

NZTFI 2025  
SENIOR TAG NATIONALS



VERSION 4.2

# MANAGERS INFORMATION PACK

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Ngati Otara Park | Otara  
Auckland

## Welcome

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

New Zealand Tag Football Inc. wishes to extend a warm welcome to you all for this event. On behalf of the NZTFI, we are committed to providing an exciting, safe, and positive experience for all at this tag tournament, and we can't wait to see you all in December.

*"Play Tag, it's the Game for Everybody."*

Ngā mihi nui,  
**Claude Iusitini**  
**NZTFI Chief Executive Officer**

## Purpose Statement

This information pack is designed to provide initial details about the tournament to coaches and managers, helping them undertake appropriate planning for the event. This is Version 3.2 of the Event Information Pack. Updated versions of this document will be emailed and uploaded to our Facebook page in the lead-up to the event.

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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 an NZTFI-affiliated module within the current season. They are not serving any judicial or disciplinary penalty under New Zealand Tag Football Judicial and Disciplinary procedures.
  - e. New Zealand Tag Football reserves the right to decline entry to any registered team and/or player.

## 2. Playing Division & Eligibility

### Competitive Playing Divisions

- a. These divisions will have their game scores recorded and 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 Senior Tag Nationals for their age group. Gold and Silver medals will be awarded to winning teams in these divisions.
- b. The Competitive Playing Divisions are as follows: *This may change if team numbers in EOI forms are updated.*
  - U18s Boys / Girls / Mixed
  - U21s Mens / Womens / Mixed
  - Open Men's / Women's / Mixed
  - Senior Men's / Womens / Mixed
  - 35s Mens
  - 40s Mens
  - 45s Mens
  - 50s Mens (To be advised)

## Age Grade Policy 2024

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

[Click Here](#)

## EOI Expressions of Interest NZTFI Sanctioned Regions/Contingents:

- Far North Natives
- Hibiscus Coast Pirates
- Auckland Metro
- Waitakere Rangers
- Counties Manukau Cyclones
- South Auckland Storm
- ~~Gold Coast Heat (AUS)~~
- Hawkes Bay Panthers
- Franklin Vipers
- Northern Stingrays
- North Harbour Seahawks
- Central Knights
- East Auckland Jaguars
- Manukau Harbour Dolphins
- Bay of Plenty
- ~~King Country Bulls~~
- ~~Horowhenua Kapiti Sharks~~
- Raahui Pookeka Waikato

## 4. Squad Sizes

### Senior Events

- **Under 18s, 21s, Open, Senior 30s Grades** Minimum 16 Players Maximum 20 Players registered. Teams can only field 18 players per game. Any extra players must have their playing strip covered up
- **Masters Grades** 16 Players Maximum 22 Players registered. Teams can only field 18 players per game. Any extra players must have their playing strip covered up
- **One team per grade** Each nation can only enter 1 team per grade making six-team divisions and a six-team draw format over 3 days.

*\*Playing team numbers as above will be monitored, Teams that fail to meet the minimum squad size will be notified and withdrawn from the tournament.*

***No exceptions after registration dates close***

## SECTION 2: EVENT OPERATIONS

### 1) Control of the event

- a. The New Zealand Tag Football National Operations Manager, in conjunction with the New Zealand Tag Football CEO, 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.

### 2) Communications

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

### 3) Event Contacts and Responsibilities

<b>Tournament Director: Rawinia Mana</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:rawinia.mana@nztagfootball.co.nz">rawinia.mana@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Location: Roaming
<b>Operations: Lisa Iusitini</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz">eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Location: Tournament Control
<b>Tournament Analytics: Imogen Pilkington</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz">eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Location: Tournament Control
<b>Referee Director: Willie Toelau</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:willie@nztagfootball.co.nz">willie@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Location: Roaming
<b>Referee Coordinator: Karl Vasau</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:kvasau@nztagfootball.co.nz">kvasau@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Location: Referee Base
<b>Field Logistics: Claude Iusitini</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:claudio@nztagfootball.co.nz">claudio@nztagfootball.co.nz</a>
Location: Roaming
<b>Marshall Coordinator: Leanne Gardner</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:gardinerleanne10@gmail.com">gardinerleanne10@gmail.com</a>
Location: Roaming

### **Tents/Marquees**

- a. No tents/marquees are permitted to be erected outside of specified areas.
- b. New Zealand Tag Football reserves the right to remove or decline any team from erecting any tent/marquee in a -allocated area.
- c. Pegs cannot exceed 300mm into the ground
- d. Tents may be erected from 1 pm on the Thursday before day 1 of the event.
- e. Security for your region tents will be available for the evenings of the event (Saturday and Sunday only)

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

- a. Portaloos will be stationed across the premises at NZTFI events.
- b. Portaloos and toilet facilities will be replenished and cleaned daily throughout the event.
- c. Rubbish Bins will be supplied around all fields. All participants and attendees should clean up and dispose of their waste in the bins provided.

### **Golf Carts**

*Only NZTFI Golf Carts will be authorised at NZTFI events and used for event delivery purposes only.*

- a. NZTFI Golf Carts will be marked with our logo and a number for each Golf Cart.

### **Car Parking and Vehicles**

- a. Car parking is available on-site at Ngati Otara Park and will operate on a first-in-first-served basis.
- b. Car parking is limited. Carpooling is recommended.
- c. VIP Car parking areas are for Admin/Referees/Officials/Vendors. VIP car park cards must be shown to enter.
- d. Vehicles that block other cars or park in prohibited areas will be warned over the sound system to move. If the car(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. Overnight security will be provided each night (Friday and Saturday night only) of the event.
- c. 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 our Medical Team.
- 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](mailto: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 found guilty, a breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action, the NZTFI or the affiliated associations can 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](#)



### 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](#)



### Livestream & Finals Field

- a. Competitive Grade Grand Finals will be live-streamed on the New Zealand Tag Football Inc. Facebook page and YouTube Channel via Stream Shop.
- b. Players cannot wear inappropriate headwear/branded caps/beanies/sunglasses in any live-streaming games
- c. Any form of violence or abuse during a live-streaming game will not be tolerated. Broadcasting will be cut and the game will be abandoned.
- d. Teams participating in any LIVE streamed games must strictly follow the NZTFI codes of conduct. [Click Here](#)
- e. Any breach or bringing the game into disrepute will result in the termination of the broadcast and both teams eliminated from the tournament and suspended from all tag for a minimum of two years.
- f. Any team that plays an unregistered player during a live-streamed grand final game will be disqualified and suspended from all tag at all levels effective immediately from the time of the infringement for a minimum of two years. There will be no right of appeal or judicial hearing for the infringement due to clear-cut evidence of a breach live-streamed.
- g. If a team plays in a live-streamed grand final, a list of accurate player shirt numbers and full (preferred) names must be updated on the online registration form.

h.

**Team Photography: Farrelly Photos**

A formal team photo service will be available on-site through **Mike Farrelly Photography**.  
Contact: Mike Farrelly Mob: 027 274 6868 Email: [mike@farrelly.co.nz](mailto:mike@farrelly.co.nz)



**Event Action Photography: Alphapix Photography**

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

- i. Please note that the action photographers do their best to capture as many photos as possible throughout the weekend. 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 will be professional videographers documenting the event and producing videos that will be posted to the New Zealand Tag Football Inc. Facebook page. Their friendly crew may ask if you would like to be on video or interviewed throughout the weekend!

**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.



*Be a  
Good  
Sport!*



## SECTION 3: TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

### Senior Event

This tournament will offer playing divisions from Under 18s through to 50s in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Divisions. All teams will be playing for medal placings for the Senior Tag National Champions

- o For all age groups, our target is to schedule 7 games, depending upon the number of teams participating in each grade.

## SECTION 4: TOURNAMENT FORMAT

### 1. Draw Information

Please download the tournament draw/run sheet at the links below. You can access a specific team's schedule/fixtures and results via the GameDay App.

Click here: [Tournament Run Sheet](#)

Click here: [GameDay App / Website – Navigation Instructions & QR Codes](#)



**GAMEDAY**  
Download  
GameDay Mobile  
Today

**NZTFI TAG NATIONALS**

Keep up to date with Fixtures, Results including player stats and competition ladders - download GameDay Mobile App today.

**DESKTOP (WEBSITE) VIEW**

- ✓ Go to the NZ Tag Football Website
- ✓ Select the Fixture, Results or Ladders next to your league to view

**GAMEDAY APP**

- ✓ Click on the team menu
- ✓ Select the magnifying glass icon on the top right hand side
- ✓ Select the team tab and input the team name
- ✓ Once you have found your team, select it and click follow – this will place it in your team tab so you can access it more easily.

More information on the GameDay App can be found at <https://support.mygameday.app/help/gameday-app>

**WEBSITE**



**ANDROID APP**



**IOS APP**



**NEW ZEALAND NZTFI TAG FOOTBALL**

[WWW.MYGAMEDAY.APP](http://WWW.MYGAMEDAY.APP) [HELLO@MYGAMEDAY.APP](mailto:HELLO@MYGAMEDAY.APP)

2. **Finals & Presentations** (16) finals will take place at this year's event\*\*
- i) Age / Grade / Final e.g U18s Girls Final
  - ii) Continuation
    - b) Live streamed final will take place on Field 1 on finals day.
    - c) Presentations will take place following each final.
    - d) Gold medals will be presented to teams that win a final.
    - e) Silver medals will be presented to teams that place runner-up in the final.
    - f) Bronze medals will be presented to third placed team
    - g) Upon receiving their medals they will then have a photo in front of the Tournament Banner with your medals on.
    - h) Winning team photos will be posted to our official Social Media Platforms.

## Pathway to finals format

*Based on the EOI Forms returned to us as at TBA This will change once we have final payments of team entries.*

- a. We aim to Scheduled up to Games for teams competing at Senior Tag Nationals
- b. **Competition Grades Finals Formats**

### U18s Boys

- 5 Teams in the Draw
- 5 Round Robin Games
- Every team gets a Bye Round
- Team at the top of the table after round robins goes straight to Grand Final
- Minor Semi 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Minor Semi 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Place v 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Winners of Minor Semi 1 & 2 play Major Semi 3 for the right to play 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Grand Final
- Losers of Minor Semi 1 & 2 playoff for Bronze Final with Loser of Major Semi 3
- Grand Final is 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs Winner Major Semi 3

### U18s Mixed

- 5 Teams in the Draw
- 5 Round Robin Games
- Every team gets a Bye Round
- Team at the top of the table after round robins goes straight to Grand Final
- Minor Semi 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Place vs 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Minor Semi 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Place v 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Winners of Minor Semi 1 & 2 play Major Semi 3 for the right to play 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Grand Final
- Losers of Minor Semi 1 & 2 playoff for Bronze Final with Loser of Major Semi 3
- Grand Final is 1<sup>st</sup> Place vs Winner Major Semi 3

### Open Mens/U21s Mens

- 6 Teams in the Draw (5 x Open Teams 1 x U21 Men's team)
- 5 Round Robin Games over first two days
- Top 4 Qualify for Major Semi 1 1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> Major Semi 2 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Place Play off for Final Placing Game
- Winner Major Semi 1 v Winner Major Semi 2 play in Grand Final
- Loser Major Semi 1 v Loser Major Semi 2 play in Bronze Final
- 21s Men team will be awarded Gold Medal for participating in the Open Men's Division

### **Womens/18 Girls**

- 7 Teams in the Draw (1 x Open Womens, 1 x U21 Womens, 2 x 30s Women's Teams and 3 x 18s Girls teams)
- 7 Round Robin Games over three days
- Top two 18s Girls teams play 18s Girls Grand Final
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Place Teams play Final Placing Game
- Open Womens Grand Final is played off between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams
- Open Womens Bronze Final is played off between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams
- The two 30s Women's Team play each other for 30s Womens Grand Final

### **U21s Mixed**

- 4 Teams in the Draw
- 6 Round Robin Games
- Every team plays each other twice over two days
- Day 3 Grand Final is 1<sup>st</sup> Place V 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Gold and Silver Medals
- Day 3 Bronze Final is 3<sup>rd</sup> Place V 4<sup>th</sup> Place for Bronze Medal

### **Opens Mixed**

- 11 Teams in the Draw
- Pool A 5 Teams, Pool B 6 Teams
- 5 Round Robin Games in Pool A and B
- All teams in Pool A get a Bye round which equates to a 2 point win on the points table and 8 points added to their For column in the teams for and against
- Day 3 Quarter Finals for Top 4 teams from each Pool
- Pool A 1<sup>st</sup> v Pool B 4<sup>th</sup>, Pool A 2<sup>nd</sup> v Pool B 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pool A 3<sup>rd</sup> v Pool B 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pool A 4<sup>th</sup> v Pool B 1<sup>st</sup>
- Minor Semi 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest 5<sup>th</sup> Place team from both pools plays 6<sup>th</sup> Place from Pool B
- Final Placing Game Winner Minor Semi 5 V Highest 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Day 3 Qtr Finals: Winner Qtr 1 V Winner Qtr 3, Major Semi 2 is Winner Qtr 2 V Winner Qtr 4
- Losers of Qtrs are knocked out
- Bottom 3 Play off for Final Placing games
- Winners of Quarters play in Major Semi 1 and 2
- Winners of Major Semi 1 and 2 Play in Open Mixed Grand Final
- Losers of Major Semi 1 and 2 Play in Bronze Final Game

### **35s/30s Mens**

- 4 Teams in the Draw (3 x 35s Team, 1 x 30s Team)
- 6 Round Robin Games
- Every team plays each other twice over two days
- Day 3 Final Placing Game is 3<sup>rd</sup> Placed Bronze 35s team plays 30s Mens Gold Team
- Top 2 35s Men's Team play in Grand Final for Gold and Silver Medals



**40 Mens/50s/55s Mens**

- 8 Teams in the Draw (5x 40s Teams, 1 x 50s Team, 1 x 55s Team)
- 6 Round Robin Games
- Top 4 40s mens Play Major Semi 1 and 2 on Day 2
- Day 3 Bronze Final Loser Major Semi 1 V Loser Major Semi 2
- Day 3 Grand Final Winner Major Semi 1 V Winner Major Semi 2
- Day 3 Final Placing Game 5<sup>th</sup> Place 40s Mens V Hawkes Bay 50s Mens
- Day 3 Final Placing Game East Auck 55s Team V Hawkes Bay 55s Team



# SECTION 5: NZTFI Tournament Rules

## 1. Rules, Policies & Procedures

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

## 2. Playing Time

- a. Time will be managed centrally through a hooter system. Extra time will only apply where a result is required.

## 3. Team Entries

- a. Each region/contingent may enter only 1 team in each grade.

## 4. Deciding Teams/ Equal Points

- a. In the qualifying rounds, a draw will count.
- b. After round robins conclude, teams' advancement to the finals rounds is determined in the following order:
  - I. Points
  - II. For and Against
  - III. Percentage
- c. The factors above, including but not limited to goal differential and others, will determine the final placing on the Gameday Ladder.

## 5. Amendment of Tournament Rules

*To ensure the smooth running and organisation of the event, the CEO and Tournament Director 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 1-20/22 inclusive. Players **must** retain the **same** playing number, which must match that of the online team sheet via GameDay, throughout the tournament.

## 7. Defaults / Ballot Matches

- a. All games in all grades or divisions must be played in full throughout the Tournament. Any team failing to do so will result in an automatic deduction of 2 points and an 8-point loss in their "for and against" standings.
- b. If a team is not on the field when the hooter sounds, the referee will add 1 point a minute up to 5 minutes. When the 5 minutes is up & still no team has arrived then the referee will call the game off.
- c. The referee must get the manager of the team that was present to sign the card to claim the win by default.
- d. Teams are required to appear for all scheduled Ballot Matches without exception. Failure to comply will result in an automatic deduction of 2 points and an 8-point loss in their "for and against" standings.
- e. Teams choosing to default will not be eligible for this grade next season. ie If Cook Islands Open Mens chose to default a game at this event, Cook Islands Open Mens would not be eligible to compete next season.

## 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. Before any player who requires Prescription glasses can take to the field, they must complete a dispensation form. **The dispensation must be confirmed 5 days before the Tournament.**
- c. Dispensation Link:

## 12. Match Ball & Match Tags

- a. The Match ball and Match tags will be provided by New Zealand Tag Football.

## 13. Competition Points

The following competition points will apply:

Win 2 points

Draw 1 points

Loss 0 point

Forfeit 0 points (Loss of entry next season)

## 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*

For further information please click the Link: [Click Here](#)

## 16. Score Cards

- a. Appointed referees will be responsible for keeping the match score.
- b. Sin bins and Send-offs will be recorded on scorecards.
- c. Each Team Manager is responsible for scoring. Team managers must stand side by side for the duration of the game
- d. At half-time, team managers are encouraged to check the score with referees.
  - i. At the completion of the game, if the team(s) agree with the score written on the scorecard, the card is to be signed by the Team Manager.
  - ii. The team that did not sign the card has the right to lodge a protest.
- e. Refer to section 8 of this information pack for the process of submitting a protest.
- f. Protest once the commencement of any finals will not be considered.

# SECTION 6: UNIFORM POLICY

## 1. General Overview

The NZTFI uniform policy outlines the playing strip (uniform) criteria at all NZTFI tournaments.

## 2. Compulsory SAS Uniform Requirements

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

In each region or delegation, all teams must wear the same colours for their playing strips. NZTFI will check this during the event and deduct points from teams failing to adhere to this new rule.

It is important to note that NZTFI/SAS reserves the right to reject uniform colours of teams or regions that coincide with those worn by NZTFI Referee Uniforms and/or NZTFI Officials, this includes colours Bright Green, Bright Yellow, and Bright Pink.

A new uniform is to be purchased each season for all events. Only teams sporting the current season's uniform will meet the event's entry conditions.



SAS Uniform requirements:

- 2024-2025 season and moving forward all teams will be required to have numbers from 1-20 only for 18s - Senior Grades and 1 – 22 for masters grades.
- 1 x SAS 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)
- Uniform Numbers must match the player in the registration forms
- Strictly no double numbers.
- Teams with incorrect uniform due to late order placement will be deducted 2 points at the end of the round robins.
- 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 or branded NFL, NBA, NRL, AFL etc. merchandised caps are to be worn during any game in particular **Live Streamed games.****
- Standard non-branded baseball-type caps or soft sun visors can be worn.
- Branded region caps, bucket hats, and sun visors can be worn during games.

### 4. Ordering Uniforms

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

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

Mobile: 021 023 17656

Please contact Peter for further information.

- U7 -U12 grade teams must purchase a **minimum of 12 uniforms** for each Junior event.
- U13 - Senior grade teams must purchase a **minimum of 16 uniforms** for each Junior/Senior event.

**SENIOR TAG NATIONALS 2025**  
21<sup>ST</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> FEB

OPEN THE WEBSITE & SEND THE LOGINS		09 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 2024
WEBSITE CLOSING		16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 2024
FINALIZE THE DESIGN		18 <sup>TH</sup> NOV 2024
SIGN OFF THE CONCEPT		25 <sup>TH</sup> NOV 2024
REQUEST THE CONTACT DETAILS FROM THE MANAGERS		02 <sup>ND</sup> - 06 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 2024

## 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 & Disciplinary Matters

### No Judicial Hearing during event

*NZTFI reminds participants that there will no longer be a judicial process for any disputes or breaches of the codes of conduct at the 3-day event.*

*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 with no refund. Additionally, all coaches, coaching staff, managers, and players involved could be suspended from participating in tag for a period of up to 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 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. If a team disputes the score recorded on the scorecard, they should refrain from signing it and instead file a protest within the 30-minute timeframe.
- b. Any protest is to be lodged by the registered team manager and/or coach only. This includes eligibility protest.
- c. A \$200 fee must be submitted with the protest, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- d. The following information is to be provided with the protest to the Operations Manager within 30 minutes of the game concluding:
  - i. Video of Game in full. Showing all tries scored.
  - ii. The order the scoring occurred (including player numbers of both teams)
  - iii. The half-time and the full-time score

***Protests will not be lodged without the above information and are not considered once any finals have commenced.***

- e. The opposing team will be summoned to confirm the score. If they disagree or if the evidence is inconclusive, the score recorded by the referees will stand.
- f. No Protests will be accepted after the Quarter Final Teams have been selected.
- g. Should a team intend to protest a player's age, a \$200 fee must be submitted to the operations manager within 30 minutes of the game's conclusion accompanied with evidence before the protest is reviewed. If the protest is successful, the fee will be refunded.
- h. Protests will not be upheld for referee decisions.
- i. **Unregistered Players/ Ineligibility**

Any team discovered with unregistered players/ Ineligibility during gameplay may face immediate disqualification from the competition.

- Random sideline inspections may take place throughout the tournament.
- Teams wanting to dispute a player's heritage ineligibility should follow the protest process outlined in section 8.
- Coaches/managers may submit photo or video evidence to identify any unregistered players on opposing/competition teams.



## SECTION 9: Event Registrations

To Affiliate please register/ play at your local module. For players who do not have a module in your local area please register at NZTFI GROWTH MODULE.

National Affiliation Fee if purchased more than once in a season is Non - Refundable Do not finalise/complete payment if you have purchased the National Affiliation Fee, please contact

To check module venues: [click here](#) (Updates are made regularly to the website)

### 1. Event Tournament Fee

#### Senior Event

- STN 2025 NZ PLAYER ENTRY FEE = **\$125 per player**

### 2. Senior Tag Nationals Player Eligibility

#### • NZTFI Affiliated Module Player

All players must be registered and participating in an NZTFI-affiliated module. Team managers are responsible for ensuring that all players on their team meet this requirement prior to registering for this event. Failure to comply will result in penalties.

#### • Documentation and Vetting:

- All players must meet eligibility criteria
- All players are required to submit their ID during online Game Day registrations. Coaches/Managers must have all players' documents physically present throughout the entire event.
- Proof of eligibility must be available and failure to provide legitimate evidence may result in penalties like loss of points, disqualification, or default from the tournament.

### 3. Judicial Process for Eligibility Protests:

- Eligibility protests can be lodged during round-robin play with a fee of \$200 (NZD), which is refunded if the protest is successful.
- Protests cannot be lodged from quarter-finals onwards, ensuring minimal disruption to the tournament's later stages.

#### 4. Age Eligibility and Consistency:

- a. Age eligibility must align with NZTFI senior events to maintain fairness across competitions.
- b. Link: [Click Here](#)

#### 5. 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](mailto: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>

#### 6. Timeline ( Change per event)

**Event** EOI (Expressions of Interest) Forms: TBC

Event Team & Player Registration/Payment Links OPEN: **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Event Team & Player Registration/Payment Links CLOSES: **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Event Tournament Draw: Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

Referee Field Allocation Released: Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

Draw Runsheet Released: Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

GameDay Draw Released: Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

Event Site Map released: Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

Managers Information Pack FINAL Release: Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

Event Tournament Day 1: 21st February 2025

Event Tournament Day 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Event Tournament Day 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

#### 7. Refunds

**National Affiliation Fee (NAF)** National Affiliation Fee if purchased more than once in a season is Non – Refundable. Do not finalise/complete payment if you have purchased the National Affiliation Fee, please contact [eventregos@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:eventregos@nztagfootball.co.nz).

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Teams must still meet the minimum player numbers without the intended refund player, to be accepted.
- Player Gameday receipt
- A Bank account name and number

If you qualify, click the link to complete the form: <https://wkf.ms/4fuW9EI>

**Refund forms submissions must be in be submitted by Wednesday 19th February 2025, 12pm (Midday)**

**Note: No refunds will be accepted after this date.  
All accepted refunds are processed post event,  
Accepted refunds will be minus the Gameday payment service fees.**

## 8. GameDay Team REGISTRATION LINKS:

National Affiliation Fee (NAF) National Affiliation Fee if purchased more than once in a season is **non – refundable**. Do not finalise/complete payment if you have purchased the National Affiliation Fee, please contact [nztfi\\_modules@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:nztfi_modules@nztagfootball.co.nz)

**Team Managers/Coaches for all grades, except Senior Mixed, please read the information below.**

It is your responsibility to register your team. Once you complete the team registrations, you will receive a Gameday confirmation email containing a unique player registration link for your team to share with team players.

Registrations will open on **Friday 20th December 2024** and will close on **Sunday 19th January 2025**.

***Below is an example of a confirmation email and information on where to find the unique link.***

Hi, we are just confirming that you have registered the following team into our upcoming season:

Team name: **Test**  
 Competition name: **Masters Womens Grade**  
 Team Code: **22873652**  
 Password: [Click Here to Reset Password](#)

Are you also going to play in this team? You will need to separately register as a player. Click [here](#) to do that right now.

Hopefully you have already taken advantage of our auto email function that allows you to invite teammates to join your team. If you have extra players you need to invite, copy the link below into a separate email and send it to those people - that way you can have your team fully registered before the competition gets underway.

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?aID=29493&fID=116121&teamcode=22873652&Temp=>

Thanks again for playing in our competitions.

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## TEAM REGISTRATION LINKS:

**Under 18's Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116584>

**Under 21's Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116585>

**Open Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116586>

**35s Men's Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116635>

**40s Men's Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116614>

**45s Men's Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116615>

**50s Men's Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116616>

**Seniors MNS / WMNS Teams:**

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116613>

*Senior Mixed Team Managers/Coaches: it is your responsibility to register your team. Once you complete the team registration, you will receive a confirmation email, but there will be no unique link to share with players. Please use the specific player registration links below—one for females and one for males*

**Senior Mixed Teams:** <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116630>

Senior Mixed **MEN'S** Players:

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116632>

Senior Mixed **WOMEN'S** Players:

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=116633>

**Registrations will open on Friday 20th December 2024 and will close on Sunday 19th January 2025.**

### Registration Cut-Off Date

NZTFI registration admin will closely monitor registrations, payments, squad sizes, and age eligibility. All registrations and payments must be punctual; late registrations won't be accepted, and no extensions will be granted. *Refer to the timeline for closing dates (Section 9.6).*

- Teams that do not meet the minimum player registration numbers and all requirements including but not restricted to valid IDs uploaded, and pre- registration at a NZTFI module by the close of event registration date, **will incur point deductions at the end of the round robin games or loss of registration payments for registered players of teams that are removed.**
- This rule will apply for STN25 and JOC25 and all future events. For Trans-Tasman teams, this will result in starting with negative points.
- The NZTFI must allow sufficient time for ID and eligibility checks before finalizing the event draw. Late registrations delay this process and impact all teams that have registered correctly and on time.
- Any teams/regions/contingents that continually do not meet minimum requirements by registration close, may face non-inclusion for future events.

Kindly ensure that you seek assistance immediately if required, to allow sufficient time for our admin staff to address your query.

Please do not contact NZTFI staff via call or text, send an email to [eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:eventrego@nztagfootball.co.nz) or [admin@nztagfootball.co.nz](mailto:admin@nztagfootball.co.nz) for best assistance.

**Registrations are now CLOSED.**