



## West Auckland Admirals – Import Player Information

The West Auckland Admirals (WAA) want **YOU**, to help them win the 2019 NZIHL (New Zealand Ice Hockey League) Championship. We want to give you an overview of NZ Ice Hockey, the WAA, and why this could be a great opportunity for you.

### Overview:

- The NZIHL is the national hockey league for New Zealand. There are 5 teams in the League, West Auckland Admirals and Botany Swarm (both in Auckland), Canterbury Red Devils ((Christchurch), Dunedin Thunder (Dunedin) and Stampede (Queenstown)
- The League runs from mid May through to late August, and covers 16 Regular season games in home and away series, with a Semi Final playoff for teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the winner going to a best-of-three Grand Final against the regular season 1<sup>st</sup> place team.
- Each team, in addition to NZ born players and residents, is permitted to ice 4 x “Import” players
- The League has been operating for 14 years, and is now well established, with full live-streaming of all games, and is recognised officially by (and runs under the rules of) the IIHF

### Why play for the West Auckland Admirals?

The Admirals have been in the Finals four times in their history, winning their first NZIHL Championship in the season just past, 2018. In 2016, with just two imports on the roster for most of the season, the Admirals narrowly missed qualification to the Finals on the last day of the regular season. 2017 saw the Admirals go all the way to the Finals, losing to the Stampede, before defeating the same team in the 2018 Finals. With the arrival in 2015 of Justin Daigle, the Admirals have been steadily building the fundamentals of the franchise to now be the elite team in the League. The WAA have high-quality coaching from Csaba Kercso-Magos, a highly regarded Hungarian coach who understands both the NZ and international hockey landscape. The Admirals also have a foundation platform of experienced NZ players (9 Admirals were in the most recent NZ National team – the Ice Blacks, at the World Championships) as well as a core group of elite level Junior players moving through the ranks into the team.

The missing ingredient is **YOU**. Who are **YOU**? You’re an experienced professional or semi-professional player, with an impressive history of performing for the teams you join. You have a great work ethic, and you’re looking for something different, a northern off-season spent in one of the most attractive countries in the world, gaining a unique experience both on and off the ice, whilst staying in shape, playing good level hockey, and contributing to a team goal and culture that is focussed on winning the NZIHL Championship in 2019.

New Zealand Ice Hockey League											
Pos	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	PTS	Diff	PP%	PK%	Strk
1	 Stampede	16	13	0	0	4	39	66	42.59	85.06	W10
2	 Admirals	16	12	1	1	2	39	27	26.15	78.12	W4
3	 Thunder	16	6	1	1	8	21	-1	30.99	75.36	L2
4	 Swarm	16	5	0	1	10	16	-27	18.52	68.00	L6
5	 Red Devils	16	1	1	0	14	5	-61	16.09	63.49	L12



## What can we offer you?

The NZIHL is an amateur league, however, we are in a position to offer you the following support:

- Round-trip airfares from your home country to Auckland
- Accommodation whilst you are in Auckland
- We cover all your League fees, NZ registrations and ITC transfer fee
- We will assist with providing you transport whilst you are in Auckland
- Guidance and assistance with any visa requirements
- Team jerseys, training jerseys and travelling apparel, and some equipment allowance
- Assistance with securing paid employment through one of the many WAA supporters networks
- A fantastic team culture, passionate fans, and a unique opportunity for you to showcase your talent to become an icon in the WAA story
- An opportunity to see New Zealand, live, work and play here for an unforgettable 4-5 months in your career

We believe the best advert for our league and for our organisation are the many success stories from previous imports, and we'd be happy to put you in contact with any of them if you would like to hear an independent view.

## Links:

West Auckland Admirals

<http://westaucklandadmirals.co.nz/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/westakladmirals/>

NZIHL

<http://nzihl.com/>

2018 Game Highlights (Admirals)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uz479OkZyiU>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1qoLyBlbcw>

## Summary

We want you to be a part of the West Auckland Admirals journey to the NZIHL Championship in 2019. We know what is important for import players, and we're here to support you in your decision to come to New Zealand, and also when you're here. We make room in the schedule to ensure you can enjoy the sights and experiences New Zealand has to offer and we'll make sure you have an unforgettable time both on and off the ice.

The Admirals will be filling four import places on the roster in 2019, and we want you to be one of them.

The next step is for you to reach out and make contact with us, and let us answer any of your questions about playing hockey in New Zealand.

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