

New Zealand Powerchair Football (NZPF) Committee Update May 6 2018

New Zealand Club Nationals 7-9 July 2018

All teams and individuals across New Zealand are invited to the NZPF National Tournament to be held in Taupo.

This venue has been chosen for its central location allowing as many teams to drive to the location and its ability to heat the hall for winter events.

A registration will be following this update with final arrangements explained along with a timetable however the following is a rough guide of the event.

- Where: Taupo Sports Events Centre AC Baths in Taupo.
- When: July 7-9.
- Cost: \$40 per player and caregiver/supporter.
- What's covered: Venue, player fees, lunches and one evening dinner for players, caregiver and supporters, coaching and referee workshops.
- What's not covered: Transport to the event and accommodation and all other meals.
- Clubs are to send one team with a squad of up to 8 players.
- If you are not part of a team but are still keen to play please let us know as we may be able to fit you into a composite team.

The event costs are subsidized by NZPF and generous Sponsors. We are also fundraising so please pass this link on to anyone you know who may be able to help out.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/nz-powerchair-football-national-tournament-2018>

NZPF AGM

An annual general meeting will be held at the New Zealand Nationals 7-9th. The exact date is yet to be determined but if anyone is interested in serving on the Committee or are interested in attending you will have the opportunity to do so. There will be a Zoom Meeting dial in for those out of town who want to participate.

Australian Nationals

The Australian Nationals are scheduled from 24 September – 1st October 2018 and will be held in Brisbane. We believe they can accommodate two teams from NZ but are in the process of understanding more. If you want to go please let us know, we will require players of a certain level of commitment and skills and will be observing players at the NZ Nationals. Anyone who wants to be considered for this trip will need to register their interest.

Please follow the link to register your interest in the Australian trip.

Anyone not going to the NZ Nationals but who want to be considered for the National side will need to make themselves known to the committee so we can arrange someone to observe their skills for consideration.

The cost of the Australian Nationals is generally around AUD\$1,000 per person for players and caregivers. This will cover accommodation and some food but you will need to cover your travel.

FIPFA World Cup

It has been announced Australia will be hosting the 2021 FIPFA World Cup, this is great news for New Zealand as we will be able to go over to see all the action or even qualify to play.

There will be an APO Cup qualification tournament in 2019 I believe but this is yet to be confirmed, we will need to play and beat 5 other Asia-Pacific-Oceania teams to get a slot in the World Cup.

Junior Halberg

To be held 5-6 October 2018 in Auckland. We are looking for young players under 21 who want to play in this tournament. More information will be available closer to the time.

Coaching and support staff:

National Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager and Independent Selector.

We are calling for expressions of interest for these roles, once we have some names the committee will vote on who will fill these roles based on merit, game knowledge and experience.

If you want to register your interest for Australian Nationals and/or the National Team Squad or coaching or support staff roles, please follow this link and make yourself known to us. We will leave this link open until the end of May 2018. We do understand that due to the nature of the sport people may not be available for all commitments so the more people we can call on the better.

If you want to be involved in the National team please register your interest in playing or helping out by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfns1MdWqL8cmT1cwVb3k1iFHRVwdBsK8ZW_CCd1gOVodURSg/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

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Regards Tim Wheeler
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