



TOURNAMENT UNIFORM POLICY



NZTFI Uniform Policy

This NZTFI policy outlines the playing strip (uniform) criteria at all NZTFI tournaments and events.

This policy outlines the protection of sponsors for both the Regional and International Heritage Nation Associations, and restrictions on branding of uniforms and equipment.

This policy is designed to protect the sponsors of NZTFI who have been sold rights to promote their products at, or supply, NZTFI Tournaments and Events.

NZTFI reserves the right to restrict all potential channels of promotion. However all sponsorship restrictions that affect provinces will be communicated and reviewed annually.

This policy supersedes all previous National, International uniform and Uniform Sponsorship Policies and is effective from 1st September, 2020.

Registration of Governing Bodies Official Colours

- 1) Teams entered must play in their governing body's representative uniforms. The minimum requirement is that the top (tag shirt/singlet/tag shorts) shall reflect the governing bodies officially registered colours
- 2) Governing Bodies official colours must be endorsed and registered at NZTFI prior to application to enter a tournament

General Uniform Criteria

- 1) Team numbering must be 1-20 inclusive. (22 for Masters Grades) Players **must** retain the **same** playing number, which must match that of their team sheet, throughout the tournament.
- 2) The tops must have numbers no less than 18cm high on the back.
- 3) Numbers must be reversed clear to read and not the same colour as the top.
- 4) All players must wear SAS Tag numbered playing tops and compliant tag shorts.
- 5) **Under Garments** – The wearing of under garments, i.e. thermals, skins, bike shorts and other types of apparel, whilst acceptable, **must not** be visible during the course of play.
- 6) Suitable footwear must be worn. Regulation molded sole Tag boots are recommended.
NO bare feet, spikes, or rugby boots (with removable sprigs) allowed.



Uniform Policy Uniform Clashes

- 1) Governing bodies having the same colours/designs shall be avoided. Every reasonable effort shall be made by both NZTFI and the governing bodies to avoid a clash with Uniforms.
- 2) At the time of registration NZTFI has the responsibility to identify and advise any clash between governing bodies colours
- 3) At the time of registration and where a clash of governing bodies colours occurs, the governing bodies will be advised by the NZTFI to make changes to either design and/or colour and re submit their uniform for registration
NOTE: A uniform clash should be considered as;

Uniforms of design and/or colour that do not readily differentiate between two teams

- 4) In the unlikely event that 2 or more governing bodies have uniform colours/designs that are similar and after every reasonable effort by both NZTFI and the affected governing bodies has been exhausted, The NZTFI will advise and instruct the affected governing bodies to provide an alternative uniform. Clashes shall be recorded by NZTFI.
 - a) The alternative uniform shall only be worn against a team where a clash occurs.
- 5) Where a clash occurs NZTFI will determine in every case which team is to wear the alternative uniform. Unless special circumstances prevail NZTFI will adopt the Policy of allowing the highest seeded team in any clash to maintain their uniform. The lowest seeded team will wear their alternate uniform.
- 6) Alternative uniforms shall be registered with NZTFI as per the governing bodies uniform/colours.
- 7) Dispensation may be given by NZTFI from time to time for invitational teams to enter NZTFI Tournaments.
 - a) Where a clash of uniforms/colours is likely due to an invitational team entering, NZTFI will determine whether the invitational team entering will need to provide an alternate playing uniform or whether the Regional/ International Heritage team entered will wear an alternate uniform. NZTFI will liaise with governing bodies in advance where such special circumstance prevails.



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Sponsorship Restrictions on Uniforms

Tournaments Affected All NZTFI Tournaments

1. Player Uniform

Governing bodies are able to sell the rights to logos on uniforms under the following restrictions;

Type of Sponsor	On Approval by NZTFI
Playing shirt/top	Sponsors logo Size must be no larger than 20cm x 6cm and can only appear below the the playing number on the back of the top.
Playing shorts	Sponsors logo on back only, Size must be no larger than 10cm x 4cm
Caps/ Peaks	Sponsor logo to appear once only
Tracksuit/ Dress	No restrictions on placement
shirt Shoes	Manufacturers standard branding only
Balls	NZTFI balls only where supplied
Drink bottles	No restrictions on placement
Team Equipment	No restrictions on placement

Regional/International Heritage Associations are encouraged to check the sponsorship restrictions with the NZTFI Tournaments Manager before selling opportunities to ensure the NZTFI sponsorship policy is not breached. The NZTFI does not take responsibility for any loss due to a breach of this policy and any alterations to this policy that may be communicated from time to time.

Any representative teams breaching these restrictions will not be permitted to take the field.

Regions/International Heritage nations are to note that this policy will be reviewed annually.