

# Ice Hockey

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**Venue:** Dunedin Ice Stadium, 101 Victoria Road, Dunedin.

## Welcome

Welcome to all Ice Hockey participants and their families and friends to the 2018 New Zealand Masters Games in Dunedin. We hope you will enjoy the tournament but also the Games Village and the wider Dunedin area with its beautiful beaches and landscapes. All the best for a safe and enjoyable tournament!

## Ice Hockey Information

The New Zealand Master Games - Ice Hockey Organising Committee is committed to providing a fun, competitive and safe sporting event. For the 2018 tournament we aim to provide at least 5 games per team over the 4 day tournament. The tournament will be divided into “A” and “B” pool depending on the number and skill level of entries.

## Entry Requirements and Deadline

Team managers must register their team with the New Zealand Masters Games, and contact the tournament committee, before players register online to play. All players must indicate their team when registering and paying. If you are an individual wishing to play, please contact the committee and we will attempt to find a place for you on a team. Team Managers who feel they are at risk of not having 11 players registered by 30 November should contact the tournament committee.

To enable a draw to be produced in time for teams to make travel arrangements, the organising committee must know the teams entered by 30 November. Only teams which have a minimum of 11 players registered and paid-up with the Games by 30 November will be included in the draw (so that the costs of ice-time can be met). If a team has been included in the draw on 30<sup>th</sup> November, additional players – beyond the minimum 11 – may continue to register for that team after 30<sup>th</sup> November, although they may not necessarily appear in the programme.

## Entry fee

When registering each player will pay a single fee which is based on two costs: (1) your Masters Games Entry fee and (2) the tournament fee of \$100 (including the cost of ice and officials).

## Ice Hockey Rules

The following are some of the more important rules to be aware of:

- Male players must be at least 35 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018
- Female players must be at least 30 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018
- Teams should comprise 11-16 players (including goalie)
- The games will be non-checking
- No slap shots allowed (knee high snap shots only)
- Any player receiving three penalties in a single game will be ejected for that game.

### Facilities

Changing rooms, showers, toilets and skate sharpening facilities are located at the venue. Four changing rooms are available and these will be allocated to teams on a rotation allowing plenty of turnaround time between games.

### Referees

Referees and linesmen will be provided but if there are qualified people on your team who are keen to assist (and be paid) please let us know – we welcome the support.

### Refreshments

A full range of refreshments will be available at the venue. A social room (with bar) will be available to all players while games are being played.

### Medal Ceremony

Medals will be awarded to each member of the first, second and third placed teams in each grade. The medal ceremony will start as soon as practical after the final game in each Pool has finished on the Saturday.

### New Zealand Masters Games Forum

The Masters Games website ([www.nzmg.com](http://www.nzmg.com)) includes a Forum for each sport. Please feel free to sign up for the Ice Hockey forum to ask questions and talk. The tournament committee will check the forum frequently.

