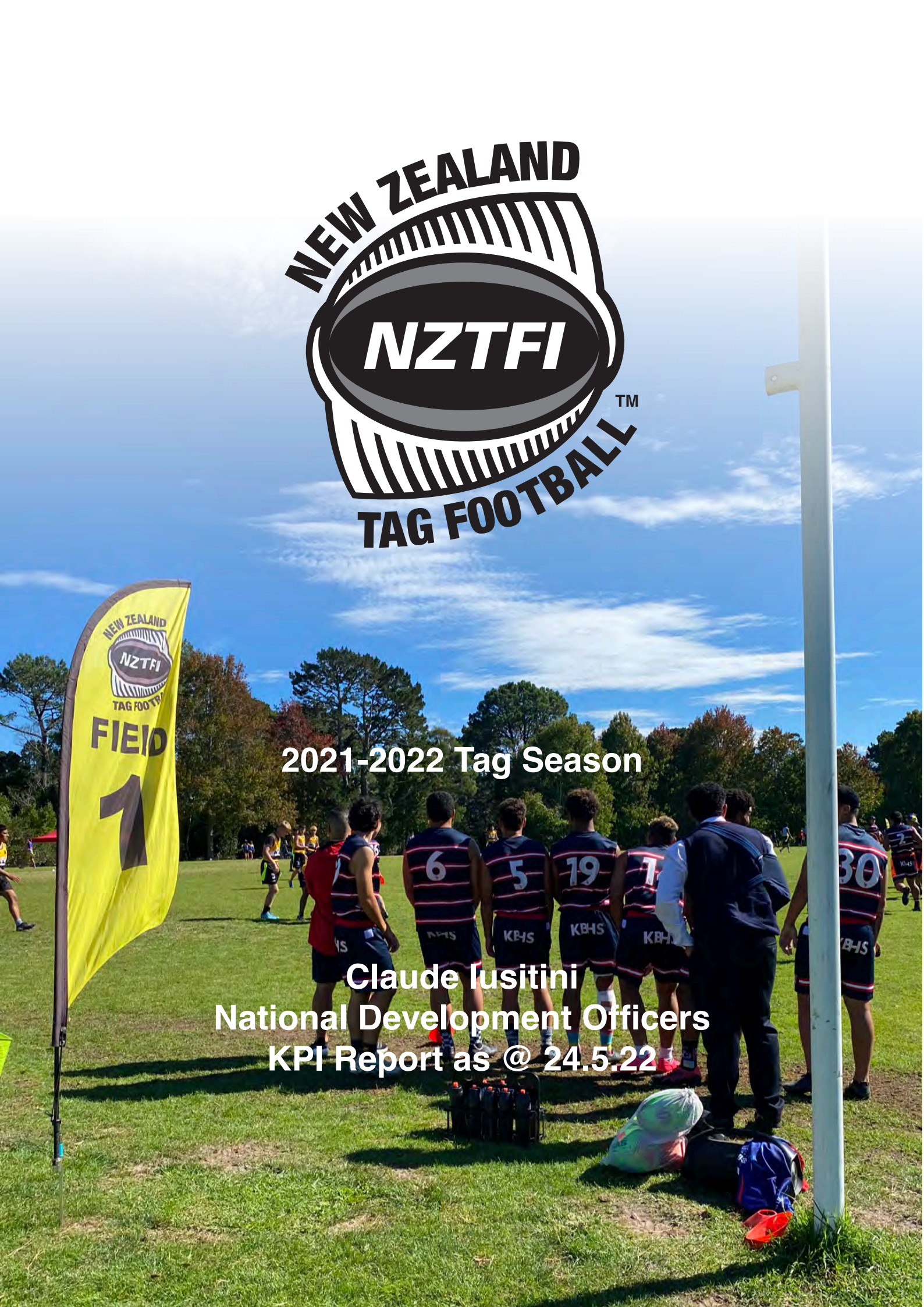




**2021-2022 Tag Season**

**Claude Lusitini  
National Development Officers  
KPI Report as @ 24.5.22**





## Our 2021-2022 Tag Season in Review 'Tag in the Traffic Light System'

The end of the 2020-2021 Tag season marked the end of a Covid 19 challenged season and the beginning of a thorough review and strategic planning process for our games future. An independent review conducted by esteemed Sports Administrator Fay Freeman concluded that we as an organisation had conducted ourselves with integrity and that the games governance was in order.

Before we could move forward a new five year strategic and business plan was designed in consultation with Fay Freeman. The process required Zoom meetings with our stakeholders to get feedback and ideas on the way forward for our games future. A thorough review of our objectives enabled us to come up with an accurate and simplified strategic plan that would see our main focus of games future directed towards growth at Module and grass roots level.

The 2020 Trans Tasman Series which was scheduled for April 3-5 was postponed three times and in the end abandoned after we locked in September 17-19 of 2021 to hopefully get the series off the ground. Covid 19 and the closed borders would be the nail in the coffin and all Kiwi Tag Black Squads that were selected were all cancelled. As an alternative for those who were selected the Kiwi Tag Black Squads were all offered an opportunity to participate in 2022 at the International Tag Series as a consolation for the cancelled events of 2021.

Postponements and Cancellations seemed to be on repeat as the Red Light settings made it very difficult to deliver and plan many of our annual events. Our postponed then cancelled Junior/Senior Tag Nationals was a disappointment for all. Much planning and adapting to new Covid Protection Frameworks compromised our players/coaches/managers ability to participate at our now Covid protected events. This was not welcome by some individuals within our game but safety was paramount for all.

On the 3rd of August 2021 we received a long awaited letter from SportNZ which formally acknowledged Tag Football as eligible for investment. Our sport was finally being recognised for the hard work and dedication our team have done to grow the game to where it is today. Tag has always had issues with establishing itself as the recognised body for all things tag in New Zealand and this day marked the beginning of a new journey for our sport. It would no longer have to continue to battle with Rugby League or Union's own 'tag versions' or other rival tag codes footprint in New Zealand. We now have a clear pathway and vision for our game and wish all the other tag codes luck in their tag direction.

Our 2021 Secondary Schools Term 4 Tag program was a bust due to Covid and so too our AAIMS Term 1 2022 Intermediate Schools Tag Competitions were all abandoned as well much to the disappointment of the many schools who had participated the previous year. Fortunately with a great working relationship with Jason Crummer from College Sport we were able to get the Year 11-13 Senior Secondary Schools Tag Tournaments over the line due to the government lifting Covid restrictions. This was a welcome relief for all and many schools were grateful to finally get the students on the field and participating in outdoor activity.

SAS Sports Apparell company have been a loyal and supportive sponsor and partner in tag footballs evolution over the years. Tim Connelly has always supported the games growth and this year marked another 3 years of support they would be committed to for our great game. SAS were there from the beginning and have been part of tags growth for over 20 years and will always be synonymous with tags profile for many years to come.

As our game has grown so has the way we administer our events and programs. With our continued partnership with GameDay formally SportsTG we are now transitioning the way we do things from registering participants/referees and administering our tournaments. GameDay is a massive online registration tool that will revolutionise the way we data capture and administer our games growth ensuring we have accurate up to date real time data that we can call on at anytime. Data is king and it is the only way our sport can evolve further over the next 5 year cycle.

To conclude, our 2021-2022 season was underwhelming with only a handful of modules in Porirua, Horowhenua Kapiti and Canterbury managing to get a tag season under their belts with strict Covid 19 Protection Frameworks in place. Tag in Auckland was limited to one day events that were hosted by the local tag modules with only Hibiscus Coast and House Park delivering tag programs under the Red Light settings. The 2022-2023 season promises to be back and bigger than ever. We look forward to catching up with everyone later this no doubt that the tag season will be a welcome return for all.

Yours in Tag,

**Mr Claude Iusitini**  
National Development Officer  
New Zealand Tag Football Inc



**Mr Claude Iusitini**  
NZTFI National Development Officer





## Key Objectives for the 2022 - 2023 Tag Season

The tag season is played from Mid September to Mid April the following year.  
(13-15 Weeks per season)

Our ultimate goal is to be providing tag 10 to 12 months of the year.

Here is a breakdown of our 2022-2023 objectives:

- Upskill our admin team and stakeholders on GameDay Applications
- Deliver the new NZTFI Stage Three 5 year Strategic Plan
- Deliver NZTFI Referee Clinics before the 2022-2023 season commences
- Deliver/Support the 2022-2023 NZTFI Tag Modules season
- Deliver 2022 College Sport Term 4 Junior Secondary Schools Tag Programs
- Deliver CLM 2022-2023 funded Youth Tag programs in the South Auckland area
- Deliver the 2022 Junior Tag Nationals in December 3-5 2022
- Deliver 2023 Term 1 AAIMS Intermediate Schools Tag Program
- Deliver the 2023 Term 1 College Sport Senior Secondary Schools Tag Program
- Deliver the 2023 Senior Tag Nationals in February
- Deliver the 2023 Junior Oceania Cup in March
- Deliver a 2023 Trans Tasman Series
- Assist NZ and ITF Pasifika Nations for Tag World Cup 2023
- Assist NZ based ITF Pacific Heritage Nation development within NZTFI guidelines.
- Deliver NEW School Holiday Tag Programs
- Plan/Fund FREE Tag events/tournaments to the community
- Actively gain and source sponsorship and funding support
- Resource NZTFI affiliated modules with FREE equipment: Tags, Balls, Belts, Refs Equipment





• Supporting our games future

The continuation of our key partners and sponsors is vital in sustaining growth and development in our code. Funding, Contra Deals, Cash Sponsorship, Subsidies on Services are all made available by our sponsors to support tag footballs growth. We are always searching for opportunities to further grow our games future.





### SAS continues to have our back!

A long standing relationship that has stemmed decades. Tim and his team continue to provide excellent customer service and support to our tag community and our sport. Tried and tested processes established over years of refining and delivering top quality uniforms has made SAS the standard in service delivery and timelines ensuring our large tag events are well serviced for all things merchandise, team wear on and off the field. SAS has been very supportive in all the programs we deliver and has now offered solid back office support for our growing sport.





## NZTFI Referee Clinics 2021-2022 Season 'Without Refs we have Nothing'

Once again postponements of our major events would trouble our. Clinics in Tomorata Northland, Kapiti Coast and Christchurch with repeat sessions leading up to our major annual events were achieved with good numbers present. These clinics continue to be the foundation of our referee development and growth. They are vital in our retention and encouraging our new referees to develop into more competent confident referees.

**THIS WAY TO BECOMING A TAG REFEREE!**

Requirements:  
13 Years of age or older

**WE NEED YOU TO BE A REF!**

- NEW and existing refs are welcome.
- Get Paid. Have Fun!
- \*Register your Senior Nats team to Referee at Junior Nats Non competition grades and your team will be refunded your Senior Tag Nationals Entry Fee!

Come along & meet our Tag Referee team who will train you in:

- Mini/Mod Rules
- International Grades Rules
- Hand Signals
- Whistle Tones
- Man management
- Conflict Resolution
- Mind Games
- Agility & Running

Look Forward to seeing you there.

DATE: SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021 TIME: 8.30AM – 12.30PM  
 VENUE: ROWANDALE SCHOOL, MANUREWA  
 BRING: RUNNING SHOES, WHISTLES, TOWEL, WATER BOTTLE  
 COVID-19 MANDATE: DOUBLE VAX, VACCINE PASSPORT & SCAN ON ENTRY  
 WEATHER: RAIN/SHINE (Bring indoor shoes in case it rains)  
 Contact: Willie Toelau NZTFI National Referee Director  
 Mob: 021 1000 618 email: willie@nztagfootball.co.nz









## NZTFI Referee Clinics 2021-2022 Season

# COME TO THE TAG REFEREE CLINIC'S 2022

Requirements:  
13 Years of age or older

## HERE ARE THE DATES!

- SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD
- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13TH
- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH
- SUNDAY MARCH 13TH
- \*Register your Senior Nats team to Referee at Junior Nats Non competition grades and your team will be refunded your Senior Tag Nationals Entry Fee!

Referees who wish to be considered for selection at the Junior/Senior Tag Nationals must attend at least 2 of these Clinics.

Referees outside of Auckland who cannot make these Clinics needs to attend a workshop their regional coordinator will hold.

TIMES: 8.30AM – 12.30PM  
 VENUE: ROWANDALE SCHOOL, MANUREWA  
 BRING: RUNNING SHOES, WHISTLES, TOWEL, WATER BOTTLE  
 COVID-19 MANDATE: DOUBLE VAX, VACCINE PASSPORT & SCAN ON ENTRY  
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\* Senior Nats Teams need to register and attend these referee clinics to qualify and attend the Junior Tag Nats as tag referees to be eligible for the entry fee refund at Senior Tag Nationals. Limited spots available.






That's us!

IDEAL FOR ANY TAG PLAYER/COACH/MANAGER/REFEREE WHO IS AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY



## Help us grow Tag in the Schools

# TAG REFS WANTED

- GET PAID \$100 NZD PER DAY
- TAG GAMES FROM 9-2PM
- FOOD & WATER PROVIDED
- VESTS & WHISTLES PROVIDED

\*WE NEED REFEREE'S FOR OUR SCHOOLS TAG TOURNAMENTS DURING THE DAY FOR TERM 1 IN AUCKLAND FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022







Email [info@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:info@nztagfootball.co.nz) or text 021 64 13 64 to Register

\*It is a requirement all Referees will need to be police vetted and have a current my vaccine passport







## 2021 College Sport Term 4 JUNIOR Secondary Schools Tag Program

Covid 19 Restrictions would be the cancellation of this annual Term 4 Competition.

### Central North Western Qualifier

Monday November 1st 2021

Moire Park, Massey, Auckland

### South East Qualifier

Monday November 1st 2021

Bruce Park, Takanini, Auckland

### Champions of Champions Finals

Monday November 15th 2021

Ti Rakau Park, Pakuranga, Auckland

**CANCELLED**



**CANCELLED**





## 2022 NZTFI College Sport Term 1 SENIOR Year 11-13 Secondary Schools Tag Program

The school year started with the country in the Red Light Setting. Unable to launch any outdoor activity the call was made early to cancel our term 1 programs. However as the term would progress we would review the status later in the term due to the governments change in policy with allowing school outdoor programs to go ahead. After discussions with College Sport we decided to run with 2 participation and placing only one day events for our Central, North West and South East tournaments. These proved highly popular and competitive with an increase in entries but only a capped amount of schools being able to compete. Below is a summary of both of the events.

### Senior Central North Western Zone Qualifier

Monday March 28th 2022

Moire Park, Massey, Auckland

### Senior South East Zone Qualifier

Tuesday April 12th 2022

Ngati Otara Park, Otara, Auckland





**Senior Central North Western Zone Qualifier**  
 Monday March 28th 2022  
 Moire Park, Massey, Auckland  
 30 Teams (14 Boys Teams, 16 Girls Teams)  
 480 Participants

Boys A Gold	Place
Mt Albert Grammar School	1st
Kelston Boys High School	2nd
Massey High School	3rd
Westlake Boys High School	4th
Mt Roskill Grammar School	5th

Boys A Blue	Place
Avondale College	1st
Waitakere College	2nd
Rosmini College	DQ
Whangaparoa College	DQ

Boys B	Place
Marcellin College	1st
Birkenhead College	2nd
Rangitoto College	3rd
Mahurangi College	4th
Northcote College	5th

Girls A Pool 1	Place
Avondale College	1st
Rangitoto College	2nd
Mt Albert Grammar School	3rd
Epsom Girls Grammar School	4th
Waitakere College	5th

Girls A Pool 2	Place
Westlake Girls High School	1st
Carmel College	2nd
Whangaparoa College	3rd
Massey High School	4th
Mahurangi College	5th

Girls B	Place
Long Bay College	1st
Birkenhead College	2nd
Rutherford College	3rd
Northcote College A	4th
Marcellin College	5th
Northcote College B	6th





**Senior South East Zone Qualifier**  
 Tuesday April 12th 2022  
 Ngati Otara Park, Otara, Auckland  
 31 Teams (16 Boys Teams, 15 Girls Teams)  
 496 Participants

Boys A Grade	Place
Botany Downs Secondary College	1st
Wesley College	2nd
Southern Cross Campus	3rd
Aorere College	4th
Howick College	5th
Pakuranga College	6th

Boys B Red	Place
Mangere College	1st
Tamaki College	2nd
Rosehill College	3rd
Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae	4th

Boys B Green	Place
Aorere College	1st
Sir Edmund Hillary	2nd
Papakura High School	3rd
One Tree Hill	4th
Onehunga High School	5th
Tuakau College	6th

Girls A Grade	Place
One Tree Hill College	1st
Aorere College	2nd
Howick College	3rd
Southern Cross Campus	4th
Wesley College	5th
Botany Downs Secondary College	6th

Girls B Red	Place
Mangere College	1st
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate	2nd
Tamaki College	3rd
Onehunga High School	4th
Pakuranga College	5th

Girls B Green	Place
Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae	1st
Rosehill College	2nd
Southern Cross Campus	3rd
Tuakau College	4th





**2022 NZTFI College Sport Term 1 SENIOR Year 11-13  
Secondary Schools Tag Program**

In summary both tournaments were well received by the schools who were very keen to participate in our tournaments due to restrictions dropped and a relaxation in Covid 19 protocols. Term 4 promises to be very busy and no doubt will have huge interest and participation in our tag competitions.







## NZTFI Affiliated Tag Football Modules

Modules within the greater Auckland area would struggle to get there seasons off the ground with the Auckland region still locked in Red light settings. Modules outside of Auckland were able to launch their seasons with settings at orange making it easier to deliver a weekly tournament and one day events. Strict Covid 19 Protection frameworks were in place making it very difficult to deliver tag on a weekly basis in Auckland. A few modules managed to get a tag season over the line with Hibiscus Coast, House Park, Waitakere and Pakuranga managing to get a tag season administered. Outside of Auckland Horowhenua Kapiti, Otaki Porirua and Canterbury all delivered weekly tag competitions that had well run protection frameworks in place. Congratulations to those crews who managed to keep the game alive during these tough months.

### 2021 - 2022 NZTFI Affiliates

#### Northland Region

- Tomorata Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)

#### Rodney District Region

- Hibiscus Coast Senior Tag NZTFI Module
- Rodney District Sports Junior Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)

#### North Harbour Region

- Glenfield Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)
- East Coast Bays NZTFI Module (Cancelled)

#### Central Auckland Region

- Bay Roskill Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)
- Central Knights Tag Module (Cancelled)
- Mt Albert Lions NZTFI Tag Module (Cancelled)

#### West Auckland Region

- Waitakere Rangers NZTFI Junior Tag Module

#### Counties Manukau/South Auckland Region

- Papatoetoe RL Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)
- Otara Scorpions Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)
- House Park Tag NZTFI Module
- Papatoetoe Rugby Tag NZTFI Module
- East Tamaki NZTFI Module (Cancelled)
- Papakura NZTFI Junior Tag Module (Cancelled)

#### East Auckland Region

- Pakuranga Jag Tag NZTFI Module

#### Waikato Region

- Raahui Pookeka Tag NZTFI Module (Cancelled)

#### Horowhenua Kapiti Coast Region

- Kapiti Bears Tag NZTFI Module
- Otaki Tag NZTFI Module

#### Wellington Region

- Porirua City Tag NZTFI Module (Wellington)
- Wellington Paremata NZTFI Module (Wellington) (Cancelled)

#### Canterbury Region

- Spartans Tag NZTFI Module (Christchurch)





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Wednesday Nights  
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Holla if your keen  
contact  
Ang - amizziebo@gmail.com  
or  
Finne  
masterspitbulls@gmail.com

We will provide you more details



**WELLINGTON REGIONAL Tag Tournament**

March 19th Sat & 20th Sun, 2022  
Ascot Park, Waitangirua, Porirua.

**Expressions of Interest**  
For teams to compete against the Porirua Tag Jnr's in the following grades: (Grades limited to x4 per grade)

8s - Mix Gender	13s - Boys & Girls
9s - Mix Gender	14s - Boys & Girls
10s - Boys & Girls	15s - Boys
11s - Boys & Girls	16s - Boys
12s - Boys	17s+ - Boys & Girls

Expressions of Interest to - [ahchonglinda@gmail.com](mailto:ahchonglinda@gmail.com)  
\$20 per player / Car off to March with 1st round games - start in April for all teams  
Must have a Uniform / Please numbers Min = 12 & Max 18  
The age that you are turning in 2022, 16+ years in the grade that you play.  
Eg. I'm 15 yrs NOW, but turning 16 in 2022 I'll play 16+.

Independently run by the Porirua Vikings Rugby League Fan Club.

WAITAKERE RUGBY FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INC.  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
WAITAKERE RANGERS TAG

**PROUDLY PRESENTS**  
**THE RANGERS JUNIOR TAG MODULE**  
- STARTING 31st January 2022 -

**MONDAY NIGHTS**  
TRUST STADIUM, HENDERSON

GRADES: U8, U10, U12, U14

\$250 PER TEAM | 7 WEEK MODULE + 1 DAY TOURNAMENT | 6 TEAMS PER GRADE

For more information contact  
[waitakererangerstag@gmail.com](mailto:waitakererangerstag@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAG**  
ROUND 6 - 02/03/2022

6.30pm - Mixed  
F1 - SHORE THINGZ vs DIRTY DOZEN  
F2 - YEAH/NAH vs POPPIN TAGS  
F3 - REDSKINS vs HAVEN'S TAGGERS  
F4 - COAST'N vs TAG DUTY

7.00pm - Womens / 30's Mens  
F1 - WAHINE CARVERS vs #REDSKINS  
F2 - HAVEN'S TAGGERS vs DATUM  
F3 - GOTCHA WHITE vs TAG DUTY (30's Mens)  
BYE - TAG DUTY (Womens)

7.30pm - 30's Mens  
F1 - KASPA vs GOTCHA BLUE  
F2 - MACCASS RUN vs SNAILS  
F3 - HUSTLERS vs ARKLES DEBACLES

8.00pm - Open Mens  
F1 - SHORE THINGZ vs BROTHERS  
F2 - YEAH/NAH vs INSERT COIN  
F3 - MY GUYS vs METS  
F4 - NOTHING SPECIAL vs GOTCHA

**SUMMER SOCIAL TAG**  
FRIDAY FEB 11, 2022 - HOUSE PARK, MANUREWA

**STEP 1** ARRIVE EARLY, REPORT TO HQ AND SIGN IN

**STEP 2** VERIFY YOUR VAXX PASS

**STEP 3** RECEIVE WRISTBAND TO PLAY TAG

THESE STEPS ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE WE CAN OPERATE SAFELY UNDER THE RED COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS.

**NO WRISTBAND NO TAG**

*House Park*

**TAG FOOTBALL**  
HOUSEPARK 2021 | 2022 SEASON

**SEASON 2021/2022**  
STARTS WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER  
GAMES PLAYED ON WEDNESDAY'S

**GRADES:**  
SOCIAL MIX/WOMENS  
SOCIAL MENS  
OPEN MIX  
OPEN MENS

\$4.50 per team

Interested pm the Manukau Harbour Dolphins Page

**2022**

**MONDAY NIGHT TAG CENTRAL**

GREY LYNN PARK  
FROM 7TH FEBRUARY 2022 (5 WEEKS)  
FEES \$300 PER TEAM, X2 GAMES PER NIGHT  
MENS & MIXED

CONTACT: PAT TIA 021622895 | [CENTRALKNIGHTSTAG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CENTRALKNIGHTSTAG@GMAIL.COM)





## Junior Tag Nationals 2021

December 10th, 11th, 12th 2021

Rescheduled March 18th, 19th, 20th 2022

Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini, Auckland



2021 was a write off with our tournament postponed due to the country being in the Red Light settings through November and most of December. A new date was set for March 18th-20th which were hopeful we would be at orange by then. 191 teams had confirmed and entered even though the U18s grades were moved to the Senior Nationals. New Regions such as Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty and the Far North were set to attend. Unfortunately this was not to be with Covid restrictions limiting the outdoor gathering limits and not making it possible to deliver an outdoor event that was not fenced. We tried our best to keep the tournament alive but sadly we were not able to get it off the ground. Those that had paid were refunded and teams were all notified to re enter the 2022 Junior Tag Nationals that would be scheduled for Dec 2-5 2022.

**RE-SCHEDULED**

**NZTFI JUNIOR TAG NATIONALS**

- U6s to U16s Grades
- 20 Plus Tag Fields
- Non Competition Grades
- 3 Day Tag Event
- Over 170 teams
- Competition Grades

**March**  
**18 | 19 | 20**  
**2022**

Bruce Pulman Park  
90 Walters Road Takanini  
Auckland  
New Zealand

**SAS sport** **NEW ZEALAND NZTFI TAG FOOTBALL** **SAS sport**

**JTN21**

**NZTFI JUNIOR TAG NATIONALS**

**CANCELLED**

**18 | 19 | 20**  
**MARCH 2022**

**U6s to U16s Grades**

- 24 Tag Fields
- 3 Days of Tag Action

**Non Competition/Competition Grades**

**Bruce Pulman Park**  
90 Walters Road Takanini  
Auckland  
New Zealand

**SAS sport** **NEW ZEALAND NZTFI TAG FOOTBALL**





## NZTFI and our Covid Protection Framework

With the country in Covid 19 lockdown, Covid Protection Frameworks and plans were advised from Sport NZ to deliver outdoor sports events with strict protocols in place to ensure the safety of all our stakeholders, players, coaches, managers and playing staff including administrators and tournament staff to be pre screened and show proof that they were all compliant and fully vaccinated to participate.

This would be an issue that would effect our game from grass roots all the way to representative level with people within our game who chose not to get vaccinated. This had the potential to cause a major split in our game with many referees players, coaches managers and supporters choosing to not attend or commit to our Covid affected season.

Much time and energy was spent on the registration process to ensure proof of vaccination was implemented to ensure the safety of our participants and intricate plans to screen vaccinated players would heavily affect our already in depth registration process. Fortunately, This entire system would not be utilised in the end due to the government relaxing the Covid Protection Framework and allowing normality to return to our events and registration process.

**JAB  
2  
TAG**

**ALL NZTFI TAG MODULES, SCHOOLS AND  
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS PLUS REFEREE CLINICS  
WILL BE FULLY VACCINATED EVENTS**

Get the two jabs so you can tag. Its the game for every body who gets vaccinated, New Zealand Tag Football Incorporated will administer all 2022 and beyond tag programs according to the Covid-19 Protection Framework guidelines as set out by Sport New Zealand.

The NZTFI to the best of their ability and resources will ensure every measure is taken to protect the New Zealand tag community from the virus.  
Please be kind and support us as we unite against Covid-19.

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

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SPORT  
NEW ZEALAND  
IHI AOTEAROA

Wednesday September 1st 2021

Subject: NZTFI 2021 Tag Season Postponement

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Ia Orana, Mālo e lelei, Mālo Ni, Tālofa Lava, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bula Vinaka, Welcome All,

Due to the current Covid-19 community lockdowns and recent feedback from our key NZTFI affiliate tag nations, contingent, Kiwi Tag Blacks coaches and managers, The Tag Nationals and Module tag leaders and the NZTFI Referees Directors; the NZTFI board have unanimously agreed to postpone all up and coming tag tournaments for 2021.

The following tournaments that have been affected:

1. The 2020/2021 Trans Tasman Tag Series (Cancelled)  
September-17-18-19  
Bruce Pulman Park
2. The 2021 Senior Oceania Cup (Postponed)  
November-19-20-21  
Bruce Pulman Park
3. The Tag Day Out Tournament (Postponed)  
November-5<sup>th</sup>  
Venue TBA
4. The 2021 Junior Tag Nationals (Postponed)  
December-10-11-12  
Bruce Pulman Park

Our Term 4 College Sport Junior Tag Schools tournaments, School Holiday tag programs Have a go tag clinics, Tag Referee clinics and weekly NZTFI Module tag tournaments will hopefully still be able to be delivered before Christmas 2021 dependent on what the covid levels will be like later in the year.

New dates will be confirmed shortly for 2022 once venues and logistics have been confirmed.

Protect yourselves, Be Safe and Be Kind from the NZTFI team.

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FRIDAY 5TH - SAT 6TH NOV 2021  
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**Unite  
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Venue: Ngati Ōtara Park, 95 Ōtara Road  
Enter the park via Ōtara Road, Gilbert Road or Alexander Crescent  
Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd OCTOBER 8:30am - 5:30pm

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## Playing Tag at GREEN



This setting is for those tag regions in Green

### This guidance covers:

- Indoor and outdoor community sport, including watersports – this can be a team sport or individual sport, contact or close-proximity, or non-contact.
- Recreational activities like walking, ocean swimming, swimming laps at the pool or going to the gym.
- Play in homes, neighbourhoods and playgrounds.



### What's open at Green

- All outdoor parks, fields and playgrounds are open for use.
- You can use things like playground equipment and benches in public spaces.
- Public facilities like council-owned swimming pools and recreation centres can open with no limits.
- Gyms can open with no limits if they check vaccine passes.
- Any gym or private swimming pool that does not use vaccine passes can operate at Green, but there is a limit of up to 100 people allowing for 1m<sup>2</sup> of space per person. The capacity limit is determined by the size of the facility.
- Sports and recreational facilities can open but will need to consider additional specific rules that may apply for the commercial premises that they run such as cafes. See MBIE's [guidance for businesses](#).
- If a business, event or organisation does not wish to request proof of vaccination, they will have to operate inside more strict limits on capacity and space requirements.



### Always do these things in Green

- Record keeping and scanning of the COVID-19 Tracer App is required.
- Face coverings are mandatory on flights. Face coverings are encouraged elsewhere.
- You should stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for advice about getting tested.



### Playing Tag and Spectating at Green

- When participating in sport, recreation and play activities with others follow the rules for Gatherings (below).
- The number that can meet at the Gathering depends on whether vaccine passes are required and checked or not.
- The Gathering organiser, venue or facility need to make the choice to ask for proof of vaccination. In the first instance, organisations and venues owners should talk to each other about the plan to safely run the sport or recreational activities.
- If there are capacity limits applied for your activity, multiple gatherings can still be hosted at one venue however each gathering needs to take place in a defined space. Outdoors this means that each gathering should remain at least 2 metres apart at all times. Indoors gatherings must be separated by walls and cannot share direct airflow.
- Spectators at an outdoor gathering could be treated as a separate gathering and the same limits apply to them if they remain more than 2 metres away from the players (to meet the definition of an outdoor defined space).
- There are no requirements for physical distancing while playing / participating / spectating, which means contact sports can take place and you do not need to wear a mask when taking part.
- Capacity limits include children and those who are unable to be vaccinated, but exclude workers. Children under the age of 12 are to be treated as if they had a vaccine pass and their presence does not trigger capacity limits where My Vaccine Passes are not checked.
- You can drive outside your region to participate in sport, recreation and play based activities if there are no regional boundary restrictions currently in place.

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## Playing Tag at ORANGE



This setting is for those tag regions in Orange

### This guidance covers:

- Indoor and outdoor community sport, including watersports – this can be a team sport or individual sport, contact or close-proximity, or non-contact
- Recreational activities like walking, ocean swimming, swimming laps at the pool or going to the gym
- Play in homes, neighbourhoods and playgrounds



### What's open at Orange

- All outdoor parks, fields and playgrounds are open for use
- You can use things like playground equipment and benches in public spaces
- Gyms can open if vaccine passes are checked
- Public facilities like council-owned swimming pools and recreation centres can open subject to capacity limits
- Sports and recreational facilities can open but will need to consider specific additional rules for the commercial premises that they run such as cafes. See MBIE's [guidance for businesses](#).
- If a business, event or organisation does not wish to request proof of vaccination, they will have to usually operate within more strict limits on capacity and space requirements.



### Always do these things in Orange

- Record keeping and scanning of the COVID-19 Tracer App is required.
- Face coverings are mandatory on flights, public transport, in taxis, retail and public venues. Face coverings are encouraged elsewhere.
- You should stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for advice about getting tested.



### Playing Tag and Spectating at Orange

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- There are no requirements for physical distancing while playing / participating / spectating, which means contact sports can take place; and you do not need to wear a mask when taking part.
- Capacity limits include children and those who are unable to be vaccinated, but excludes workers. Children under the age of 12 are to be treated as if they had a vaccine pass and their presence does not trigger capacity limits where My Vaccine Passes are not checked.
- You can drive outside your region to participate in sport, recreation and play activities if there are no regional boundary restrictions currently in place

## Playing TAG at RED



This setting is for those Tag regions still in Red

### This guidance covers:

- Indoor and outdoor community sport – this can be a team sport or individual sport, contact or close-proximity, or non-contact
- Recreational activities like walking, ocean swimming, swimming laps at the pool or going to the gym
- Play in homes, neighbourhoods and playgrounds



### What's open at Red

- All outdoor parks, fields and playgrounds can open for use
- You can use things like playground equipment and benches in public spaces
- Gyms can open if vaccine passes are checked
- Public facilities like council-owned swimming pools and recreation centres can open subject to capacity limits
- Sports and recreational facilities can open but will need to consider specific additional rules that may apply for the commercial premises that they run such as cafes. See MBIE's [guidance for businesses](#).
- If a business, event or organisation does not wish to request proof of vaccination, they will usually have to operate within more strict limits on capacity and space requirements.



### Always do these things in Red

- Record keeping and scanning of the COVID-19 Tracer App is required.
- Face coverings are mandatory on flights, public transport, in taxis, retail, some education settings, and public venues. Face coverings are encouraged whenever you leave the house.
- You should stay home if you are unwell and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5433 for advice about getting tested.



### Playing Tag and Spectating at Red

- When participating in sport, recreation and play activities with others, follow the rules for Gatherings (below)
- The number of people that can meet at the Gathering depends on whether vaccine passes are required and checked or not.
- The Gathering organiser, venue or facility need to make the choice whether to ask for proof of vaccination. In the first instance, organisations and venues owners should talk to each other to ensure there is a plan in place to safely run the sport or recreational activities under the Framework.
- If there are capacity limits applied to an activity, multiple gatherings can still be hosted at one venue, however each gathering needs to take place in a defined space separated from other gatherings occurring at the same time. Outdoors this means that each gathering should remain at least 2 metres apart from other groups at all times. Indoor gatherings must be separated by walls and cannot share direct airflow.
- Spectators at an outdoor gathering could be treated as a separate gathering and the same limits apply to them if they remain more than 2 metres away from the players (to meet the definition of an outdoor defined space).
- There are no requirements for physical distancing while playing / participating / spectating, which means contact sports can take place; and you do not need to wear a mask when taking part
- Capacity limits include children and those who are unable to be vaccinated, but excludes workers. Children under the age of 12 are to be treated as if they had a vaccine pass and their presence does not trigger capacity limits where My Vaccine Passes are not checked.
- You are able to drive outside your region to participate in sport, recreation and play activities and events if there are no regional boundary restrictions currently in place







## 2022 Senior Tag National Tournaments

Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini, Auckland

Friday March 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th 2021

### Regions Invited:

- |                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Northland Stingrays      | 8. Counties Manukau Cyclones |
| 2. Hibiscus Coast Raiders   | 9. South Auckland            |
| 3. North Harbour Seahawks   | 10. East Auckland Jaguars    |
| 4. Auckland Metro           | 11. Porirua                  |
| 5. Central Knights          | 12. Horowhenua Eagles        |
| 6. Manukau Harbour Dolphins | 13. Wellington Tag           |
| 7. Waitakere Rangers        |                              |

**CANCELLED**

97 x Teams entered

12 x Age Group Divisions (Under 18s, 21s Mens, Mixed Open Men Women Mixed, Senior 30s Mens, Womens, Senior Mixed, Masters Mens 35s, 40s, 45s)

Regions advertised trials with the hope we would get this event going. Once again our hope was to be in an Orange Light setting so that we could deliver this tournament. Unfortunately Covid 19 in Red settings was to be the case which put paid to another very popular senior tag tournament on our calendar. All our 12 regions were disappointed just as we were as tournament organisers.

**SENIOR MIXED TRIAL / MUSTER**

WHEN - Sunday 09th January 2022  
TIME - 10:00am  
WHERE - Walker Park (Muripara Ave)

For more information you can contact  
waitakeresnrmixed@gmail.com



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**SENIOR TRIALS**  
**21 Mens**  
**FINAL TRIAL**  
Friday Jan 14th, 6pm  
Kaipatiki Park, Glenfield  
any questions please contact Junior  
0274452114  
Senior Nationals: March 25-27  
BRING BOOTS, TAG SHORTS, WATER



**FAR NORTH NATIVES TAG TRIALS**

THIS SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY  
VENUE: KERIKERI DOMAIN

**JUNIORS - U8S TO U16S**  
9:30AM - REGISTRATION  
10AM - 11:30AM - GAMES

**SENIORS - U17S TO 60+**  
11:30AM - REGISTRATION  
12PM - 1:30PM - GAMES

CONTACT: KATH WHARTON  
021 622 3076



We are looking for players for Senior womens and Senior Mix NZFI Tournament: March 25th - 27th

**Senior Tag Nationals 2022**

**Met and Greet**  
Tuesday 11th January 2022  
Time: 5:45pm  
Venue: Kohuora Park Papatoetoe  
The Shed  
Contact: Regz and Ang  
021 062 8082









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MARCH 2022

Bruce Pulman Park  
90 Walters Road  
Takanini  
Auckland  
New Zealand



Go to  
[www.nztagfootball.co.nz](http://www.nztagfootball.co.nz)  
for tournament information





## New Zealand tag football recognised by Sport NZ

New Zealand Tag Football has been officially recognised by Sport New Zealand.

Since the summer of 1993, the game has become one of the most popular non-contact field sports in New Zealand with former and current professional athletes such as Reuben Wiki, Wairangi Kopu and Georgia Hale playing in regional competitions throughout its existence.

NZ Tag's National Development Officer, Claude Lusitini, says it's been a long time to get the game there but believes that it deserves to be alongside other codes such as touch, rugby union and league.

"Tag is a game for all ages, any shape, size, fitness or skill level with competition and non-competition grades at most of our events," says Lusitini.



*Tag football RL Legend Ruben Wiki playing for Counties Manukau Cyclones 35s Men's*

"It also takes away the risk of concussion, a serious concern for many parents who want their children to play an oval ball game without the contact," she says.

With 40,000 players currently involved, the aim is to grow the game in every region and school in New Zealand. Lusitini hopes to implement more tag competition modules, regional "Have a go" days as well as tag referee clinics.

Fay Freeman ONZM, sport governance specialist, has helped NZ Tag draft its third, five-year Strategic and Business Plan that will focus on providing tag programs and events to the community from 2021 to 2026.

Freeman also helped to clear any wrong doing of New Zealand Tag Officials when the game came under scrutiny earlier this year following a junior tag tournament.

Freeman was asked to check if there were any inconsistencies in how New Zealand Tag Football managed its finances of its tag events and its governance structure. Her report concluded that costs were reasonable and consistent across the events hosted by New Zealand Tag Football.





*Former Warriors player Wairangi Koopu scores for the Central Knights 30s Men's team*

“New Zealand Tag is doing their best with limited resources, to fulfil their objectives. The organisation is young and evolving. The current approach of building reserves to enable them to be sustainable if grant funding declines is wise,” Freeman said.

Having an age range that attracts players between five and 55+, as well as being the fastest most significant growth in female participation (specifically in Māori and Pasifika), New Zealand Tag hope to continue to see the numbers rise.

Darryl Bovaird, New Zealand Tag Football chairman says with Sport NZ's acknowledgment the game of tag has consolidated its position within the New Zealand sporting landscape.

“With sound governance and financial processes now in place we are ready to evolve the games profile throughout the country to the next level,” Bovaird says.



*Kevin Locke gets tagged for North Harbour Open Men's team*



## Tag Football thriving in New Zealand despite disruptions thanks to COVID-19



Tag football, known in junior levels as Rippa Rugby, has just become a lot more professional.

The game has finally been recognised as an official sport in New Zealand, with more than 40,000 players across the country.

But just as officials were getting some momentum with the sports popularity - COVID-19 struck.

**Copy and paste this link for the full video link story:**

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/sport/2021/12/tag-football-thriving-in-new-zealand-despite-disruptions-thanks-to-covid-19.html>





## How Kiwi couple Kevin Locke and Brooke Blair benefited from Tag Football



One of New Zealand's newest sports has long attracted big stars from several of the largest sporting codes for a game that can mix players from rugby to netball.

With about 40,000 players nationwide from school to senior level, New Zealand Tag Football was officially recognised by Sport New Zealand in October and its new status makes it eligible for Government funding.

Two players with a love for the game are Kevin Locke, the former Kiwis and Warriors fullback (rugby league), and current Tall Ferns star Brooke Blair (basketball), who say it's helped with their sports.

Locke and Blair got married on the Gold Coast in September before they move to France in January for the next step of their respective careers.

Auckland's lockdown since August has prevented them from playing at home since and Blair was with the Tall Ferns for the Asia Cup in Jordan in September.

In fact, border restrictions forced Locke to travel more than 40 hours from Brisbane via Dubai to Auckland to visit family after their wedding, with Blair's MIQ place through Basketball NZ.

Locke, 32, who has not played at league's top level since a brief stint in England in 2016, has been playing league in Queensland's Intrust Super season for the South Logan Magpies and is joining French club AS Carcassonne next year.

His rollercoaster career, which peaked with appearances in the NRL grand final in 2011 and the World Cup final in 2013, might not have happened without tag.

Kevin Locke, left, in his younger days before he was an NRL star.

Locke said he was first spotted by Warriors scouts while playing tag for the East Coast Bays as a teenager. He made his debut for the Warriors in 2009, aged 20.

"With my sport, it's very similar, has the same dynamics, but instead of tackling, you're tagging," Locke told Stuff.

"Tagging is difficult. Grabbing the tag or avoid being tagged is an art. It has definitely helped me develop different skill sets."





The sport – first introduced in New Zealand in 1993 by former Warriors coach John Ackland – has been played by national representatives from netball and basketball, as well as rugby and league players, given its similarity to oval ball codes.

Among them are Warriors icons, such as Ruben Wiki and Wairangi Koopu, with Black Ferns sevens flyer Niall Williams and former Chiefs outside back Tim Nanai-Williams.

Brooke Blair, was with the Tall Ferns for the Asia Cup in September.

As a league player, Locke said he was more comfortable playing tag than touch rugby and thinks it could challenge the other popular non-contact code because it's starting to get more recognition.

"I know lots of league guys play touch, but now tag is more on the table, a lot of us have adapted as footy players because they're such similar games [league and tag] in terms of structure," he said.

"I think it's great that it's officially recognised as a sport. The ability these kids have today is unbelievable. This is a great opportunity for them to get recognised."

Blair, too, said her basketball career has benefited from tag and that's it more than just a social game.

"I really enjoy it because I played all sports growing up. I just love playing tag because it's helped with my cardio and given me different skills," the 27-year-old Tall Fern said.

"I've tried to score past him [Locke] with my chip and chase. It's fun but can be pretty intense."

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## 2021 AAIMS Intermediate Schools Term 1 Year 7-8 Tag Competition



Sadly this was another one of our very successful tag programs that was cancelled due to the Covid 19 Red Light Settings. An early decision was made early in term one to cancel the competition. 10 one day cluster tag tournaments were affected and many schools were disappointed with the decision. We are confident the 2023 Term 1 AAIMS Tag program will go ahead.







**GAMEDAY**  
powered by stack sports

## NZTFI Data Capture, Registration and Tournament management goes next level!

For many years The NZTFI have evolved the registration and tournament management of its many events over the years usually through excel spreadsheets and word documents manually inputting the updates, scores and data.

Player registration and payments, The allocation of the teams, grades, times, fields and updating points tables and results meant embracing new technology and systems to better run these events which had thousands of players playing over 20 plus fields with over 20 plus age group divisions competing in a 3 day draw format. Administering and scheduling the referees too over 3 days would also require an online system that could digitally micro manage the availability of competent referees for each individual game. The GameDay online system by Stack Sports does all of the above. We are excited to be upskilling our team to ensure the future of our games management is accurate and sound.

Our goal is to data capture all our membership from grassroots level to elite regional national and international level so that those who register will reap the benefits of being a registered NZTFI member.

The screenshot shows the Gameday web application interface. At the top right, there are links for 'Claude', 'Support', and 'Sign out'. The main header features the 'GAMEDAY' logo and a navigation bar with 'LEVEL SELECTION' set to 'National' and a 'REGION' dropdown. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'Dashboard', 'Modules', 'Registrations', and 'Reports'. The main content area is titled 'National' and includes the NZTFI logo, a 'Details Edit' link, and an 'Add/Edit Logo' link. A message states: 'If you experience any problems with GameDay or you wish to provide any feedback please contact us at [support.mygameday.app](mailto:support.mygameday.app).' Below this is a 'Dashboard Configure' section with several charts: 'Members' (line chart), 'Players by Gender' (pie chart), 'Players by Gender' (line chart), 'Players' (line chart), 'Coaches' (line chart), 'Umpires' (line chart), 'New Members' (line chart), 'Members registered via forms' (line chart), 'Clearances Out' (line chart), and 'Transaction Value' (line chart).



# NZTFI Strategic Plan for 2021-2026

After a thorough independent review of our organisation organised by CLM and delivered by Independent expert sports administration consultant Fay Freeman OBE it was decided in collaboration with her to focus and plan a simple and effective achievable 5 year strategic plan. Many Zoom meetings with our stake holders enabled us to simple our goals to move forward our games future in a realistic and viable plan. Growth at grassroots level and focussing on engaging the community through out New Zealand through participation at module level enabling a more accurate collection of data of our membership so that the sport could achieve a more sustainable business model to consolidate the games future.



# 2021-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

**OUR PURPOSE:**  
To promote, lead, support and evolve the sport of Tag Football in New Zealand

**OUR VISION:**  
More people participating in strong and inclusive community Tag modules linked to regional, national and international events

**OUR VALUES:**

- **ANURUTANGA:** A place where people feel safe
- **KAITIAKITANGA:** A guiding light for our young people
- **MANAAKITANGA:** Supportive, kind, respectful and welcoming to all people
- **RANGATIRATANGA:** Chieftainship, professionalism, integrity and leadership to build character
- **WHANAUNGATANGA:** A sense of whānau, community and connection

**OUR CRITICAL CHALLENGES:**

- **Quality people** – module coordinators, referees, coaches, managers, and volunteers who feel supported and valued
- **Growing Community Tag** – a network of strong Tag modules with consistent rules and uniform delivery
- **Regional sport structure** – a strong regional structure as a pathway to national events
- **A Tag culture** – pride in Tag as a sport of choice with high standards of delivery and side-line behaviour
- **Financial Sustainability** – a reliable and consistent funding model with sufficient resource to support growth of the game nationally

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	WHAT IMPACT DO WE WANT	WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE (STRATEGY)
<p><b>The game of Tag Football is nurtured, and supported and growing nationally</b></p>	<p>A regional, national and international events programme is professionally organised and managed to meet expectations of participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual increased participation in national events</li> <li>• COVID-19 protocols in place for all events</li> <li>• A Code of Conduct is delivering increasingly high standards of behaviour</li> <li>• An annual review ensures continual improvement in organisation and delivery of festivals and tournaments</li> </ul>
	<p>Māori and heritage national Pasifika affiliates based in NZ have a pathway from local to national and international events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased participation by Māori and Pasifika affiliates in Oceania and Trans-Tasman events</li> <li>• Selection criteria provides a pathway to the 2026 World Tag Cup</li> </ul>
	<p>Increase in number of qualified and capable referees, coaches and managers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 1 and 2 online training programmes are accessible for referees, coaches and managers</li> <li>• National events have sufficient qualified/and or competent referees to control games</li> <li>• L2 and L3 NCEA modules in schools (subject to resources being available)</li> </ul>
	<p>A growing national network of community-based Tag modules that meet community needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual growth in the number of tag modules</li> <li>• A tool kit for modules with consistent methods, playing rules and delivery standards</li> <li>• Improve capability of module coordinators through sharing knowledge and information</li> <li>• The sport of Tag is accessing grant funding on an equitable basis</li> </ul>
	<p>A pathway from community-based Tag modules to national events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fee differential for non-affiliated players equivalent to the cost of playing in a module</li> <li>• Regional events held annually in Auckland Waikato, Hawkes Bay, BOP and Wellington</li> <li>• All national event participants affiliated through a local module within five years</li> </ul>
<p>School Tag programmes are established in key regional destinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth of SS Tag programmes in Northland, Waikato, BOP, Auckland and Wellington regions</li> <li>• Growing 17 &amp; 8 participation in AIMES games</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Marketing and communication are increasing the profile of Tag Football</b></p>	<p>A strong tag culture embedded within the sport and growing visibility within the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tag NZ values are embedded and result in evidence-based improvements in behaviour</li> <li>• Tag has a growing social media presence that connects it to the community</li> <li>• Livestreaming of games is attracting an increasing number of supporters annually</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strong and trusted governance and leadership with a sustainable financial model</b></p>	<p>A head office that is efficient, professional, connected, and responsive to the needs of the Tag community</p> <p>A diversified revenue stream enables the sport to meet its annual costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HO Processes are clear, consistent and transparent</li> <li>• HO budgeting, accounting processes and reporting outcomes are transparent and timely</li> <li>• Communication is consistent and ongoing</li> <li>• Annual revenue targets are fully met or exceeded, and expenditure does not exceed budget</li> <li>• Grant funding and sponsorship meets annual targets.</li> </ul>



## NZTFI continue to support the Rise & Shine Josiah Mika Foundation

Josiah Mika will always be remembered by the NZTFI staff and the New Zealand Tag Football Community since his passing two years ago as a lovable and energetic young man who's infectious happy personality left a everlasting affect on our staff members and players, teams and people who knew him. His Auntie Sera Mika is an intergral part of our NZTFI admin team and his dad is a participating player of tag in our great game. With this connection we felt it was only fair that the NZTFI would put all its support in the foundation and continue to always acknowledge Josiah's memory through a Josiah Mika Sportsmanship Trophy presented annually at all future Junior Tag National events. The Rise + Shine Josiah Mika Foundation is about improving well-being equity for children and young people around New Zealand and, in particular, South Auckland and the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Always in our hearts Josiah we will always remember you and support your foundation.





## 2021 Trans Tasman Tag Series abandoned

- April 3-5 2020 (Postponed)
- September 24-26 2020 (Postponed)
- April 12-13 2021 (Postponed)
- September 17-19 2021 (Cancelled)

This event was plagued with Covid 19 restrictions going all the way back to 2020. Every effort was made to keep the series alive but would eventually succumb to constant Red Light Settings and closed international borders restricting entry into New Zealand for Australian teams. A decision was finally made to abandon the series and direct the teams to the International Tag Series event that would be launched in August and November of 2022.



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## Tag Football to feature in Match Fit TV Series

The NZTFI are very excited to have been involved in the latest Match Fit series. The former All Blacks and Kiwis Legends of Union and League would face off in a game of Tag Football in January this year. This was a great opportunity to showcase our games growth as our game was requested by the legends to play a decider League vs Union Tag game. The NZTFI were grateful for Pango Productions in giving our sport the profile for their TV program. The game was enjoyed by all and hopefully this will raise the profile of our games profile.

The NZTFI wish to convey our deepest sympathies to the Tuigamala family with the passing of Vainga a few weeks after this tag game was played and filmed. Inga will always be remembered as a humble yet competitive individual who brought joy and happiness to anyone that was in his presence and legacy. Rest in Life Inga, you will always be a legend to us all in the tag community.





## The Match Fit Rugby Union All Stars Tag Team



## The Match Fit Rugby League All Stars Tag Team





## Key Objectives in progress and up coming events 2022 - 2023

- 2022 Administer NZTFI website, Social Media, GameDay, Scheduler
- 2022 College Sport Term 4 Junior Secondary Schools Tag Program
- 2022 International Tag Series
- 2022 Tag Day Out FREE tournament
- 2022 Junior Tag Nationals
- 2022 Greater NZTFI Tag Module assistance for 2022-23 season
- 2022 Tu Manuwa Funding for Term 3 & 4 Programs and Term 1 of 2023 Community Programs
- 2022 Recruitment/Funding of IT Social Media Manager for NZTFI
- 2022 Utilizing more efficiently Stack Sports GameDay registration online system
- 2022 Development of Official NZTFI Coaching Certificate
- 2022 Planning and organising Tag Blacks teams for Tag World Cup 2023
- 2022 Funding and Support of NZTFI Referees Recruitment Program
- 2022 Sponsorship and Funding Promotions for upcoming events
- 2022 NZTFI Tag Referees Oztag experience program
- 2023 Junior Oceania Cup
- 2023 Senior Tag Nationals
- 2023 AAIMS Term 1 Year 7-8 Intermediate Schools Tag Competitions
- 2023 Auckland College Sport Term 1 Senior Secondary Schools Program
- 2023 Winter/Indoor Tag program

