



# NZTFI 2021 Re-scheduled Junior Tag Nationals

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Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini, Auckland

## Managers Information Pack

Version 1.0



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# Section 1: Introduction and Overview

## 1.1 Welcome

New Zealand Tag Football Inc. and our affiliates would like to extend you a warm welcome to this event. After a challenging 2021 year, we are excited to be returning in 2022 for the Re-scheduled 2021 Junior Tag Nationals. This tournament was supposed to be in December 10-12 of 2021 but due to the Covid-19 lockdown the season was disrupted and we were forced to postpone the event to the new confirmed dates of **March 18-20 2022**. The NZTFI is committed to providing an exciting, safe, and positive experience for all at this event, and in return we ask that all attendees adhere to the new Vaccination policies and NZTFI Codes of Conduct. We cannot wait to see you all in March.

*"Play Tag, The Game for EveryBody"*

- Claude Iusitini  
National Development Officer

## 1.2 Purpose Statement

This information pack is designed to provide initial details about the tournament to Coaches and Managers to allow them to undertake appropriate planning for the event. This is Version 1.0 of the Event Information Pack. **Updated versions of this document will be published in the lead up to the event.**

## 1.3 Event Overview

**Event:** 2021 Rescheduled Junior Tag Nationals

**When:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Where:** Bruce Pulman Park - 90 Walters Road, Takanini, Auckland NZ

### **Competitions:**

This tournament will offer playing divisions for Under 7s through to Under 16s Mixed, Boys and Girls Divisions. The Under 12 age groups and all of the younger proceeding age groups will be **non-competitive**. The non-competitive age groups will play on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022. (As recommended by the Contingent Leaders)

The Under 13 age group and all older proceeding age groups WILL be competitive and teams will be playing for placings/Junior National Champions titles.

### **Non-Competitive Grades:**

Under 7 – Open

Under 8 – Boys, Girls

Under 9 – Boys, Girls

Under 10 – Boys, Girls

Under 11 – Boys, Girls

Under 12 – Boys, Girls



**Competitive Grades:**

Under 13 – Boys, Girls

Under 14 – Boys, Girls, Mixed

Under 15 - Boys, Girls, Mixed

Under 16 – Boys, Girls, Mixed

**Tournament Fee: \$60.00 (NZD) per player \*UPDATED**

- *\*Originally the new fee structure was going to be reduced fees for non comp and affiliated registered players and increased fees for players who did not play at a recognized NZTFI module, This was changed due to Auckland being in Level 4 lockdown and no tag season in the greater Auckland area was played for the 2021 season. (The new fee structures will take effect for the 2022 JTN's later in the year and beyond)*
- Paid individually through the online player registration link to come.
- There is no fee to participate as a Coach or Manager.
- All age groups are guaranteed a minimum of 6 games. Non-competitive grades will play 2 full days this year instead of 3 half days as they have previously.

**Registrations:**

All registrations will be completed online through Game Day registration links.

- **Managers must first register their team to obtain a team code.**
- There is no charge to use the team registration link.
- **Once the team is registered, players can then register themselves into the team using their team code.**
- **The Registration cut-off dates stated in section 4.2 will be strictly enforced, please plan accordingly.**
- **Proof of My Vaccination Pass will be required at the online registration phase**
- **This is a fully vaccinated event and participants will only be eligible if they can provide their My Vaccination Pass**
- **Registration Cut off is 4 weeks before the event which allows us time to check each and every players age and vaccine status BEFORE the event.**

**Player Registration Link:**

**TBA** (To be released Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022)

**EOI Expressions of Interest Regions:**

- Far North
- Northland Stingrays
- Rodney District Sports
- North Harbour Seahawks
- Auckland Metro
- Central Knights
- Waitakere Rangers
- East Auckland Jaguars
- Manukau Harbour Dolphins
- South Auckland Storm
- Counties Manukau Cyclones
- Raahui Pookeka (Waikato)
- Bay of Plenty (To be confirmed)
- Hawkes Bay (To be confirmed)
- Porirua City Tag
- Canterbury Spartans

## Section 2: Tournament Personnel

Role	Contact	
<b>Tournament Director</b>	Claude Iusitini	Email: <a href="mailto:claudio@nztagfootball.co.nz">claudio@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
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<b>Tournament Operations Manager</b>	Lisa Iusitini	Email: <a href="mailto:lisa@nztagfootball.co.nz">lisa@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
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**For more information:**

**[www.nztagfootball.com](http://www.nztagfootball.com) Or [Facebook/NZTFI](https://www.facebook.com/NZTFI)**

## Section 3: Playing Divisions & Eligibility

### 3.1 Covid-19 Vaccination Policy

Please see [www.nztagfootball.com/resources/](http://www.nztagfootball.com/resources/) for the NZTFI's resources of the Covid Protection Framework of the Re-scheduled 2021 Junior Tag Nationals.

- This tournament is a fully vaccinated event that will require proof of a vaccine certificate
- Players under the age of 12 years 3 months do not require a my vaccine certificate
- Players above the age of 12 years 3 months will require a my vaccine certificate
- All players/coaches/managers/referees/administrators/workers/volunteers/admin staff/contractors/food vendors can only participate if they have a MOH (Ministry of Health) My Vaccine Certificate
- Proof of Vaccination will be required at registration stage and must be sighted/validated by each teams coaches and or managers before they can participate.
- We expect we will also have the MOH vaccine checker attached to the registration form.
- Rapid Antigen Testing or any other testing system will not be acceptable to participate at the event
- A negative covid test does NOT qualify for participation at this event
- Your team will be removed from the competition effective immediately if we find a player/coach/manager has breached the Covid Protection Mandate. (NO appeals)
- My vaccination certificates for all participants will be verified 4 weeks before the event.
- NZTFI reserve the right to Spot check any team or participants vaccination certification over the 3 day event.
- Un-vaccinated Supporters/Spectators may attend the event but must maintain a 2mtr distance from those at the event and wear a mask.
- No Supporters/Spectators will be permitted in the regions tent spaces.
- All Supporters/Spectators must stay behind the roped areas.
- The Merchandise and Food Vendors may require you to wear a mask and show proof of your CVC passport (Covid Vaccination Certificate) when purchasing food or items.

### 3.2 Non-Competitive Playing Divisions

Non-competitive playing division are for the youngest participants in this event. The game scores in these divisions are not recorded, and therefore, placings are not allocated. This is with the intent of keeping these divisions focused on youth development, and most importantly, fun.

ALL participants in these divisions are awarded a gold participation medals on day three at the prizegiving ceremony. Each team is allocated as many participation medals as they have registered players

#### **The Non-Competitive Playing Divisions are as follows:**

*This may change if team numbers in EOI forms are updated.*

- Under 6 Open
- Under 7 Open
- Under 8 Boys / Girls

- Under 9 Boys / Girls
- Under 10 Boys / Girls
- Under 11 Boys / Girls
- Under 12 Boys / Girls

### 3.3 Competitive Playing Divisions

The competitive playing divisions are for the more mature junior participants of this event. These divisions will have their game scores recorded and will be ranked within a points table based on their performance throughout the round-robin phase. These divisions will progress into finals phases in which teams will play-off to win the Junior Tag Nationals Champions Title for their age group. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to winning teams in these divisions. Grades are determined by the amount of entries per grade. If there are not enough teams to make up a grade they will be moved up to the next age group division. Medals will be awarded for their participation.

#### The Competitive Playing Divisions are as follows:

- Under 13 Boys / Girls
- Under 14 Boys / Girls / Mixed
- Under 15 Boys / Girls / Mixed
- Under 16 Boys / Girls / Mixed

### 3.4 Player Age Eligibility

A player's birthday must fall on or after **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021** to be eligible for their age division.

For example, to be eligible in the Under 13 division, the player must have either turned 13 on **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021** or be turning 13 during the year to be eligible. A player cannot already be 13 prior to **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021** to play in the Under 13 division.

#### **\*Age Eligibility Table based on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

Age Group	Player Birth Year
<b>Under 6:</b> Non Competition	2013
<b>Under 7:</b> Non Competition	2014
<b>Under 8:</b> Non Competition	2013
<b>Under 9:</b> Non Competition	2012
<b>Under 10:</b> Non Competition	2011
<b>Under 11:</b> Non Competition	2010
<b>Under 12:</b> Non Competition	2009
<b>Under 13:</b> Competition Grade	2008
<b>Under 14:</b> Competition Grade	2007
<b>Under 15:</b> Competition Grade	2006
<b>Under 16:</b> Competition Grade	2005

*\* Coaches and or Managers will be responsible for checking all their players eligibility to play in the grade by sighting each players Photo ID uploaded.*



### 3.5 Squad Sizes

\* - **Competition Grades:** Minimum 16 Players Maximum 20 Players

- **Non-Competition Grades:** Minimum 14 Players Maximum 18 Players

\* *Playing team numbers as above will be monitored this year, if your team fail to meet the minimum squad size you will be notified and withdrawn from the tournament.*

## Section 4: Registrations

### 4.1 Tournament Fee

The cost of playing in this tournament is **\$60.00 (NZD) per player.**

- This fee must be paid through the online player registration link. (*Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 release date*)
- If you anticipate getting bulk funding or sponsorship for your team's player fees please contact [imogen.pilks@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:imogen.pilks@nztagfootball.co.nz) to obtain an appropriate registration link.

### 4.2 Registration Cut-Off Dates

THE SQUAD SIZES, AGE ELIGIBILITY AND VACCINATION VERIFICATION CUT OFF DATES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL HAVE YOUR TEAM WITHDRAWN WITH NO REFUNDS. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE WITHDRAWN WITH NO REFUND. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. IF YOU MISS THESE DATES, YOU WILL NOT PLAY. PLEASE DO NOT COMPLAIN IF YOU OR YOUR TEAM ARE WITHDRAWN AS YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO SORT WITH THE DATES INDICATED BELOW.

#### Junior Tag Nationals Critical Time line Deadlines

<b>Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>	JTN EOI(Expressions Of Interest) form
<b>Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	JTN Team & Player Registration Links Open
<b>Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	JTN Team Registration Link Closes 11:59pm
<b>Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	JTN Tournament Draw Released

### 4.3 How to register a Team

*Video Link to come Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2022*

### 4.4 How to register a Player

*Video Link to come Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2022*

*Currently we are full proofing the Vaccination verification process to the existing online Game Day registration system and will update once it has been approved by Gameday.*



# Section 5: Playing Uniforms & Equipment

## 5.1 Compulsory SAS Uniform Requirements

It is a compulsory requirement of this tournament that all teams compete in matching SAS tag uniforms.

Each player must have:

- 1 x SAS Numbered Playing Top (Numbers must be clear and visible from a distance)
- 1 x SAS Playing Tag Short

This is vital to ensure consistency in the playing uniforms across all competitors to eliminate any advantage or disadvantage due to the elasticity or grade of material of the tag shorts or top for any team.

- Off-field gear can be SAS or other brands.

## 5.2 On-Field Gear Rules

Players must comply with the following dress rules when playing on the tag field:

- **NO bandanas, beanies or branded NFL, NBA, NRL, AFL etc. merchandised caps are to be worn during any game in particular Live Streamed games.**
- Standard non-branded baseball type caps or sun visors can be worn.
- Branded region caps, bucket hats, and sun visors can be worn during games.
- No sunglasses are to be worn on the field during the game. (Exemption can be granted if a player can produce a medical certificate to prove they must wear them.)

## 5.3 Ordering Uniforms

Ordering and payment instructions for tag uniforms will be advised by:

**Peter Martin** from SAS Sports Apparel Ltd.

Email: [peter.martin@sas.co.nz](mailto:peter.martin@sas.co.nz)

Mobile: 021 023 17656

Please contact him for further information.

## 5.4 SAS Uniform Order Timeline

*Contact Peter Martin for NEW SAS order and production timelines*

## Section 6: Judicial Procedures

### 6.1 No Judicial Process for breaches of the Codes of Conduct over the 3 days.

NZTFI reminds participants that there will no judicial hearing for any fighting or breaches of the codes of conduct at the 3-day event. If you are sent off from a game for any violence or abuse of any kind, your tournament is over.

A referees report will be filed and the offending person/s will be notified post the event on a date to be appear before the judicial committee.

**The following statement will not be open to discussion** and therefore, formally advises all coordinators players/coaches/managers and supporters that they must be aware of this prior to the tournament.

- The Referee – The Referee's call is final for breaches of the codes of conduct. See 6.4 for the referees sanctioned process.
- If the team is caught playing the player that has been sent off the team will be disqualified effective immediately and all coaches/managers/players will face suspension from tag for a maximum period of 2 years from the date of the infringement.

### 6.2 Judicial Score/Eligibility Protests

#### Score Protest

If a team does not agree with the score on the score card, they must NOT sign the scorecard and must lodge a protest of the score within the 30-minute window.

There will be a \$200 fee to lodged before this process is looked at. It will refunded if the protest is successful.

The following information must be provided by the team to the Judicial Officer:

- The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers for both teams)
- The half-time and full-time score.

The opposing team will be called to verify the score. If they do not agree or in the event of inconclusive evidence, the score will be recorded as the score the referees has recorded.

*Video evidence can be provided as evidence to prove a score card protest.*

#### Eligibility Protest

If a team wishes to protest a player's age then a \$200 fee must be lodged before 30mins at the conclusion of the game before this process is looked at. It will be refunded if the protest is successful.

### 6.3 Participant Misconduct

Players and team officials that conduct themselves in a way that violates the NZTFI Codes of Conduct will appear in front of the Judiciary Committee **post the event** at a time suited to the NZTFI Judicial team and be dealt with in line with the NZTFI Judicial, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures Policy. Supporters that conduct themselves in a way that violates the NZTFI Codes of Conduct will be requested to leave the event and be escorted from the event by our security team.

Full policy documents can be found online at: <http://nztagfootball.com/resources/>

#### **6.4 Codes of Conduct**

Any form of violence, intimidation, poor sideline behavior will not be tolerated. If you are involved in a fight and throw a punch and the referee see's fit to send you off your tournament is over. Please be reminded there is no judiciary for send offs at the event.

**If there is sideline abuse from the supporters/players/coaches/trainers/coaching staff the referee has the following rights:**

- If a supporters/players/coaches/trainers/coaching staff verbally harasses and abuses the referee from the sideline and is deemed offensive the referee will sin bin the captain of the team for 5 mins.
- If it continues the referee will award a penalty to the opposing team centred 10 metres from the try line each time they abuse the referee.
- If the abuse continues the referee has the right to call time on the game and award the win to the opposing team.
- If the supporters/players/coaches/trainers/coaching staff continue with poor sportsmanship and breaches the codes of conduct on and off the field the tournament organiser's have the right to remove the team from the tournament effective immediately.

## **Section 7: Event Operation**

### **7.1 Event Timetable Outline**

This is an outline only. This timetable may vary slightly to the finalised event timetable.

Day 1, March 18th – Starts 8:30am, Finishes Approximately 6:00pm

Day 2, Saturday March 19th – Starts 8:30am, Finishes Approximately 6:00pm

Day 3, Sunday March 20th – Starts 8:30am, Finished Approximately 6:00pm

### **7.2 Car Parking and Vehicles**

- Car parking is available on site at Bruce Pulman Park and will operate on a first in first served basis.
- Car parking is limited. Carpooling is recommended.
- VIP Car parking areas are for Admin/Referees/Officials/Vendors. VIP car park cards must be shown to enter.
- Vehicles that block in other vehicles or park in prohibited areas will be warned over the sound system to move. If the vehicle(s) is not moved within 15 minutes, it will be towed.

### **7.3 Food Vendors**

There will be food available for purchase at the event in a designated food court area.

- All efforts will be made to provide a variety of food options.
- Rubbish bins will be positioned throughout the premise, please use them to discard of food rubbish and litter.



- There will be Covid-19 Protection Frameworks in the food areas. 2 meter and mask wearing is recommended in these food vendor areas.
- All Food Vendors will be fully vaxed and will have their own vaccination protocols

If you would like to operate as a Food Vendor at this event, please contact:

**Lisa Iusitini**

**Mob: 021 416 878**

**Email: [lisa@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:lisa@nztagfootball.co.nz)**

#### **7.4 Region Tent Villages**

Tents may be set up from 1pm onwards on Thursday 17th March 2022 within the allocated areas for your region.

- All Region Tents are for Players/Coaches/Managers/Trainers/Coaching Staff ONLY.
- Supporters and Spectators cannot come into the Regions Tents.
- Covid Protection Frameworks must be in place within your areas.
- Pegs cannot exceed 300mm into the ground
- Security for your region tents will be from 6:00pm Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8am March 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

Static Security Guards will be provided all weekend from the evening of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 21st March (morning only) to protect the tent villages.

***Tent areas must be kept clean and tidy throughout the event***

#### **7.5 Portaloo/ Toilets & Rubbish Bins**

Portalooos will be stationed across the premises and existing toilets within selected Bruce Pulman park facilities available for public use. See site map for location.

Masks must be worn when using the Portalooos or Toilets, wash hands before and after use. Que's for the toilets must stand 1 meter apart

Nobody can congregate and stand around the toilet areas.

Portalooos and toilet facilities will be replenished and cleaned daily (or as necessary) throughout the event.

Rubbish Bins will be supplied around all fields. We ask that all participants and attendees clean up after themselves and dispose of their rubbish in the bins provided.

**Teams must clear their rubbish / water bottles from the sidelines at the conclusion of their games.**

#### **7.6 Water Bottle Refill stations**

Water taps for bottle refills are located at the front of the Team Sports Ardmore Marist Rugby & Sports Club.

Please wear a mask in these areas and wash your hands before you use the taps

Please Que 1 meter apart when waiting to refill.

### 7.7 Rope Lines

Only players and team officials (coach and manager(s) are permitted on the sidelines.

- Supporters must stay behind the rope lines.
- Supporters and Spectators are advised to keep a 1-2 meter distance between each other.
- Supporters and Spectators are advised to wear masks where possible

### 7.8 SAS Merchandise Shop

SAS will have a merchandise shop operating at the event. Their location will be specified on the site map.

- Spare playing tops and shorts will be available for purchase.
- Playing tops will not be numbered.
- Past event and regional merchandise will be available for purchase.
- Masks must be worn and que's are to be 1 meter apart
- Proof of your My Vaccination Passport will need to be presented

## Section 8: Medal Presentations & Awards

### 8.1 Non-Competitive Divisions Prizegiving Ceremony

A medal ceremony will be held for the non-competitive teams on Day 3 of the event at around 12pm at the outer cricket oval or main arena field.

- **The Josiah Mika Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the team of the tournament - (To qualify for this award the team must have displayed true sportsmanship, behavior and unity on and off field.)
- All regions are advised to attend the medal presentation
- A representative from each **region** will come up to receive the box of gold medals for each regions non-competitive teams.
- All players will receive a participation GOLD medal for the non-competitive grades

### 8.2 Competitive Divisions Awards

Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winning teams will be awarded their medals immediately at the conclusion of their game on the side of the field by an official NZTFI tournament official.

- Gold and Silver Medal Winners will then have their team photo in front of the tournament banner.
- Bronze Medal Winners must collect their medals from the main field on the sideline then have a team photo in front of the tournament banner.
- Regions are encouraged to host their own formalities for the tournament at or after the event.

## Section 9: Photography, Media & Live Streaming

### 9.1 Photography

A formal team photo service will be available on site through **Mike Farrelly Photography**.

Contact: Mike Farrelly

Mob: 027 274 6868

Email: [mike@farrelly.co.nz](mailto:mike@farrelly.co.nz)

**ZAP Action Photographers** will be shooting action shots of the games throughout the weekend. Action shots will be uploaded to the New Zealand Tag Football Inc. Facebook page in the week following the event.

- Please note that the action photographers do their best to capture as many photo's as possible throughout the weekend. We cannot guarantee they will capture action shots of every team/game.

### 9.2 Videographers & Tournament Media

There will be professional videographers documenting the event and producing videos that will be posted to the New Zealand Tag Football Inc. Facebook page. Their friendly crew may ask if you would like to be on video or interviewed throughout the weekend!

### 9.3 Live Streaming

Competitive Division Grand Finals will be live streamed on the New Zealand Tag Football Inc. Facebook page and YouTube Channel via Stream Shop.

Players cannot wear inappropriate head wear/branded caps/beanees/sunglasses in any live streaming games

Any form of violence or abuse during a LIVE streaming game will not be tolerated.

Broadcasting will be cut and the game will be abandoned.

Teams participating in any LIVE streamed games must strictly follow the NZTFI codes of conduct

Any breach or bringing the game into disrepute will result in termination of the broadcast and both teams eliminated from the tournament and suspended indefinitely from all tag for a minimum of two years. <http://nztagfootball.com/resources/>

**If a team is playing in a live-streamed grand final, a list of accurate player shirt numbers and full (preferred) names must be updated on the registration form to tournament HQ at least an hour before kick-off.**

Please contact [admin@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:admin@nztagfootball.co.nz) for any further questions or enquiries