



# THE NEXT STEP

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

# WELCOME



We are happy to announce that Waitemata FC is hosting THE NEXT STEP festival, for teams making the 'next step' from 8th to 9th grade, which includes some changes to the playing format.

The idea of the next step festival is to give the coaches, players and parents a taster of what to expect in the 2023 season.

We will use the NRF 7v7 playing format to give the kids the opportunity to get used to playing on a bigger field, more players (inc a GK), throw in's, corners and goal kicks, and an introduction to the retreating line rule.

# FESTIVAL DETAILS



**DATE:** SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER. RAIN DATE SATURDAY 1ST OCT

**VENUE:** WAITEMATA FOOTBALL CLUB, MCLEOD PARK, 200 MCLEOD ROAD, TE ATATU SOUTH, AUCKLAND

**TIME:** FIRST GAMES KICK-OFF AT 10AM

**COST:** \$150 PER TEAM. EARLY BIRD TEAM FEE IS \$120 IF REGISTERED ON/BEFORE 10TH SEPTEMBER

IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT, PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 14-DAYS BEFORE THE FESTIVAL.

# FORMAT



**SQUAD:** 7 V 7 WITH UP TO 4 SUBS (OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS)

**GAMES:** 15-MINUTE GAMES. NO HALF-TIME. ALL GAMES START AND FINISH ON AIR HORN

**FIELD SIZE:** 50M X 32M WITH 8M X 6M PENALTY AREA

**GOAL SIZE:** 4M X 2M (ROUGHLY)

**BALL:** SIZE 4. MATCH BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED BY WAITEMATA FC

**RETREATING LINE:** YES - RETREATING LINE RULES/INFO CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING [HERE](#) AND ON THE [WWW.NRF.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.NRF.ORG.NZ) WEBSITE

# MATCH INFO



## REFEREES

WE WILL APPOINT A REFEREE TO EACH GAME. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO APPOINT A REFEREE, THE HOME TEAM (TEAM NAMED FIRST ON FIXTURE) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REFEREEING

## FIXTURES

FIXTURES WILL BE SENT OUT NO LESS THAN 48-HOURS BEFORE THE FESTIVAL BEGINS

## SPECTATORS

ONLY STAFF (3 MAXIMUM) AND PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FIELD. SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN BEHIND THE ROPE BARRIER AT ALL TIMES.

THIS RULE APPLIES TO ALL TEAMS AND IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE.

# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY



ALL PLAYERS SHOULD BE BORN IN 2014

ALL TEAMS HAVE BEEN PLAYING 8TH GRADE IN 2022

DISPENSATION MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR KIDS PLAYING UP / DOWN ONE GRADE, PROVIDING THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE TEAM ALL SEASON.

ALL DISPENSATION REQUESTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE WAITEMATA FC DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL.

DISPENSATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR PLAYERS MORE THAN ONE GRADE UP OR DOWN.

# FESTIVAL PHILOSOPHY



THE NEXT STEP FOOTBALL FESTIVAL IS ALL ABOUT GIVING OUR YOUNG PLAYERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY THE NEW 7V7 PLAYING FORMAT IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2023 SEASON.

THE MAIN FOCUS IS ON THE KIDS HAVING A GREAT FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE AND BEING ABLE TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN A FUN, SAFE AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. AS PER THE NZF AND NRF GUIDELINES, NO SCORES OR LEAGUE TABLES WILL BE PUBLISHED.

BY ENTERING YOUR TEAM FOR THE FESTIVAL, YOU (THE COACH, PLAYERS, PARENTS/CARERS) AGREE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND FESTIVAL PHILOSOPHIES WHEN REGISTERING.

# CODE OF CONDUCT



## COACH/STAFF

As a team official, you are expected to:

- Respect the opposition players & coaches
- Respect club facilities
- Be generous with praise, lead by example, & provide all feedback in a constructive, positive manner
- Respect the referees
- Treat all players with respect & dignity, & appreciate that every player is unique
- Emphasize the importance of active participation, doing one's best, & focus on the quality of the experience, not just the outcome
- Show zero tolerance for profanity, violent behaviour, bullying & abuse of any kind

## YOUNG PLAYERS

We all have a responsibility to promote a high standard of behaviour in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That is why we ask every player to respect the code of conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
  - Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time
  - Respect my team mates, the other team, the referee and the coaches
  - Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
  - Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me

## PARENTS/CARERS

- Remember that your child is involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours!
- Respect all decisions made by coaches, referees and tournament officials
- Be a good role model by supporting your child
- Do not coach your child in the games. Let the coaches coach
- Applaud effort and hard work as well as success
- Encourage children to play according to the rules
- Do not shout at, or criticise children if they make a mistake - it's all part of the learning process
- Do not be rude to other parents, officials, coaches or other children
- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team



# REGISTRATION



TO REGISTER, CONTACT DAN JOHNSTON VIA EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

- CLUB NAME
- TEAM NAME(S)
- COACHES FULL NAME, CONTACT EMAIL & PHONE NUMBER

## **WAITEMATA FC DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL:**

DAN JOHNSTON

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# OTHER INFO



## **REFUNDS**

AN 80% REFUND WILL BE GIVEN IF WE ARE UNABLE TO RUN THE FESTIVAL DUE TO FIELD CLOSURES OR IF YOUR TEAM PULLS OUT WITH AT LEAST 48-HOURS NOTICE.  
NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN FOR TEAMS THAT PULL OUT WITH LESS THAN 48-HOURS NOTICE

## **FOOD AND DRINK**

HOT AND COLD FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM BOTH THE TUCK SHOP AND KITCHEN / BAR

## **FIRST AID**

ALL TEAMS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR OWN 1ST AID KIT AND TREATING MINOR INJURIES. A FIRST AID KIT AND ICE PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE TUCK SHOP IF REQUIRED

# FIELD MAP

