



2010 National League Championships
Official Format for B & C Grade
December 2009

- The 2010 National League Championships B and C grades will be a series of two ranking tournaments in each island culminating in a Finals competition where teams will be entered in ranked pools (i.e., two even numbered pools, ranked top half and bottom half) based on earlier results.
- The ranking tournaments shall be as follows: North Island 17/18 April (Flaxmere), 16/17 May (Otaki); South Island 1 May (Dunedin) and 15 May (Christchurch).
- Grand Finals 5 - 7 June (Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre).
- Players may only compete for one club.
- Teams are club based. All members of a team must be a member of the club they are playing for.
- New teams to the grade are required to gain permission from the competitions council.
- If any club wishes to enter two teams in the same grade they must provide distinct team lists that will apply for the duration of National League. Players may not move between two teams in the same grade at any time.
- If a club enters teams in more than one grade, i.e., A grade and B grade, players may not move between these teams. The exception to this rule is for women who may play for a women's team in A grade or B grade and simultaneously represent the same club in an open team in a different grade.
- All B Grade teams are required to supply one district referee unique to that team. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 / tournament fine.
- All C grade teams are required to supply one district referee unique to that team. The nominated referee must have a minimum qualification of district theory prior to the first competition. That referee must achieve a practical qualification prior to the end of the Grand finals. Failure to comply will result in a \$100/ tournament fine.
- Any player red carded in a game automatically receives a one game ban for the next game that player is due to play for that team during National League.

Regional / Island based tournaments: B & C grade

- The draw for the B & C grade tournaments will be available at least one week before each tournament and will be determined by the Competitions Council in partnership with team managers.
- The draw format will be flexible to meet the requirements of teams in each island. This may include combining the draws for grades.
- All games should be played on a court that meets the requirements of the International Canoe Federation Canoe Polo Competition Rules and have timing and scoring systems clearly visible to players and the public viewing areas.
- New Zealand Canoe Polo shall be responsible for: booking and meeting the costs of venues; providing competition quality balls; and organising referees, scorers, and timekeepers via the referees and duty team draws.

Finals Tournament:

- The Competitions Director shall determine the tournament draw which will be available at least one week in advance.
- NZ Canoe Polo shall be responsible for: booking and meeting the costs of venues; providing competition quality balls; and organising referees, scorers and timekeepers via the referees and duty draws.
- The Final Tournament will run on 30 minute turnarounds, i.e., 10 minute halves and a three minute half time. Some discretion will be allowed in consultation with team laders.

Points and placings:

Points shall be awarded from the ranking tournaments for final placings only and as follows:

- 1st 20 points
- 2nd 16 points
- 3rd 14 points
- 4th 12 points
- 5th 10 points
- 6th 9 points
- 7th 8 points
- 8th 7 points
- 9th 6 points
- 10th 5 points
- 11th 4 points
- 12th 3 points
- 13th 2 point
- 14th 1 points

Rankings at the tournaments and placings at the end of round robin pool play shall be determined by the following mechanisms (in descending order of importance):

- Total points
- Goal difference
- Winner of games between tied teams
- Toss of a coin

Elimination games and games to determine final ranking places shall comprise of:

- Two periods of 10 minutes with a three minute half time.
- If the scores are equal at the end of play and a result is required there will be a one minute break followed by periods of five minutes of sudden death play shall commence (one minute between periods).

Entries:

- All entries close on Friday 19th March 2010. Completed entry forms should be emailed to the Competition Director: James Mitchell james@missionkayaking.com
- Full squad lists must be supplied by Friday 9th April 2010. Team lists can be updated during the season in writing to the Competitions Director.
- National League entry fee is \$1000 per A grade team and \$600 per B and C grade team. Full payment must be posted to New Zealand Canoe Polo at the address below no later than Monday 30th April 2010.

Disputes:

Any formal disputes during a tournament will be handled according to clause 6.0 of the Association Disputes Policy and section 79 of the International Canoe Federation Canoe Polo Competition Rules. If the competition has been concluded the case will be referred to the Board.