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## New Zealand Men's U19 National Team 2018



Floorball New Zealand has entered a team into the Men's U19 World Floorball Championship Qualification 2018. The team will play qualification games against Australia and Japan. The games will be played in Wellington from 27th to 29th September.

**The top two teams will qualify for the Men's U19 World Floorball Championship Finals in May 2019, held in Canada.**

## 1. Eligibility to play for NZ U19 National Team

To play for the Men's U19 New Zealand team, a player needs to fulfil the following criteria:

- Be a licensed floorball player in New Zealand or in another IFF recognised national floorball association.
- Be a NZ citizen
- Be born on 1.1.2000 or after but not later than 6.5.2004

If you like to be considered as a candidate for the U19 Men's National team, please complete the attached nomination form. The completed nomination form needs to be sent to Floorball New Zealand: [contact@floorball.org.nz](mailto:contact@floorball.org.nz)

Please indicate your preferred position when completing the nomination form.

## 2. Selection of players and selection criteria

Floorball New Zealand has appointed Christian Bertschinger as the head coach for the U19 Men's National team. The size of the team is envisaged to be between 14 and 20 players.

The next open development weekend takes place from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April (evening) to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April in Wellington. This is another opportunity to meet other players, meet the National team coach and hear first hand what is expected of players. This is **NOT** yet a selection weekend.

The selection of players will take place on the weekend of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the team will be announced shortly after that. That training weekend will be held in Wellington. Players wishing to trial are expected to attend for the whole weekend. If a player who would like to be considered for the team is unable to attend the selection weekend, please get in touch with the coach.

Christian will be selecting the team based on the following criteria:

- Floorball skills (dribbling, passing, shooting, positioning, tactical knowledge and understanding of the game)
- Fitness
- Attending regular club trainings either with an U19 squad or with an adult team
- attitude, value and experience provided to team
- fit into the game play system

After a player is selected for the team, a deposit is due to be paid to Floorball New Zealand to confirm the selection, refer point 4 for more information.



### **3. Training leading up to the qualifying tournament**

All selected players are required to attend regular training with their respective clubs. The National team coach will be in contact with club coaches to follow individual progress of players.

In addition, the following team training weekends and events are currently planned:

- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> July                      Training camp in Wellington
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun 19<sup>th</sup> August                      Training weekend in Wellington
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> to Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> September                      Training weekend in Wellington

The above events are for the selected players only and are seen as very important milestone in the preparation, attendance of selected players is crucial.

In addition to the trainings with clubs or with the whole team as outlined above, a fitness regime/programme will be put in place for all players. This fitness programme is compulsory for all players and the responsibility of each player. It will be assessed at a regular basis to ensure required fitness levels are achieved.

### **4. Costs and equipment for qualifying tournament**

Each player needs to provide his/her own playing equipment. This includes goalies who are expected to have a full set of goalie gear.

Due to the small amount of funding and sponsorship currently available to Floorball New Zealand, it is anticipated that there will be a participation fee for players to cover costs for team fee, uniforms and team training. This is estimated to be between \$300 and \$400 and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Each player needs to cover costs for traveling to Wellington.

Local transport and accommodation in Wellington will be organised for the whole team and costs will be shared amongst the team members.

Floorball New Zealand will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible and will also attempt to do some fundraising towards these costs.

After the selection of the players, each player is required to put down a deposit of \$300 paid into the Floorball NZ account in order to confirm the selection. This amount is used towards the team costs as stated above. Payment of this is due within 3 weeks after the player has been selected. Should the team costs be less than the amount of the deposit, the difference will be refunded to the players after the tournament.

Players not putting down a deposit in the required time will not be confirmed as being selected.



## **5. Qualifying tournament**

The team will assemble in Wellington on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the evening in Wellington and the team will stay together at a hotel for the following days until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the team will have further training session in order to prepare for the first game either on Thursday night or Friday night.

Players are expected to attend all team events, trainings, debriefs and team meals and stay with the team all time.

There is a strict non-alcohol policy for players before and during the tournament, starting 4 weeks prior to the first game.

A team manager and other support staff will stay with the team. The support staff will organise meals, recovery sessions, etc.

## **6. What happens after the qualifying tournament**

The top two teams of the qualifying tournament will qualify for the Men's U19 World Floorball Championship Finals in 2019 which are held in Halifax, Canada from 7. to 12. May 2019. There will be 16 countries playing at the MU19s WFC 2019.

Should the New Zealand team qualify, then a team selection for that event will start after October 2018. Experience gained during the qualifying tournament will be an important selection criteria and it is anticipated that a large number of players from the qualifying tournament will also be available for a potential team for the Men's U19 WFC in 2019.

For any questions, please contact Christian Bertschinger: [contact@floorball.org.nz](mailto:contact@floorball.org.nz)

Wellington, 19.3.2018



# Floorball New Zealand

## Player Nomination Form

### National Team



Complete this registration form to nominate yourself for the New Zealand Men's U19 Floorball National Team. There are no restrictions apart from the eligibility criteria set out above, so if you think you can add value to the team and want to represent New Zealand, we want to know about you.

#### PLAYER INFORMATION

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>			
<b>Club</b>			
<b>Preferred Position</b>			
<b>Stick hand</b>	<b>Left</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Right</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Phone h</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Email</b>			
<b>Floorball experience</b>			
<b>Areas of strength</b>			
<b>Other sport experience</b>			

Nomination: I would like to nominate myself to be considerate for the New Zealand Men's U19 Floorball National Teams and intend to take part in the MU19 WFCQ Tournament in Wellington in September 2018. I am aware that I will have to pay for travel and accommodation costs and a large part of the team costs.

<b>Players Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Parent / Guardian's signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**NB:** For players under the age of 18, the parent / guardian must sign this form

Email completed and signed form to: [contact@floorball.org.nz](mailto:contact@floorball.org.nz)

