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### RE: 2021 & Beyond Secondary School Tournaments

Hockey New Zealand have undertaken a review with key stakeholders as well as taking into account work done by School Sport New Zealand and keeping in mind the Sport New Zealand Balance is Better principles to develop these changes. Additionally, we have taken the learnings from the successful Regional Secondary School Tournaments held in 2020 due to the COVID- 19 enforced changes. These structure changes have been developed with the purpose too:

- Provide a high-quality experience for all participants involved. These proposed changes will ensure Rangatai have the best opportunity to participate in a high-quality event which is important in their development stage in a pursuit of a lifelong love of sport.
- Increase the accessibility of our Hockey New Zealand Tournaments for all Secondary Schools across New Zealand
- Allow more schools an annual opportunity to gain promotion to a top tier tournament
- Provide a dual-gender model that adds to the overall tournament experience for our young people
- This dual-gender & localised approach will also offer a cost-effective model for schools to run – ultimately making our sport more accessible
- A cheaper/more accessible option for schools who wish only to attend a shortened localised version
- Traditional events are still available for schools to attend

### 2021 Secondary School Tournaments

Tier 1 & 2: No changes only eligible schools may enter these events:

Rankin Cup/India Shield – North Harbour

Federation Cup/Marie Fry Trophy – Hawkes Bay



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- 6 teams relegated from Tier 1 & 2 annually

Tier 3: Increase from three Tier 3 events across the country to six Tier 3 events. With an ideal number of 8-12 teams per gender. Two Tier 3 events will be in each geographical area (Upper North Island, Lower North Island, South Island)

- Boys & Girls Tier 3 events included at the same venue. Based on feedback received from schools, this joint gender approach allows a unique tournament experience to occur with schools able to support each other. For schools with dual gender teams, this also always an opportunity to support each other financially and logistically.
- Promotion will occur through to Tier 1 & 2 for the 1<sup>st</sup> placed team only (rather than 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Any school will be eligible to enter
- Schools will be encouraged to enter within their local, regional body and will be able to enter either of the two tournaments in their geographic area.
- If schools wish to travel outside their regional body, then they will be placed on a waitlist. Should spaces become available, and the viability of the local tournament is not impacted then schools will be allocated through a randomised selection process.
- HNZ understands some schools wish to travel out of their regions to enhance the tournament experience for the participants further. We will look to honour this as best we can - provided no local schools miss out on an opportunity

## Tier 4 –

Tier 4 events will be in each geographical area (Upper North Island, Lower North Island, South Island). Should registration numbers be high in certain areas, more tournaments can be added.

- Boys & Girls Tier 4 events included at the same venue. Ideal numbers of 8-12 teams per gender
- The development of a shortened less formal structure (3 days) 6 aside events. These events will target the non-traditional 'hockey schools' and provide a cheaper, more affordable exposure to the game. Potential option to target these less formal structures at Junior teams (Y9&Y10) that have traditionally not been allowed to attend HNZ events. At this stage these options will be offered and added as demand allows.
- Traditional 11 aside events still available for schools to attend

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Mixed Offerings & 2XI Tournaments

- Mixed Tournament offerings will stay the same offerings for 2021
- 2XI Tournaments will remain stand alone for 2XI teams – should 2XI teams wish to enter their local tournament this will also become an available option

If you have any questions please contact

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