



# NZTFI 2022 Re-scheduled Senior 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 2022 Senior Tag Nationals. This tournament was supposed to be in March 18-20 of 2022 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 25-27 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:** 2022 Rescheduled SENIOR Tag Nationals

**When:** March 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

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

### Competitions:

This tournament will offer playing divisions from **Under 18s** Boys, Girls, Mixed **Under 21s** Mens, Womens, Mixed **Open** Mens, Womens, Mixed **Seniors** Mens, Womens Mixed and **Masters** Mens, Womens grades only

**Tournament Fee:** **\$100.00 (NZD) per player** 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 Covid Vaccination Certificates will be required at the online registration phase**
- **This is a fully vaccinated event and participants will only be eligible if they have had their full double jab vaccination.**
- **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 advised)

**EOI Expressions of Interest Regions:**

- Northland Stingrays
- Hibiscus Coast Snr Tag
- North Harbour Seahawks
- Auckland Metro
- Central Knights
- Waitakere Rangers
- East Auckland Jaguars
- Manukau Harbour Dolphins
- South Auckland Storm
- Counties Manukau Cyclones
- Hawkes Bay
- Horewhenua Tag
- Porirua City Tag
- Wellington Tag
- Canterbury Spartans

## Section 2: Tournament Personnel

Role	Contact	
Tournament Director	Claude Iusitini	Email: <a href="mailto:claudio@nztagfootball.co.nz">claudio@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
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Tournament Operations Manager	Lisa Iusitini	Email: <a href="mailto:lisa@nztagfootball.co.nz">lisa@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Tournament Registration/Draw	Imogen Pilkington	Email: <a href="mailto:imogen.pilks@nztagfootball.co.nz">imogen.pilks@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
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Tournament Timekeeper/Ground Announcer	Gary Whittle	Email: <a href="mailto:watkinsbery16@gmail.com">watkinsbery16@gmail.com</a>

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 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.
- Regions will be required to have a Covid Protection Framework plan in place in their regions tent 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 Player Age Eligibility

A player's birthday must fall on or after **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** to be eligible for their age division. For example, to be eligible in the Under 18 division, the player must have either turned 18 on **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** or be turning 18 during the 2022 year to be eligible. A player cannot already be 18 prior to **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022** to play in the Under 18 division.

### Age Eligibility Table based on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

Age Group	Player Birth Year
Under 18s	2004
Under 21s	2000
Over 30s	1992
Over 35s	1987
Over 40s	1982
Over 45s	1977
Over 50s	1972

### 3.5 Squad Sizes

The minimum size of a squad is 18 fully registered players, The maximum squad size is 20 fully registered players and 22 for Masters Grades. THIS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE AND WILL BE STRICTLY MONITORED.

If you are unable to meet the minimal squad size of 18 players your team will be withdrawn from Competition.

## Section 4: Registrations

### 4.1 Tournament Fee

The cost of playing in this tournament is **\$100.00 (NZD) per player.**

- This fee must be paid through the online player registration link. *(To be updated)*
- **Teams must STRICTLY have a Minimum of 17 players and a maximum of 20 players fully registered in their squad.**
- 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 CERTIFICATION 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.**

<b>Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021</b>	EOI(Expressions Of Interest) form
<b>Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	Team & Player Registration Links Open
<b>Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	Team Registration Link Closes 11:59pm
<b>Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	Tournament Draw Released

### 4.3 How to register a Team

*Video Link to come*

### 4.4 How to register a Player

*Video Link to come*

*Currently updating registration process with New Vaccination verification section added to the existing online registration system. See dates when registration link opens.*

# 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 timelines**



## Section 6: Judicial Process

### 6.1 No Judicial Process at the 3 day tag event

NZTFI reminds participants that there will no longer be a judicial process 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.

The judicial hearing will take place post the event on a date to be confirmed by the judicial team.

**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 calls are final and will not be questioned by the Tournament Officials. The referee may impose any sanction necessary to control the match and will impose penalties for infringements of the rules. Claims of bias will not be accepted. Any form of verbal or physical abuse of the referee will be NOT be tolerated.
- Referee Decisions is FINAL.
- 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 Score Card /Eligibility Protests

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 be 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.

**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 asked to leave the event.

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. A one punch policy will be enforced in all games, if you throw a punch and the referee see's fit to send you off your tournament is over. Please be reminded there is no judiciary 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 continues with poor sportsmanship and breaches the codes of conduct on and off the field the tournament organiser's have the right to kick the team out of 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 25th – Starts 8:30am, Finishes Approximately 6:00pm

Day 2, Saturday March 26th – Starts 8:30am, Finishes Approximately 6:00pm

Day 3, Sunday March 27th – 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.

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

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 clubrooms.

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

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

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

Portaloos 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 and after 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

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### 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

## Section 8: Medal Presentations/Team Photos

**8.1** All Live Streamed Grand Final teams will be presented with their Gold/Silver Medals at the conclusion of their games on the No.1 Main Field

- Upon receiving their medals they will then have a photo in front of the Tournament Banner with their medals on.
- Teams who have played their Gold Silver Grand Finals on the outer fields will make their way to the Main field for a team photo after they have been presented with their medals
- Teams who win Bronze Medal Finals will be presented with their Bronze at the Main Field and then have their team photo with their medals on.
- Winning team photos will be posted to our Social Media Platforms

### 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.
- Please see our NZTFI use of image policy on our website: <https://nztagfootball.com/resources/>

### 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.**

## Section 10: Be a Good Sport Ambassadors

### 10.1 Side Line Behavior

This has been a major problem for our referees for many years. This initiative is designed so that the onus and responsibility is on the participating teams to control the behavior on the sidelines and make it a safe environment for our tag community but more importantly our referees who have been subjected to verbal abuse and intimidation. Mental health is also a major factor as to why these measures are being put in place and will assist with the referees control of the games at this event.

- Each team must nominate a parent/supporter to wear the 'Be a Good Sport' Hi Vis vest.
- The Ambassador cannot be the Coach/Manager/Trainer/ Coaching staff
- At the conclusion of the game the Ambassador is to return the vest to the referee.
- They are responsible for ALL sideline behavior and must remind those that breach the codes of conduct what the consequences may be if it continues.
- The Be a Good Sport Ambassador will liaise and assist with the referee, marshalls or any side line or admin official during the running of the game
- The Ambassador will report to the referee any sideline abuse or violent behavior and will assist the referee in identifying the person/s who are in breach and assist in their removal from the game as per the terms in 6.4
- Be kind and supportive at all times at the event and follow the NZTFI Codes of Conduct.

## Section 11: Field Marshalls

### 11.1 Field Marshall's Responsibilities

The NZTFI Field Marshalls will be in orange hi vis vests. They will inspect the fields before during and after the game to ensure it is maintained to acceptable standards:

- Check fields are maintained (including checking referees, tags, balls, refs buckets, cones, scorecards, Field Number Flags, Event flags signage )
- Guide ropes and cones on the field
- Any obstacles removed or reported on the field or surrounding area
- Crowd behaviour of spectators behind ropes and behind the try lines
- Monitoring Team substitution box control
- Ensure water carriers, trainers, support staff abide by the codes of conduct
- Monitor Side line behaviour by competing teams
- Assisting referees to administer the game collect ball, tags, hi vis vests after the game.
- Scorecards returned to admin headquarters on request
- Ensure teams pick up their empty bottles and rubbish

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