

Hockey New Zealand Participation & Development Philosophy

The philosophy underpinning the Hockey Participation Framework reflects our Hockey Values. It is aimed at ensuring all our participants have fun, enjoy playing with their friends and family, have equal opportunities, and can learn a variety of skills through an appropriate environment that encourages active healthy lifestyles and fosters a lifelong engagement with Hockey.

The Participation & Development Framework is participant-centric and aims to:

- Provide a clear and transparent framework that allows all participants to fulfil their potential
- Provide consistency of delivery

Key Principles of Community Hockey

The following principles should be applied by administrators, coaches, parents and teachers involved in leading, supporting or managing all hockey participation and development opportunities throughout New Zealand.

PARTICIPANT FOCUSED

Meet the needs of the individual

FUN

Make Hockey fun and enjoyable for all involved

SAFE

Ensure a safe, supportive and encouraging environment

INCLUSIVE

Provide equal and accessible opportunities for all who choose to engage with our sport regardless of ability, disability, race, religion, culture, age or gender

HOLISTIC

Provide holistic and appropriate development for all, including but not limited to; players, coaches, umpires, parents & whānau

WELLBEING

Encourage healthy lifestyles and Hauora

Participation programmes are developed with ongoing participation as the priority by providing opportunities for participants to enjoy Hockey and fulfil their current and future goals.