



NEW ZEALAND ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

2018 Age Grade Changes

To: All Regions and Membership of the NZIHF
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2018 – 2023 Youth Pathway: The Five Year NZIHF Vision

NZIHL age group eligibility is as follows:

Age groups are guided by IIHF 1st January born.
All players must be under the said age in that playing year.

U20 - U23: Full contact. Male. Age of eligibility 1999, 2000, 2001. Over age eligibility will include four Players per team maximum, born 1998, 1997, 1996 non NZIHL and NZIHL playing 6 or less games in the current season. Players will only be eligible when playing their own age group first and foremost. Player safety is paramount. This is up to the regions coaching staff and their discretion with a signed wavier from the player's parent and coach if under age.

U18: Full contact. Male and Female. Age of eligibility born 2003, 2002, 2001. Under age players of size and ability will not be hindered or held back. Players will only be eligible when playing their own age group first. Player safety is paramount. This is up to the regions coaching staff and their discretion with a signed wavier from the player's parent and coach if under age.

U15: Non Checking. Male and female. Age of eligibility born, 2006, 2005, 2004. Under age players of size and ability will not be hindered or held back. Players will only be eligible when playing their own age group first and foremost. Player safety is paramount. This is up to the regions coaching staff and their discretion with a signed wavier from the player's parent and coach.

U12: Cross ice, Male and female. Age of eligibility born 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 under age players of size and ability will not be hindered. Under players of size and ability will not be hindered or held back. Players will only be eligible when playing their own age group first and foremost. Player safety is paramount. This is up to the regions coaching staff and their discretion and coach.

Important :

All regions please note: This is a represented age group guideline. Regional and inter house league age restriction are up to each and every region to suit their needs. NZIHF requests a focus on inclusion, retention and fair ice time. This is a critical part of regional development.

NZIHF Management Committee