

2004 Schools Underwater Hockey Report

I am pleased to write the Schools Report for 2004 after being co-opted back as the Schools Development Officer in August. I previously held the position in 2000 so it is worthwhile reviewing the goals set for schools for the year 2000 to see what progress we have made over the past 5 years. The performance targets set for the year 2000 were:

- 500 Schools players registered
- 3 Zone tournaments with 60 teams participating.
- 40 teams at NZSS UWH champs (i.e. Maximum Draw)

Registration

Registration of players with NZSSSC reached 793 in 2004 (See attached statistics) but at time of writing UWHNZ database wasn't fully operational to produce these statistics. The disappointing statistic is the low number of school players in the South Island however I am certain that this statistic will increase due to growing emphasis on school based underwater hockey in Invercargill, Nelson and Christchurch. Comparing the number of registrations in 2000 with the present there has been a 46.5% growth in the player numbers or each year our numbers are growing at approximately 12% from the previous year. The most pleasing statistic is that we have slightly more girls playing the sport than boys. Hopefully we can see this statistic replicated in the clubs in future years.

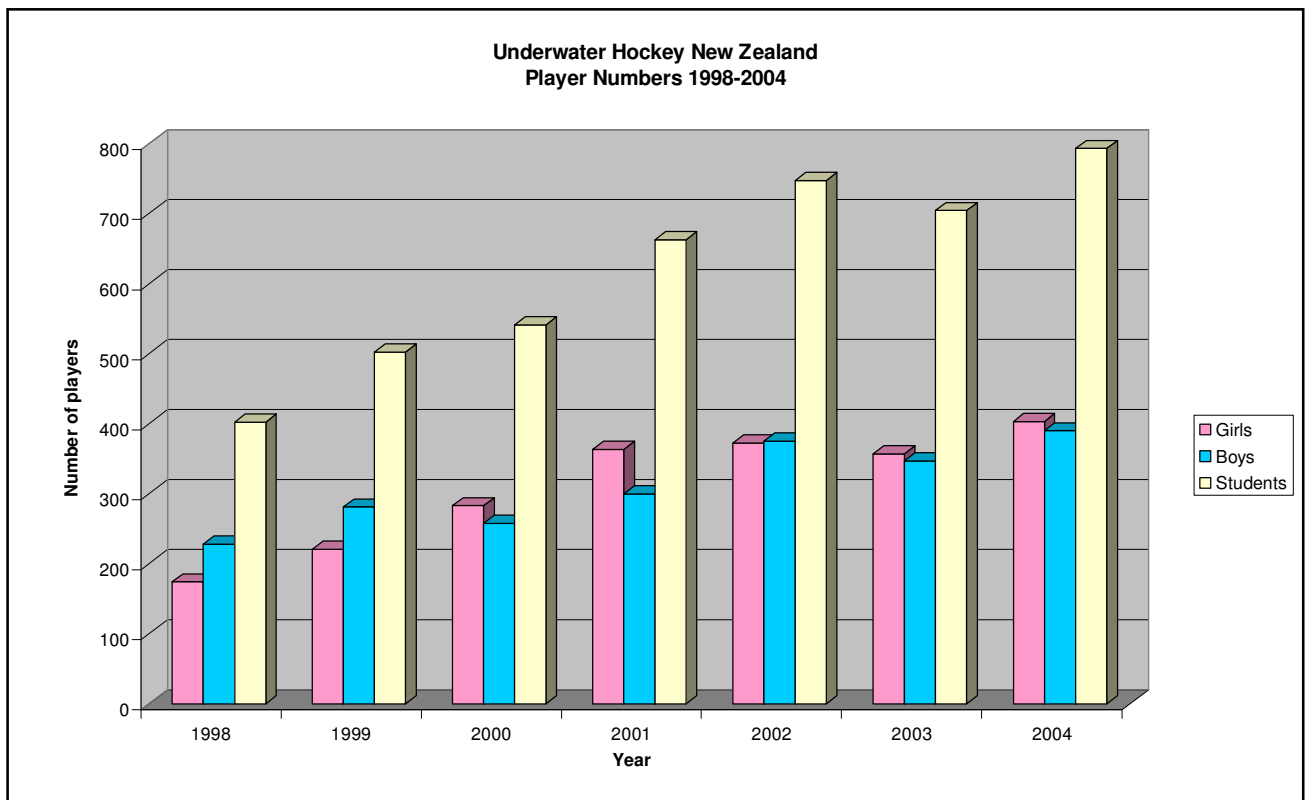


Figure 1 UWHNZ Player numbers in Secondary School. Data provided courtesy of NZSSSC.

Since 2001 the registration process continues to be a problem with people trying to circumvent the system and the poor checking of affiliations. As an aside it was disappointing to see the number of players unaffiliated at School Nationals. It is an opportune time to remind all clubs and schools that the number of qualifying positions available at each zone tournament is dependant on the number of registered players in the zone or combination of zones for the preceding year.

Zone Tournaments

The zone tournaments held in 2004 were once again highly successful with sixty nine (69) teams participating. The northern and central tournaments continue to grow while the southern tournament continues to struggle. In 2000 the goal set was to have 60 teams participating and in 2004 we had 69 teams in attendance at the three tournaments.

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Total	69	62	62	62	49	42
Northern Schools						
# of Teams	25	22	22	18	17	15
# Jnr. Open Teams	7	5	3	4	4	4
# Jnr Girls Teams	8	5	3	5	3	1
# Snr Open Teams	4	5	8	4	5	6
# Snr Girls Teams	6	7	6	5	5	5
Central Zone schools						
# of Teams	31	27	25	27	21	18
# Jnr. Open Teams	10	7	7	9	6	6
# Jnr Girls Teams	7	7	7	9	5	1
# Snr Open Teams	8	8	6	5	6	6
# Snr Girls Teams	7	5	5	4	4	5
South Island Schools						
# of Teams	13	13	15	17	11	9
# Jnr. Open Teams	4	2	5	5	3	2
# Jnr Girls Teams	1	1	1	3	1	-
# Snr Open Teams	4	6	6	4	4	4
# Snr Girls Teams	4	4	3	5	3	5

Table 1 Breakdown of team numbers attending zone tournaments since conception.

The number of registered secondary school players in the South Island has forced a reduction to the number of qualifying positions for the South Island Tournament. For 2005 two qualifying positions are available per grade at the Southern Tournament. Both the Northern and Southern tournaments have 4 qualifying positions per grade.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey Championships

New Zealand Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey Championships were held in Wellington in August and what a great event. The draw was completely full with 40 teams in

attendance. Twenty nine teams missed out this year from the zone tournaments and this will increase significantly as clubs continue to develop school programs.

During the tournament I met with a committee of parents lead by Auckland schools organiser Jeanette Bell to discuss the hosting of the tournament in Auckland. After this meeting I confirmed Auckland as the host of the 2005 event. The Auckland event will be another first in that this will be the first school nationals held in the Auckland since the tournament began in 1985.

Goals for 2005 and beyond.

1. Utilise the underwaterhockey.org.nz website to maximise information and enable schools to check whether their players are registered by 2005.
2. Have 80 teams attending the 2005 zone tournaments and 100 teams by 2007.
3. Have 20 teams attending South Island zone tournament in 2005.
4. Have 30 teams attending each of the Northern and Central Zone Tournaments in 2005.
5. Reach 900 registered schools players by August 2006 and 1000 by August 2007.
6. Create a \$3,000 development fund for underwriting start up mini underwater hockey programmes by 2006.
7. Promote mini underwater hockey programmes to increase the number of secondary schools offering underwater hockey to 50 by 2007.
8. Work with South Island clubs to grow membership to 30% of the secondary school player base by 2007.
9. Split Northern and Mid Northern Zones into separate zone qualifying events by 2008.

I look forward to your continuing support and development of schools underwater hockey in New Zealand.

Tristan Reynard

Statistics

Underwater Hockey Numbers

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Girls	174	221	283	363	372	357	403
Boys	228	281	258	300	375	347	390
Students	402	502	541	663	747	704	793
teacher coaches	5	2	4	8	7	13	8
community coaches	33	49	55	58	61	38	48
student coaches	10	14	8	7	5	16	17
total coaches	48	65	67	73	73	67	73
teacher managers	14	21	22	25	31	16	16
community managers	15	14	11	15	22	25	29
student managers	1	2	1	1	3	3	3
total managers	30	37	34	41	56	44	48
teacher officials	1	2	1	0	3	1	3
community officials	5	1	5	10	7	7	3
student officials	6	9	16	8	28	11	10
total officials	12	12	22	18	38	19	16

Zone Tournament Statistics

Central Zone Secondary Schools UWH Tournament	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
# of Players	265	240	221	234	185	142
# of Male Players	139	128	117	121	107	87
# of Female Players	126	112	104	113	78	55
# of Teams	31	27	25	27	21	18
# Jnr. Open Teams	10	7	7	9	6	6
# Jnr Girls Teams	7	7	7	9	5	1
# Snr Open Teams	8	8	6	5	6	6
# Snr Girls Teams	7	5	5	4	4	5
# of Schools Attending	12	12	14	14	11	8
# of Grades	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ave # Players per team	8.55	8.88	8.84	8.67	8.81	7.89

NZSS Underwater Hockey Championships

Category	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Pool	Wellington	Christchurch	Rotorua	Christchurch	Wellington	Rotorua	Wellington
Cost of Entry	Max \$240 ¹ plus \$100	Max \$240 ¹ plus \$100	Max \$240 ¹	Max \$240 ¹	Max \$240*	Max \$240*	\$240
# of Participants	534	565	480	497	430	455	312
# of Coaches	41	35	38	40	40	41	31
# of Players	374	364	364	356	356	306	242
# of Male Players	183	179	196	174	180	169	128
# of Female Players	191	185	168	182	176	137	114
% Female Players	51%	50.9%	46.1%	51%	49.4%	45%	47%
# of Teams	40	39	40	40	41	37	31
# Jnr Open Teams	10	10	11	12	11	11	9
# Jnr Girls Teams	10	8	8	9	10	2	4
# Snr Open Teams	10	10	9	9	10	13	12
# Snr Girls Teams	10	11	12	10	10	11	6
# of Schools	22	21	23	25	22	27	20
# of Grades	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ave. # per Team	9.35	9.33	9.10	8.9	8.68	8.27	7.81
Ave. # Officials per Team	4	5.15	2.70	3.53	1.80	4.02	
# of Teams in System	69	62	62	62	49	42	-
Northern Tournament	25	22	22	18	17	15	
Central Tournament	31	27	25	27	21	18	
South Island Tournament	13	13	15	17	11	9	
Schools Development Officer	T Reynard	Vacant²	Vacant²	Vacant²	T Reynard	T Reynard	T Reynard

- ¹ Partial Entry fee paid through Zone Tournaments.
- ² T Reynard was the acting SDO during this period