW.

Your expertise matters



SYDNEY SIRENS

2026-2027

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

NSW'S WOMEN. OUR ICE. OUR TEAM.

AWIHL



HEAD COACH
Cameron Laws



ASSISTANT COACH
Tim Cox



**LEADERSHIP &
DEVELOPMENT MENTOR**
Kaylee Russell



GOALIE COACH
Anand Oberoi



MANAGER
Natalie Caruso

TEAM

Adriana Herink	Elin Schmitz
Aliza Ng	Ella Licari
Annika Schmitz	Jessica Borg
Ava Caruso	Jessica Meggs
Bella Ma	Katherine McOnie
Chloe Walker	Kelsie Lang
Christine Cockerell	Somer Zapatero
Cleo Mayer	Stephanie Newmark

RESERVES

Chloe O'Hara
Poppy Noone
Ruby Abbott
Sadie Morgan

TRAINING SQUAD

Erin Breach
Imogen MacMahon
Jessica Zhang
Kristina Dmitriyev
Nori Barron

SOUND THE SIREN!



SUPPORT US AT:
OUR HOME GAMES
AT ERINA ICE ARENA



JERSEY SALES OPEN
ORDERS CLOSE
1 NOVEMBER 2026



FOLLOW THE SIRENS
ON SOCIALS

LET'S GET BACK
TO THE FINALS!

The Sydney Sirens are back for the 2026–2027 Australian Women's Ice Hockey League (AWIHL) season, and they're setting their sights on a return to the Finals Series!

With a talented squad and coaching team ready to take on the best women's teams in Australia, the Sirens will be looking to build momentum throughout the season — and they need your support.

The Sirens will play their home games at Erina Ice Arena, and we encourage everyone to get along to the rink, bring your family and friends, and get behind our NSW women. Check out the home-game schedule, mark the dates in your calendar and come along to SOUND THE SIREN!

Get Your Sirens Jersey - Sydney Sirens jersey sales are now open! Orders close 1 November 2026, so make sure you get your order in before the deadline.

Follow the Sirens - Keep up with the team throughout the season by heading over to the Sydney Sirens [facebook](#) and [instagram](#) pages. Follow along, share their posts and show your support as the team works towards their goal of returning to the AWIHL Finals.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	VENUE
SAT 05/12	ICE	4.45PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SUN 06/12	ICE	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SAT 19/12	INFERNO	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SUN 20/12	INFERNO	7.30AM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SAT 09/01	LIGHTNING	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SUN 10/01	LIGHTNING	7.30AM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SAT 23/01	DUCKS	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SUN 24/01	DUCKS	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SAT 13/02	RUSH	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA
SUN 14/02	RUSH	3.30PM	ERINA ICE ARENA



Officials Corner

As the 2026 IHNSW season draws to a close, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our referees and linespersons for the time, effort and energy they have given throughout the season.

With many divisions playing their Bronze and Gold Medal matches over the weekend, it was fantastic to see the professionalism and commitment of our game officials on display. Thank you to everyone who officiated across this important weekend.

U11

- Bronze: Kyle Binstead (Referee), Nick Air and Daniel Mann (Linespersons)
- Gold: Jeff Scott (Referee), Alex Park and Justin Knight (Linespersons)

U13

- Bronze: Jesse Thurston (Referee), Jeff Scott and Ben Armstrong (Linespersons)
- Gold: Jeff Scott (Referee), Alex Park and Justin Knight (Linespersons)

U15

- Bronze: Jeff Scott (Referee), Jesse Thurston and Ben Armstrong (Linespersons)
- Gold: Jason Ryan (Referee), Ashley Moore and Lawson Spare (Linespersons)

U17

- Bronze: Daniel Mann and Stephan Lampe (Referees), Tim Avery and Ashley Moore (Linespersons)
- Gold: Fraser Dodd and Jeff Scott (Referees), Jesse Thurston and Ben Armstrong (Linespersons)

Women

- Bronze: Daniel Mann and Stephan Lampe (Referees), Tim Avery (Linesperson)
- Gold: Hosted by ACTIHA

Congratulations to Our Officials

We also congratulate the following officials on their recent appointments and achievements:

2026-27 IIHF Linesperson Licence – Men

- Nick Air

Women's Para Ice Hockey World Championships

21-29 November 2026 – Linesperson

- Emma Moonen

And finally, the 2026 IHNSW/Jeff Scott Officiating Award winner will be announced at the IHNSW AGM. Stay tuned!

GREEN AND GOLD ON HOME ICE!

2026 WOMEN'S PARA ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEWCASTLE

24-29 NOVEMBER 2026 | **HUNTER ICE SKATING STADIUM NEWCASTLE**

CONFIRMED TEAMS

					
AUSTRALIA	USA	CANADA	NORWAY	GREAT BRITAIN	6 TH TEAM (ANOTHER NATION) TEAM OR TEAM WORLD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CLICK THIS IMAGE TO REGISTER YOUR VOLUNTEERING EOI.

REAL SKILLS. REAL COURAGE. REAL HOCKEY.

- WORLD-CLASS COMPETITION
- MAKE A REAL IMPACT
- BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL
- SUPPORT THE TEAMS ON AND OFF THE ICE

Resource Spotlight: Risk Education for Committees

Good risk management is an important part of effective governance. For sporting organisations, it is not simply about identifying what could go wrong or trying to eliminate every possible risk. It is about understanding risk, making informed decisions and putting appropriate measures in place to protect and grow the organisation.

The Australian Sports Commission's The Defence – Risk Education for Directors is a free course designed for directors at national, state and club level. It provides an introduction to risk management in sport and helps directors understand the role they play in their organisation's risk management system.

The course covers:

- Understanding what risk means within a sporting organisation.
- Common risk issues that sporting organisations may face.
- Effective risk management practices and practical steps for applying them.
- The benefits and opportunities that effective risk management can provide.
- The specific responsibilities of directors and boards in managing organisational risk.

Importantly, good risk management does not mean saying "no" to every activity that carries risk. Sporting organisations need to be able to consider new opportunities, activities and ways of developing the sport while understanding and appropriately managing the risks involved.

For club committees and directors, this course is a useful opportunity to strengthen governance knowledge and consider how risk management fits into everyday decision-making — not just when something goes wrong.

Education: The Defence is free and available through the Australian Sports Commission. [The Defence – Risk Education for Directors](#)

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