

ABOUT NIHL

INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEAGUE FOR NEW PLAYERS

WELCOME TO THE NEWCASTLE ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE (NIHL)!

WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE NIHL, WHERE YOUR ICE HOCKEY JOURNEY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! AS A NEW PLAYER, WE WANT TO ENSURE YOU HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE.

NIHL IS A VIBRANT, ALL-INCLUSIVE RECREATIONAL ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE IN NEWCASTLE, DEDICATED TO PROVIDING PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE EXHILARATING SPORT OF ICE HOCKEY. WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO OR BRAND NEW TO THE GAME, YOU'LL FIND A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF PLAYERS AND FANS HERE.

AS A MEMBER OF NIHL, YOU HAVE THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A CLUBHOUSE, WHICH WILL BECOME YOUR HOME BASE FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES AND CAMARADERIE. OUR SIX CLUBHOUSES ARE:

1. ASTROS
2. GALAXY
3. NAVIGATORS
4. SONICS
5. TITANS
6. ROCKETS

EACH CLUBHOUSE HAS ITS UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE AND TRADITIONS.

NIHL OFFERS A VARIETY OF DIVISIONS TO CATER TO PLAYERS OF DIFFERENT AGES AND SKILL LEVELS. FOR ADULTS, WE HAVE FOUR TO FIVE DIVISIONS:

1. DIVISION 1 - PREMIER DIVISION - MOSTLY FILLED WITH PLAYERS PLAYING AT THE TOP COMPETITIVE LEVELS IN AUSTRALIA.
2. DIVISION 2 - INTERMEDIATE DIVISION - MOSTLY FILLED WITH NSW REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS AND VETERAN PLAYERS.
3. DIVISION 3 - RECREATIONAL COMPETITIVE DIVISION - MOSTLY FILLED WITH PLAYERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE SPORT LATER IN LIFE AND WANT TO HAVE FUN BUT BE COMPETITIVE. HAS SOME FAMILY COMBINATIONS THROUGHOUT.
4. DIVISION 4 - RECREATIONAL DIVISION - MOSTLY FILLED WITH PLAYERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE SPORT LATER IN LIFE AND WANT TO HAVE FUN BUT BE COMPETITIVE.
5. DIVISION 5 - BEGINNER DIVISION - MOSTLY FILLED WITH BRAND NEW PLAYERS FROM OUR LEARN2PLAY PROGRAM.

FOR OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS, WE HAVE TWO JUNIOR DIVISIONS:

1. MAJOR JUNIOR - FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS FROM REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL OR EQUIVALENT SKILL LEVEL.
2. JUNIOR U13 - FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS AGED 13 AND BELOW, MOSTLY FILLED WITH BRAND NEW PLAYERS

YOUR TEAM AND DIVISION:

YOUR TEAM ASSIGNMENT AND DIVISION PLACEMENT WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU SOON AFTER YOUR REGISTRATION IS PROCESSED, AND YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET YOUR TEAMMATES AND COACHES (IN JUNIOR LEVELS) AT YOUR FIRST SCHEDULED GAME. WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR COMPETITIVE PLAY OR A MORE RELAXED EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE A DIVISION THAT SUITS YOUR PREFERENCES.

AS YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR FIRST GAME WITH NIHL, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REVIEW THE PAGE THAT EXPLAINS SOME ESSENTIAL ICE HOCKEY INFORMATION, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, RULES, POSITIONING, AND SPECIAL TEAMS. THIS KNOWLEDGE WILL SERVE AS A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUR JOURNEY IN THE LEAGUE.

WE'RE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON THE ICE, REPRESENTING YOUR CHOSEN CLUBHOUSE AND DIVISION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR CLUBHOUSE'S CONTACT PERSON OR THE LEAGUE OFFICE.

GET READY FOR AN INCREDIBLE SEASON OF ICE HOCKEY WITH NIHL! WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY.

