**WHA Competition 2024 Formats**

**Women’s Premier 1**

Start Date: 6th April 2024

End Date: 24th August 2024

Number of Teams: 8

Grade Specific Notes:

1. The first round of Competition will run from 6th April to 11th May. Every team must play each other once in order to rank InterCity.
2. One off Wednesday night game on 17th April
3. Late starts on 27th April due to player recovery time from Wellington rep games on Friday 26th April
4. InterCity will run from 18th May to 22nd June with no game on King’s Birthday weekend (InterCity has already been delayed by a week to accommodate 8 team round robin in Wellington)
5. Second local round will run from 29th June to 10th August, which includes a game on Matariki
6. Two-week standard final series starts on 17th August, with final games on 24th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5v8

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final) Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place) Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace) Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place) Loser Game C vs Loser Game D

**Men’s Premier 1**

Start Date: 13th April 2024

End Date: 24th August 2024

Number of Teams: 6

Grade Specific Notes:

1. The first round of Competition will run from 13th April to 11th May. Every team must play each other once to rank InterCity.
2. Late starts on 27th April due to player recovery time from Wellington rep games on Friday 26th April
3. InterCity will run from 18th May to 22nd June with no game on King’s Birthday weekend
4. No game on Matariki (29th June) for P1M
5. Final local round will run from 6th July to 3rd August
6. Dalefield will be drawn at home for the first week of Finals on the 10th August regardless of placing (enables the draw for other grades to be finalised)
7. Three-week final series starts on 10th August, Semi-Finals on the 17th August and Finals on 24th August:

Quarter Finals/Top 2 Double Chance:

Game A) 1v2

Game B) 3v6

Game C) 4v5

Semi Finals:

Game D) Winner Game A vs Winner Game B

Game E) Loser Game A vs Winner Game B

5th Place) Loser Game B vs Loser Game C

Finals:

Grand Final) Winner Game D v Winner Game E

3rd Place) Loser Game D vs Loser Game E

**Men & Women’s Premier 2**

Start Date: 7th April 2024

End Date: 25th August 2024

Number of Teams: 8

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Pre-Season Challenge Round to run from 7th April to 20th April (3 games of Pool play) before Challenge Finals on 27th between equal rank in each pool (1st vs 1st, 2nd vs 2nd etc)
2. After Challenge Round, the ladder will be reset.
3. Local competition will run from 5th May to 11th August with each team playing each other twice
4. No games on King’s Birthday Weekend (Saturday 1st June & Sunday 2nd June)
5. Games to be played on Matariki weekend (Saturday 29th June & Sunday 30th June)
6. Two week standard final series on 18th August and 24th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5v8

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game C vs Loser Game D

**Men’s Premier 3**

Start Date: 6th April 2024

End Date: 24th August 2024

Number of Teams: 8

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Pre-Season Challenge Round to run from 7th April to 20th April (3 games of Pool play) before Challenge Finals on 27th between equal rank in each pool (1st vs 1st, 2nd vs 2nd etc)
2. After Challenge Round, the ladder will be reset.
3. Men’s Premier 3 competition will run from 5th May to 11th August with each team playing each other twice
4. No games on King’s Birthday Weekend (Saturday 1st June & Sunday 2nd June)
5. Games to be played on Matariki weekend (Saturday 29th June & Sunday 30th June)
6. Two-week standard final series on 18th August and 24th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5v8

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game C vs Loser Game D

**Men’s Premier 4**

Start Date: 6th April 2024

End Date: 24th August 2024

Number of Teams: 8

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Pre-Season Challenge Round to run from 7th April to 20th April (3 games of Pool play) before Challenge Finals on 27th between equal rank in each pool (1st vs 1st, 2nd vs 2nd etc)
2. After Challenge Round, the ladder will be reset.
3. Men’s Premier 4 competition will run from 5th May to 11th August with each team playing each other twice
4. No games on King’s Birthday Weekend (Saturday 1st June & Sunday 2nd June)
5. Games to be played on Matariki weekend (Saturday 29th June & Sunday 30th June)
6. Two-week standard final series on 18th August and 24th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5v8

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game C vs Loser Game D

**Women’s Premier 3**

Start Date: 6th April 2024

End Date: 24th August 2024

Number of Teams: 8

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Pre-Season Challenge Round to run from 7th April to 20th April (3 games of Pool play) before Challenge Finals on 27th between equal rank in each pool (1st vs 1st, 2nd vs 2nd etc)
2. After Challenge Round, the ladder will be reset.
3. Women’s Premier 3 competition will run from 5th May to 11th August with each team playing each other twice
4. Full draw cannot be completed until teams are confirmed from Challenge Games.
5. Two-week standard final series on 18th August and 24th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5v8

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game C vs Loser Game D

**Women’s Premier 4**

Start Date: 6th April 2024

End Date: 24th August 2024

Number of Teams: 7

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Pre-Season Challenge Round to run from 7th April to 20th April (3 games of Pool play) before Challenge Finals on 27th between equal rank in each pool (1st vs 1st, 2nd vs 2nd etc)
2. After Challenge Round, the ladder will be reset.
3. Women’s Premier 4 competition will run from 5th May to 11th August with each team playing each other twice
4. Each team will be a drawn to play friendlies vs R1 Women due to odd number of teams in each grade. Do not enter scores into PlayHQ as this will pull through onto P4 ladder.
5. Two-week standard final series on 18th August and 24th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5 v R1 Friendly/Bye

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game C vs Bye/R1 Friendly

**Women’s Reserve (Saturday)**

Start Date: 6th April 2023

End Date: 24th August 2023

Number of Teams: 5

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Women’s Reserve 1 competition will run from 6th April to 11th August with each team playing each other four times
2. Each team will be a drawn to play friendlies vs P4 Women due to odd number of teams in each grade. Do not enter scores into PlayHQ as this will pull through onto R1 ladder.
3. No R1 finals due to Round Robin format. Final rankings will be taken from ladder.

**Women’s Reserve 2 (Sunday)**

Start Date: 7th April 2024

End Date: 25th August 2024

Number of Teams: 7

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Challenge Round to run from 7th April to 27th April, no finals due to bye (no chance for everyone to play everyone)
2. After Challenge Round, the ladder will be reset.
3. Women’s Reserve 2 competition will run from 5th May to 11th August with each team playing each other twice
4. Two-week standard final series on 18th August and 25th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5vBye

Game D) 6v7

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game C vs Bye

**Men’s Reserve (Sunday)**

Start Date: 7th April 2024

End Date: 25th August 2024

Number of Teams: 9

Grade Specific Notes:

1. Men’s Reserve 2 competition will run from 7th April to 11th August with each team playing each other twice, including two byes.
2. Two-week standard final series on 18th August and 25th August in following format:

Semi Finals:

Game A) 1v4

Game B) 2v3

Game C) 5vBye

Game D) 6v7

Game E) 8v9

Finals:

Grand Final = Winner Game A v Winner Game B

3rd Place = Loser Game A vs Loser Game B

5thPlace = Winner Game C v Winner Game D

7th Place = Loser Game D vs Winner Game E

9th Place = Loser Game E vs Bye