



**LEGENDS
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2024 – 2025
Legends Tag Series



Managers Info Pack

Version 1.0



GREETINGS

Tena Koutou, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Ia Orana, Malo e lelei, Mālo Ni, Tālofa Lava, Fakaalofa Atu, Bula Vinaka, Mauri, Welcome,

We're excited to be launching the inaugural 2024-2025 Legends Tag Festival Series. It's the first of its kind in tag and a pilot initiative to keep players in their twilight years active and providing pathways to continue with their tag football journey. As Rugby Union has Presidents Rugby and Rugby League has Masters Rugby League our version has been aptly named Legends Tag. The upcoming tournaments will cater for male players 35 years to 60 years and Female players 27 years to 55 years. Never too old to play is the strap line which reflects what this event is all about. Engagement, Participation, Having fun and having a go is all we ask. There are no scores kept and the emphasis is on fun and enjoyment. It pledges to uphold the standard of excellence set in this annual competition, as we continuously strive for improvement each year.

This information booklet is designed to provide team managers with preliminary insights into the festivals six one day tournaments, facilitating their initial planning endeavours for the event. Here we are presenting Version **1.0** of the Event Information Pack, with subsequent updates slated for release as we approach the tournament date.

“Never too old to play”

The NZTFI Admin Team

<https://nztagfootball.com/legends-tag-festivals/>



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SECTION 1: CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. **Conditions of Entry:** Entries to the event will be accepted provided the following conditions are met by participating members:
 - a. All officials and team members agree to abide by New Zealand Tag Football rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.
 - b. Participants have met all conditions of membership by the New Zealand Tag Football constitution including being a full financial affiliated player.
 - c. All participants are registered online via the official GameDay platform.
 - d. All individuals must be registered to the NZTFI-Legends Tag Festival within the current season.
 - e. They are not serving any judicial or disciplinary penalty under New Zealand Tag Football Judicial and Disciplinary procedures.
 - f. New Zealand Tag Football reserves the right to decline entry to any registered team and/or player.

1. Playing Division & Eligibility

Non-Competition

- a. The Legends Tag Festival Series is a non-competition format with no scores kept

Mens and Womens Divisions

- a. The festivals will be played in mens and womens divisions only
- b. Mens are 35 years plus
- c. Womens are 27 years plus
- d. A review after the first rounds will determine whether we split the mens divisions into 35-40 years mens, 45-50 years and 55-60 years divisions, and womens divisions 27-35 years and 40s to 55s years

Age Grade Policy 2024

Click on this link to see the latest updates regarding age policies for participants:

[Click Here](#)

4. Squad Sizes

Minimum 14 Players Maximum 20 Players

SECTION 2: EVENT OPERATIONS

Control of the event

- a. The New Zealand Tag Football Referees, in conjunction with the New Zealand Tag Football Inc Admin Team, will oversee all matters relating to the tournament.
- b. Any matters not covered in this information pack will be determined by the officials, and the decision will be final.



Communications

All communication during the tournament will come via event sound system, email, Gameday Communications and Tournament Control.

1) Legends Tag Event Contacts and Responsibilities

Tournament Director: Willie Toelau
Email: : willie@nztagfootball.co.nz
Location: Roaming
Team Registrations/Payments: Lisa Iusitini
Email: eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz
Location: online
Tournament Logistics: Maxine Godinet
Email: godinetmaxine@outlook.com
Location: Tournament Admin Area
Referee Director: David Millar
Email: davedaref2013@gmail.com
Location: Roaming
Referee Assistant Director: Karl Vasau
Email: kvasau@gmail.com
Location: Referee Base

Tents/Marquees

- New Zealand Tag Football reserves the right to remove or decline any team from erecting any tent/marquee in a non-allocated area.
- Pegs cannot exceed 300mm into the ground
- Pop Up tents may be erected in designated areas at each festival event.
- Security at each event is the responsibility of the teams participating at the event.

Portaloos/ Toilets & Rubbish Bins

- Portaloos will only be available if the clubrooms/changing rooms are not supplied.
- Portaloos and toilet facilities will assessed as per each event
- Black Rubbish bags will be supplied to all teams participating. All participants and attendees are encouraged to clean up and dispose of their waste in the bins provided.

Car Parking and Vehicles

- Car parking is available at each venue 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 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 at the owner's expense.



Security

- a. The security of your tent area, and team gear, is your responsibility. New Zealand Tag Football will not be liable for any loss or damage to any equipment and or vehicles. Please ensure your tent is secure and tied down at all times, and that your vehicles are locked at all times when you are at the park.
- b. Any lost and found property will be held at Tournament Control.

Medical

- a. New Zealand Tag Football will ensure medical coverage at all events through NZ First Aid
- b. Coaches/Managers are to ensure they provide their first aid kit and supply teams with base medical supplies to treat minor injuries.

Use of Personal Images

- a. All people accept that by participating in this event, they may be photographed/filmed and that these images may be used by New Zealand Tag Football for promotion of the sport.
- b. New Zealand Tag Football will not pass any image(s) onto a third party unless prior approval is sought.
- c. If you do not wish New Zealand Tag Football to be able to use your image(s) or be filmed, you must notify New Zealand Tag Football in writing to eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz before the event starts.
- d. For more information please refer to the New Zealand Tag Football Use of Image Policy:

[Click Here](#)

Social Media Policy

It's crucial to maintain the reputation of New Zealand Tag Football Inc (NZTFI), its affiliated associations, competitions, and the game itself by using social media responsibly. This includes refraining from posting inappropriate content related to NZTFI or its events. When any NZTFI representative (such as associations, convenors, referees, coaches, or players) discusses tag football on social media, they should conduct themselves in a manner consistent with NZTFI's values and policies. It's important to remember that the internet is not anonymous, and everything posted can be traced back to the individual. Under no circumstances should offensive or negative comments be made online about NZTFI tournament staff, affiliated tag associations, referees, coaches, coaching staff, or players.

BREACH OF POLICY

NZTFI and Affiliated Associations reserve the right to take appropriate action, as their board sees fit, against any representative who breaches these guidelines including, but not limited to, disciplinary action, fines or taking legal action for damages.

NZTFI will continually monitor online activity concerning the Association and the game. Any breach of this policy by a representative should be reported to the NZTFI.

If reported and guilty, a breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action, the NZTFI or the affiliated associations have the ability to take action as they deem necessary based on the severity of the breach.

For more information please refer to the New Zealand Tag Football Social Media Policy:

[Click Here](#)



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Gameday Mobile App



The Gameday Mobile App (*not associated with Gameday Registrations*) will be available for everyone during the season. Below are instructions to navigate the Gameday Mobile App;

1. Firstly download the GameDay App onto your device.
2. You will then need to register an account and follow the prompts for this
3. Once registered & logged in select the “t-shirt” icon in the bottom right corner.
4. Select ‘comp’ or ‘team’ and enter “NZTFI Tournament”. Please tap on that option once it pops up.
5. Once you have clicked “NZTFI Tournaments” you should now have the option to view competitions & teams.
6. At this point you can navigate the app freely to find the team you are supporting by selecting a comp, then the team and you can view the fixtures/results etc.

For more information on the app and how to access it, please follow this link: [Click Here](#)



Event Photography: Alphapix Photography

The team may shoot action shots of the games at any one of the six tournaments. Action shots will be uploaded to the New Zealand Tag Football Inc. Facebook/Instagram Tiktok or Youtube in the week following the event.

- i. Please note that the action photographers do their best to capture as many photos as possible throughout the series. We cannot guarantee they will capture action shots of every team/game.
- ii. Please see our NZTFI use of image policy on our website: [Link](#)



Videographers: Sono Productions

There may be a professional videographers at any one of the six tournaments 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!



Be a Good Sports Ambassador -

Sideline Behaviour

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 behaviour on the sidelines and make it a safe environment for our tag community and 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 referee's control of the games at this event.

- a. Each team must nominate a parent/supporter to wear the 'Be a Good Sport' Hi-Vis vest.
- b. The Ambassador cannot be the Coach/Manager/Trainer/ Coaching Staff
- c. At the conclusion of the game, the Ambassador is to return the vest to the referee.
- d. They are responsible for ALL sideline behaviour and must remind those who breach the codes of contact and what the consequences may be if it continues.
- e. The Be a Good Sports Ambassador will liaise and assist with the referee, marshals or any sideline or admin official during the running of the game
- f. The Ambassador will report to the referee any sideline abuse or violent behaviour 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
- g. Be kind and supportive at all times at the event and follow the NZTFI Codes of Conduct.

SECTION 3: FESTIVAL SERIES FORMAT

LEGENDS TAG FESTIVAL SERIES

This event series will offer playing divisions for mens 35 years and older and Women 27 years and older

- a. There will only be a mens and womens division
- b. Any mixed teams will participate in the men's division.
- c. Legends Tag is non-competition and no points are kept.
- d. All Legends Tag Teams are guaranteed 2 x 30min Games (15min halves, 2min half time break) per tournament
- e. 5 min breaks between games

SECTION 4: TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. Draw Information **(To be added)**
- b. All teams play a minimum of two games
- c. Tournaments first round starts at 11:00am

4. After tournament Presentations & Awards

- a. The bar will be open and food and beverage will be served from the home team hosting the event.
- b. Awards will be given to Player of Day, Team of the Day, Dick of the Day etc
- c. A Festive atmosphere with bar open and after match function will be provided by the host club.

SECTION 5: NZTFI TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Rules, Policies & Procedures

- International Tags Rule Book: [Click Here](#)
- NZTFI Rule Book: [Click Here](#)

2. **Playing Time 30 minutes (15min each way, 2min half time break, 5min between rounds.**

- a. Time will be managed centrally through a hooter system.

3. **Team Entries (Dependent on event)**

- a. Clubs can enter 2 teams if they so choose

5. Amendment of Tournament Rules

To ensure the smooth running and organisation of the event, the has the right to change, amend, and adjust the tournament rules as required. This includes draw formats.

6. Team Numbering

- a. Team numbering must be 1-20 inclusive. Players **must** retain the same playing number, which must match that of their team sheet, throughout the tournament.

7. Defaults

- a. All games in all grades or divisions must be played in full throughout the Festival Series. Any team failing to do so will result in teams not being invited back the next year.

8. Team Officials

Team officials may issue verbal instructions to on-field players from the interchange area, however, if they leave the interchange area, they can only observe the game and remain mute.

9. Player Safety Rule

- a. The Referee is empowered to enforce measures ensuring the safety of participants during a match. However, the determination of whether the playing field meets health and safety standards rests outside their authority. Should referees identify safety concerns, they are obligated to report them to NZTFI Tournament control personnel. The final decision regarding the field's suitability for play rests with the CEO or their designate.

10. Spectators

- a. All persons not involved in the game must stay clear of the field of play and in cases where the field is closed off, must stay behind the barrier/ropes.

11. Sunglasses

- a. Wearing sunglasses during a game is forbidden.
- b. Prescription glasses, for which a doctor's certificate must be provided, may be worn upon producing a doctor's certificate. In these instances, the wearing of the glasses will be at the risk of the individuals. **The dispensation**
- c. **must be confirmed 5 days before the Tournament.**

12. Match Ball & Match Tags

- a. The Match ball and Match tags will be provided by the tournament organisers

13. Competition Points

There are no competition points kept



14. Playing and Surrounding Environment

- a. At their sole discretion, the Match Referees, Referee Support Official, NZTFI Referee Coaches or NZTFI Tournament Officials have the right in exceptional circumstances to instruct any person(s) to immediately leave the park and/or surrounding playing area should the conduct of the individual(s) considered to be threatening, abusive or bring the game into disrepute. This provision also applies to the conduct of team officials. If a person and/or team official refuses to comply with the instructions of the Match Referees, Referee Support Official, NZTFI Referee Coaches or NZTFI Tournament Officials then the match will be stopped until the instruction is complied with.

15. Referee Abuse – Members of the public, team officials and players

Abuse of referees, umpires and match officials is a global problem and New Zealand is not immune from such problems. Referees, umpires, and match officials encounter an array of hostile behaviours from players, coaches and spectators ranging from verbal abuse to physical assault.

- *If there is any abuse to any officials or referees the player or team will be removed from the tournaments effective immediately.*

17. Score Cards

- a. Sin bins and Send offs will be recorded on non-competition scorecards.
- b. Each Team Manager is responsible for their own scoring if they so choose.
- c. There are no protests at any of the tournaments.

SECTION 6: UNIFORM POLICY

1. General Overview

The NZTFI uniform policy outlines the playing strip (uniform) criteria for Legends Tag Festival events.

2. SAS Tag Shorts Requirement

All teams and delegations can wear any SAS tag shorts for this series. This ensures fairness by keeping everyone's attire consistent, preventing any advantages or disadvantages due to differences in fabric elasticity or quality.

All teams must wear matching numbered tops of their choosing. NZTFI will check this during the event

Uniform requirements:

- 2024-2025 season and moving forward all teams will be required to have numbers from 1-20
- 1 x Numbered Playing Top (Numbers must be clear and visible from a distance)
- 1 x SAS Playing Tag Short/ Tights (NZTFI recognize tag shorts as equipment)
- Off-field gear can be SAS or other brands.

3. On-Field Gear Rules

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

- **NO bandanas, beanies are allowed to be worn on the fields during games.**



- Standard baseball type caps bucket hats or sun visors can be worn.
- Branded club caps, bucket hats, and sun visors can be worn during games.

4. Ordering Tag Shorts or playing uniforms

Teams can wear their presidents or masters league/uniform jerseys/tops in the Legends Tag Festival Series events.

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

Email: peter.martin@sas.co.nz

Mobile: 021 023 17656

SECTION 7: NZTFI POLICIES

The following New Zealand Tag Football policies apply for all events:

Policies are available on the website: [Click Here](#)

SECTION 8: PROTESTS, APPEALS, AND DISCIPLINARY MATTER

No Judicial Hearing during 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 if necessary 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 before the tournament.

- a. 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 a referee will NOT be tolerated. This may result in points being deducted and/or players/ teams removed from the event.
- b. Any team found to have fielded a disciplined, sent-off, or non-registered player will face immediate disqualification. Additionally, all coaches, coaching staff, managers, and players involved will be suspended from participating in tag for a period of 2 years from the date of the infringement.
 - The coach/manager found in violation will need to compose a public apology letter addressed to the NZTFI and the affected team(s), recognizing that their actions have tarnished the reputation of the game.
 - The need for a Judicial process after the event will be waived in cases of evident deceit or deception. The event organizers and tournament directors will have the ultimate authority to determine the repercussions of the infringing team's actions, and their decision will be final.
 - Upon completion of their two-year suspension period, the coach/manager/players must submit a written request for reinstatement to participate in the game of tag at all levels.



Protests

- a. There will no protest at any Legends Tag Festival Series.
- b. Any judicial process will be dealt with post the event

Any team discovered with unregistered or players who breach the codes of conduct during gameplay may face removal from competition.

- Random sideline inspections may take place throughout the tournament.
- Teams wanting to dispute a player's ineligibility will do it post the event.
- Coaches/managers may submit photo or video evidence to identify any unregistered players on opposing/competition teams.

Full policy documents can be found online at: [Click Here](#)

SECTION 9: Event Registrations

1. **Event Tournament Fee**

One fee for six tournaments

- **\$80 NZD per player (\$20 NAF Fee, \$60 NZTFI Referees Association)**

2. **How do I enter my team**

All team entries will be completed online through Game Day registration links.

- Managers must first register their team to obtain a team code.

(Please email eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz if you have entered your team twice in error)

- Once the team is registered, players can then register themselves into the team using their **team code**.
- The Registration cut-off dates will be strictly monitored, please plan accordingly. Registration closes well before the event, giving us time to verify each player's age and ensure teams have the minimum required number of players before the event begins.
- Check <https://nztagfootball.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Registration-FAQ.pdf>

3. **Timeline**

Event Team & Player Registration/Payment Links OPEN: **To be advised**

Event Team & Player Registration/Payment Links CLOSES: **To be advised**

Event Tournament Draw: **To be advised**

Draw Runsheet Released: **To be advised**

GameDay Draw Released: **To be advised**

Event Site Map released: **To be advised**

Managers Information Pack FINAL Release: **To be advised**



The 2024-2025 Legends Tag Festival Dates

1. South Auckland Tag Festival: Sunday November 3rd 2024

Ngati Otara Park, Otara, Auckland

2. Central Auckland Tag Festival: Sunday November 24th 2024

Grey Lynn Park, Grey Lynn, Auckland

3. East Auckland Tag Festival: Sunday December 8th 2024

Ti Rakau Park, Pakuranga, Auckland

4. West Auckland Tag Festival: Sunday January 26th 2025

Ranui Domain, Ranui, Auckland

5. North Shore Tag Festival 2: Sunday February 9th 2025

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6. Final Festival Tournament 3: Sunday March 9th 2025

Fowlds Park, Mt Albert, Auckland

4. Refunds

Refunds are only considered if the player has a genuine reason or injury and will require proof or medical certificate.

There are no refunds if your team does not turn up for your game.

5. GameDay Team and Player REGISTRATION LINKS:

6. Registration Cut-Off Dates

NZTFI registration admin will closely monitor registrations, payments, squad sizes, and age eligibility. All registrations and payments must be punctual; late ones won't be accepted, and no extensions will be granted.

7. Unregistered Players

Any team discovered with unregistered players during gameplay will face removal from the competition.

- Random side line inspections will occur throughout the tournament. All teams are required to report and submit photo or video evidence of any unregistered players.

Any further queries email: legendstag@nztagfootball.co.nz