



# NZTFI 2022 JUNIOR WINTER TAG COMPETITION

**SUNDAY MAY 22 - SUNDAY AUGUST 21 2022**


College Rifles Sports Grounds, 33 Haast Road Remuera Auckland

## Managers Information Pack

Version 1.0



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# Section 1: Introduction and Overview

## 1.1 Welcome

New Zealand Tag Football Inc would like to extend you a warm welcome to this exciting new program. After our 2021-2022 Summer tag season was abandoned due to Covid-19, we felt it was important to launch our new initiative of the 2022 Junior Winter Tag Competition. The NZTFI is committed to providing new tag programs that are exciting, safe, and positive experience for our youth who are the future of our game. We cannot wait to see you all in May.

### *“Play Tag, The Game for Every Body”*

- Claude Iusitini National Development Officer
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## 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 Junior Winter Tag Competition**

**When: Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 (13 Weeks)**

**Where:** College Rifles Sports Grounds, 33 Haast Road, Remuera, Auckland  
(Artificial playing turf surfaces)

### **Competitions:**

The Under 9s Boys and Under 12s Girls age groups will be **non-competitive**.

The Under 13 age group and older proceeding age groups will be competitive and teams will be playing for placings/Inaugural Winter Tag Champions titles.

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

Under 9 – Boys, Mixed

Under 12 –Girls

### **Competitive Grades:**

Under 13 – Boys

Under 14 – Girls

Under 16 – Boys, Girls

### **Competition Fee: \$60.00 (NZD) per player**

- Paid individually through the online player registration link:

[www.nztagfootball.com](http://www.nztagfootball.com)



- There is no fee to participate as a Coach or Manager.
- All age groups are guaranteed a minimum of 13 weeks of tag.

### 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 monitored, please plan accordingly.**
- **Registration Cut off is 2 weeks before the event which allows us time to check each and every players age BEFORE the event.**

Player Registration Link: Copy & Paste this link to your browser to register  
<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=102974&erMsg=1>

## Section 2: Tournament Personnel

Role	Contact	
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<b>Tournament Registration/Draw</b>	Imogen Pilkington	Email: <a href="mailto:imogen.pilks@nzttagfootball.co.nz">imogen.pilks@nzttagfootball.co.nz</a>
<b>Director of Referees</b>	Willie Toelau	Email: <a href="mailto:willie@nzttagfootball.co.nz">willie@nzttagfootball.co.nz</a>

## Section 3: Playing Divisions & Eligibility

### 3.1 Non-Competitive Playing Divisions

Non-competitive playing divisions are for the Under 9s and 12s grades in this competition. 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. (You are welcome to track your own win/loss/draw records)

ALL participants in these divisions are awarded a gold participation medal 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:

(These grades were selected due to the amount of EOI forms we received)

- Under 9 Boys / Mixed
- Under 12 Girls
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### 3.2 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 Winter Tag Competition 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:

(These grades were selected due to the amount of EOI forms we received)

- Under 13 Boys
- Under 14 Girls
- Under 16 Boys
- Under 16 Girls

### 3.3 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 13 division, the player must have either turned 13 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 or be turning 13 during the year to be eligible. A player cannot already be 13 prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to play in the Under 13 division.

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

Age Group	Player Birth Year
Under 9: Non Competition	2013
Under 12: Non Competition	2010
Under 13: Competition Grade	2009
Under 14: Competition Grade	2008
Under 16: Competition Grade	2006

*\* 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.*

#### **3.4 Squad Sizes**

- \* - **Competition Grades:** Minimum 14 Players Maximum 20 Players
- **Non-Competition Grades:** Minimum 14 Players Maximum 20 Players
- \* *Playing team numbers as above will be monitored this year, Teams must meet the minimum squad size number of 14 registered players.*

## **Section 4: Registrations**

### **4.1 Competition Fee**

The cost of playing in this 13 week Competition is **\$60.00 (NZD) per player.**

- This fee must be paid through the online player registration link. ([Registration closes Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022](#))
- 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 & CUT OFF DATES WILL BE STRICTLY MONITORED. FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL HAVE YOUR TEAM WITHDRAWN WITH NO REFUNDS. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

#### **Junior. Winter Tag Competition Critical Time line Deadlines**

<b>Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022</b>	WTC2022 EOI(Expressions Of Interest) form
<b>Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	WTC2022 Team & Player Registration Links Open

Sunday May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2022	WTC2022 Team Registration Link Closes 11:59pm
Friday May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2022	JTN 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*

## Section 5: Playing Uniform

### 5.1 Compulsory SAS Uniform Requirements

It is a compulsory requirement of this tournament that all teams compete in SAS or ITF approved playing tag shorts/spanks/tights only.

Each player must have:

- 1 x matching numbered playing top (Numbers must be clear and visible from a distance)
- 1 x SAS or ITF approved Playing Tag Short or spansks/tights

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.

### 5.2 On-Field Gear Rules

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

- **NO bandanas or beanies are to be worn during a game.**
- Standard non-branded baseball type caps or sun visors can be worn.
- Branded 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)

## Section 6: Judicial Procedures

### 6.1 Judicial Process for breaches of the Codes of Conduct over the 13 weeks.

NZTFI reminds participants that there will no judicial hearing for any fighting or breaches of the codes of conduct over the 13 week competition. Violence will not be tolerated.



Immediate disqualification will be given to any teams who breach the codes of contact and bring the game into disrepute.

A referees report will be filed with the competition organisers and appropriate action will be taken depending on the severity of the incident.

**The following statement will not be open to discussion** and therefore, formally advises all 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 for the remainder of the competition.

## 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 Competition Director:

- 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 Competition Committee **post the event** at a time suited 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.

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 day 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 competition organiser's have the right to remove the team from the competition effective immediately.

## Section 7: Competition Operation

### 7.1 Competition Timetable Outline

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

Week One, Sunday May 22nd– Starts 12:30pm, Finishes Approximately 3:00pm  
Tournament finishes

Week Thirteen Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>- Starts 12:30pm, Finishes Approximately 3:00pm

### 7.2 Car Parking and Vehicles

- Car parking is available on site at College Rifles Sportsground and will operate on a first in first served basis.
- Car parking is limited.
- 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.
- No Rubbish is to be left at the Carparks

### 7.3 Food Vendors

There will be some food/coffee vendors available for purchase at the event in a designated area.

- 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)**

### 7.5 Toilets & Rubbish Bins

Toilets and changing room facilities will be made available for the general public. Please respect the facilities and keep them in a clean hygienic condition for others to use.



Changing rooms and toilet facilities are cleaned and stocked before the competition starts. Rubbish Bins will be 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 changing room facilities

#### 7.7 Artificial Turf Surface

Fields are to be treated with respect at all times

- No spitting on the fields
- No diving is permitted on the field
- No food is allowed on the fields
- No rubbish or water bottles are to left on the fields.
- Please clear the sideline area of all rubbish at the conclusion of the game

## Section 8: Medal Presentations & Awards

### 8.1 Non-Competitive Divisions Prizegiving Ceremony

A medal presentation will be held for the non-competitive teams on Week 13 of the event at the conclusion of each round.

- All teams are advised to attend the final week to receive their medals and team photos
- 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 a tournament official.

- Gold and Silver Medal Winners will then have their team photo in front of the tournament banner.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams will receive bronze and black medals
- Teams are encouraged to host their own formalities for the competition at or after the event.

## Section 9: Photography, Videography & Media

9.1 ZAP Action Photographers will be shooting action shots of the Winter Tag Competition on Week 13 Finals Day of competition.

- Please note that the action photographers do their best to capture as many photo's as possible throughout the day. 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 may be a professional videographer documenting the event and producing a video 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. It is your choice.

# Section 10: Be a Good Sport Ambassadors

## 10.1 Side Line Behaviour

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.
- They are responsible for ALL sideline behavior and must remind those that breach the codes of contact what the consequences may be if it continues.
- The Be a Good Sport Ambassador will liase 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 Tournament Field Marshall administrators 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 artificial fields are maintained (including checking referees, tags, balls, refs buckets, cones, scorecards, Field Number Flags, Event flags signage )
- Cones on the field
  - Any obstacles removed or reported on the field or surrounding area

- Crowd behaviour of spectators behind fence lines and sidelines/trylines
- 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

