

External dates that effect the HCNC Competition Dates:

March/April/May	June/July	August/Sept
23-27 March –Summer Tournament Week 3 April – Good Friday 6 April Easter Monday 6-17 April - School Holidays 27 April – ANZAC Day	01 June – Kings Birthday 05 July – 07 July Jnr North Island Champs 6-17 July - School Holidays 13-16 July - NNZ U18 Champs 10 July – Matariki	31 August-4 September - UNISS 5-11 Sept- AIMS 10-13 Sept - NNZ Open Champs

2026 Competition Dates

Competitions		Age Groups	Play Dates	No Play Dates	Registration Close Date	Tournament/ Festival Dates
Open Grade Competition	Indoor Open Grade Premier	Open (Year 11+)	16 weeks / 16 games Thursdays April: 23, 30 May: 7,14,21,28 June: 4,11,18,25 July: 2,23,30 August: 6,13,20 <i>Promotion/Relegation Games</i> Monday June: 8 Thursday: August 27	9 July 16 July	2 April	OG Prem Indoor Sunday 12 April Pre-season Saturday 28 March Mid-season Sunday 14 June
	Saturday Open Grade	Open (Year 11+)	14 weeks / 14 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13,20,27 July: 4,25, August: 1,8,15,22	30 May 11 July 18 July		Mid-season Sunday 14 June
Saturday Open Mixed Competition	Saturday Open Mixed	Open (Year 11+)	14 weeks / 14 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13,20,27 July: 4,25, August: 1,8,15,22	30 May 11 July 18 July	2 April	Pre-season Saturday 28 March Mid-season Sunday 14 June

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Thursday Open Grade Competition	Thursday Open Grade	Open (Year 11+)	14 weeks / 14 games Thursdays April: 30 May: 7,14,21,28 June: 4,11,18,25 July: 2,23,30 August: 6,13	9 July 16 July	2 April	Pre-season Saturday 28 March Mid-season Sunday 14 June
	Secondary Senior	Senior (Year 11-13)	14 weeks / 14 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13,20,27 July: 4,25, August: 1,8,15,22	30 May 11 July 18 July	2 April	Pre-season Saturday 28 March Mid-season Sunday 14 June HCNC Premier & Development Sunday 26 July HCNC Rep Tournament Sunday 21 June Zone Premier & Development Sunday 2 August
Secondary Mixed	Year 9-13	14 weeks / 14 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13,20,27 July: 4,25, August: 1,8,15,22	30 May 11 July 18 July			
Secondary Junior	Year 10 Year 9	14 weeks / 14 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13,20,27 July: 4,25, August: 1,8,15,22	30 May 11 July 18 July			
Secondary Social	Senior (Yr11-13)	6 weeks / 6 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13	30 May			
Secondary Social	Junior Year 10 Year 9	6 weeks / 6 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13	30 May			
Secondary Thursday	Senior (Yr11-13)	14 weeks / 14 games Thursdays April: 30 May: 7,14,21,28 June: 4,11,18,25 July: 2,23,30 August: 6,13	9 July 16 July			

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Secondary Competition	Secondary Thursday	Junior Year 9 Year 10	14 weeks / 14 games Thursdays April: 30 May: 7,14,21,28 June: 4,11,18,25 July: 2,23,30 August: 6,13	9 July 16 July	2 April	Pre-season Saturday 28 March Mid-season Sunday 14 June HCNC Premier & Development Sunday 26 July HCNC Rep Tournament Sunday 21 June Zone Premier & Development Sunday 2 August
	Saturday Intermediate	Year 8 Year 7	14 weeks / 14 games Saturdays May: 2,9,16,23 June: 6,13,20,27 July: 4,25, August: 1,8,15,22	30 May 11 July 18 July	2 April	Mid-season 14 June Festival 23 August
	Year 5-6	Year 6 Year 5	13 weeks Wednesdays May: 6,13,20,27 June: 3,10,17,24 July: 1, 22,29 August: 5,12	8 July 15 July	13 April	Festival Sunday 23 August
futureFERNS Programme	Year 3-4	Year 4 Year 3	13 weeks Tuesdays May: 5,12,19,26, June: 2,9,16,23, 30 July: 21,28 August: 4,11	7 July 14 July		
	Year 1-2	Year 2 Year 1	9 weeks Thursdays May: 7,14,21,28 June: 4,11,18,25 July: 2	N/A		