



Age Guideline Policy

This policy outlines the criteria to participate and/or eligibility within age grades at all IHNZ hosted or sanctioned events and incorporates all age grades. The policy is based on the age grades set out in the IHNZ Inline Hockey Rulebook.

Players may be placed in certain age grades at the discretion of the committee with the focus on creating viable teams for the season.

Age Grades are determined as:

- Under 8 years
- Under 10 years
- Under 12 years
- Under 14 years
- Under 16 years
- Under 18 years
- Under 20 years
- Junior Women (Under 16 years)
- Women
- Senior
- Senior Social
- Mighty Pucks (Learn to Skate) Open to all ages

Ages are to be determined as at the 1st January of each year.

Minimum Age - The minimum age of players in the following Junior grades are:

- Under 8 – for 5, 6 & 7 year olds.
- Under 10 – for 8 & 9 year olds. If there is no Under 8 team for the season then the starting minimum age for this grade is 6 years old. Completion of Mighty Pucks Level One Learn to Skate Programme is highly recommended for any 6 & 7 year olds playing in this age grade.

Female players - may play an additional year in each of the U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 and U20 grades in IHNZ sanctioned events excluding IHNZ Inter Regional Championships. The placement of female players will be made in consultation with the player's parents and coach, however, the final decision will be made by the Committee.