

National Teams Player Selection Policy



1. Scope

- 1.1. This Policy applies to all registered members of the NZIHF as well all eligible players who are playing overseas and fulfil the IIHF requirements to play for their National Team.
- 1.2. This policy applies to all National Teams.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To establish an agreed process for the NZIHF and National coaches on selection of players for the National teams.
- 2.2. To be transparent to players, parents, and the wider ice hockey community about the team selection process and its purpose.

3. Process

- 3.1. Players who are eligible will be invited by the NZIHF to take part in the NZ National Team selection process:
- 3.2. NZIHF and National team coaches will identify players who are eligible for one team but who should be invited to apply for a position in a higher team because this will suit their development and level of play better.
- 3.3. Coaches of the respective national teams make the final decision on selection for all players in conjunction with the selection sub-committee appointed by the NZIHF Management Committee.

4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1. The player is eligible under IIHF Rules to participate in an international competition representing New Zealand, or will be eligible at the time of the competition.
- 4.2. Performance of the player at any selection camps.
- 4.3. The performance of the player in current and previous national and international championships and competitions.
- 4.4. The player's current level of skill and physical fitness, including any current or potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the requisite level.
- 4.5. Information about the player provided to the coaches by regional coaches and other suitable people.
- 4.6. The attitude and behaviour of the player both on and off the ice being consistent with the objectives, values and policies of the NZIHF.
- 4.7. The player having no financial obligations to the NZIHF. Players with debts from previous seasons and without prior arrangement with the NZIHF, will be deemed ineligible.
- 4.8. Other factors that the coaches and the NZIHF deem relevant.

4.9. At least associate membership of the NZIHF through a region.

5. Removal from a Team or National Squad

- 5.1. Any player may be removed from a team or National squad by the team coach or team manager or NZIHF if they:
 - 5.1.1. Breach or fail to observe this Policy, the NZIHF Constitution or the Regulations;
 - 5.1.2. By reason of illness or injury are unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the national coach (after having received advice from a medical practitioner);
 - 5.1.3. Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Drug Free Sport NZ (DFSNZ) Policy, or current Sports Anti-Doping Rules; or
 - 5.1.4. Breaches or fails to comply, fulfil and observe the requirements in the national team agreement;
 - 5.1.5. Is ineligible for selection to or continued membership of the national team;
 - 5.1.6. Fail to sustain their performance and attitude to a satisfactory level, provided that the required performance levels had first been discussed with the participant and the participant had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels.
- 5.2. In the event of a dispute between the parties the NZIHF Management Committee will have the final say.

6. Procedural Concerns

- 6.1. Any concerns about the procedures set down in this policy can be directed to the NZIHF General Secretary. Selection concerns may only be made on procedural grounds not on the merits of a particular selection decision.
- 6.2. All concerns must be in writing and lodged with the NZIHF General Secretary setting out the concerns.
- 6.3. The General Secretary will seek any other information as required.
- 6.4. All concerns will be considered by the NZIHF Management Committee whose decision is final.