



WAITEMATA FC

2023 SEASON

WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as players and parents to Waitemata Football Club, either as a new member or one renewing their membership. We hope that during your time with us you will enjoy your football and make many new friends in the process. Our committee, volunteer staff and coaches will work hard to give all of our members the best possible start and experiences.

MISSION

Our mission is to provide our members with a vibrant and ambitious club at the heart of our community that allows people to develop in a safe and positive environment through football, physical activity and social cohesion.

VISION

Our vision is to be more than just a football club. We will strive to inspire growth and development through football make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of our members and the community.

VALUES

Our values are to ensure **enjoyment, respect, integrity, ambition & commitment** through leadership, dedication and being great role models.

REGISTRATIONS

You can register by visiting the club website www.waitematafc.org.nz

COMMUNICATION

The club uses a number of platforms to communicate with our club members and community. Our website, email and Facebook are our main forms of communication. Please ensure you check our website regularly, follow us on social media and provide us with your correct email to keep up to date with the latest information. Click on the icon to take you to the page.





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COACHES / TEAM MANAGERS

All Waitemata FC coaches and team managers are volunteer parents or people who are passionate about ensuring our young footballers have the opportunity to play football in a fun and safe environment whilst having a great time, making new friends, keeping fit and active, developing their motor skills and learning new football skills and techniques.

Throughout junior and youth football, your child will be asked to play in different positions at different times. This is part of their development as rounded footballers. Understanding other positions will help in their understanding of their preferred position.

If you are interested in becoming a coach contact Dan - dof@waitematafc.org.nz or register for a local coaching course by clicking [here](#).

PARENTS/SUPPORTERS

We actively encourage the parents and supporters to cheer on good play like amazing **passing**, creative **dribbling** and **skills**, a goal saving **tackle**, a 'top bins' **save**, high **work rate** or cracking **goal**.

However, it's vitally important to let the players learn and develop by allowing them to make their own decisions in training and during the games by not instructing the players what to do. **'Let the players play and the coaches coach'**.

SIDELINE BEHAVIOUR

Unfortunately, negative sideline behaviour from coaches, parents and supporters is becoming a huge issue in New Zealand, and is one of the main reasons children drop out of sports.

It's important to remember that our young footballers are not professionals, we are not at the World Cup, and that we play sports to have fun. The sports arena is a place everyone should feel safe.

The club expects all of its players and teams to play the game in a good competitive spirit. Bad sportsmanship, foul or abusive language, or ill-discipline will not be tolerated by the Club or the Federation. This includes coaches, parents and supporters, who we ask to lead by example.

For the most part, Waitemata FC players, coaches and supporters have conducted themselves in a positive manner. However, if any unsavoury situations arise, please remove yourself and do not get involved.



SELECTION POLICY

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REFEREES

The football federation do not appoint referees to community junior or youth football games, meaning it is likely to be a volunteer parent or coach with the whistle. More coaches and referees dropping out of the game than taking it up because of sideline and player abuse. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the referee decision, please keep all negative opinions to yourself.

If you would like to know more about the laws of the game (LOTG) and become a referee, contact dof@waitematafc.org.nz or register for one of the local referee courses by clicking [here](#).

MUSTER SESSIONS

We start every season with the club Muster Sessions. These sessions give us the opportunity to see who is returning, to welcome new players, to meet the coaches, to play some football and find the team that will provide the best experience for our young players for the season ahead.

FIRST KICKS

There are no set teams in 6-8th grade. Players will be mixed within their age grade in training and on game day. This will help the children develop the social skills, resilience, make loads of new friends and learn from a variety of different coaches.

JUNIORS

Waitemata FC does not have A, B or C teams in the 9-12th grade. Teams are selected based on the following criteria:

- friendship groups
- association to the coach
- best experience for player
- general allocation

We will always do our best to ensure your child/ren are allocated in their preferred coach or with their friends.

YOUTH

From 13th - 19th grade, youth teams are graded by Northern Regional Football (NRF), scores and league tables are published. All Waitemata FC teams play in the NRF competition on either Saturday or Sunday.

There are different levels of competition and team selection is based on the following:

- The level of competition being appropriate to the players ability (not too easy or out of their depth)
- The best experience for player
- Expectation around training attendance and level of commitment - teams playing a higher level of competition may be required to train more often with an added expectation of individual training and fitness in your own time.



PLAYING FORMATS

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FIRST KICKS

Grade	Format	Rolling subs	match length	Ball size	Ball out of play	Offside
U6 Mixed	3v3	Yes	4 x 10 = 40	3	kick in	No
U7 Mixed	5v5	Yes	4 x 10 = 40	3	Kick in	No
U8 Mixed	5v5	Yes	3 x 15 = 45	3	Kick in	No

JUNIORS

Grade	Format	Rolling subs	Match length	Ball size	Ball out of play	Offside
9th & 10th	7v7 Inc GK	Yes	2x 25 = 50 mins	4	Throw in / corner	Yes - Retreating line
11th & 12th	9v9 inc GK	Yes	2x 30 = 60 mins	4	Throw in / corner	Yes - Halfway line

YOUTH

Grade	Format	Rolling subs	Match length	Field size	Ball size	Offside	Goal size
13th grade girls	9v9	4 from 4	2x 30 = 60 mins	70x50m	4	Yes - retreating line	4x2m / 5x2m
13th grade mixed	11v11	5 from 5	2x 30 = 60 mins	Full size	4	Yes	Full size
14th grade mixed	11v11	5 from 5	2x 35 = 70 mins	Full size	5	Yes	Full size
15th grade mixed	11v11	5 from 5	2x 40 = 80 mins	Full size	5	Yes	Full size
15/16th grade girls	11v11	5 from 5	2x 40 = 80 mins	Full size	5	Yes	Full size
17/19th grade mixed	11v11	5 from 5	2x 45 = 90 mins	Full size	5	Yes	Full size



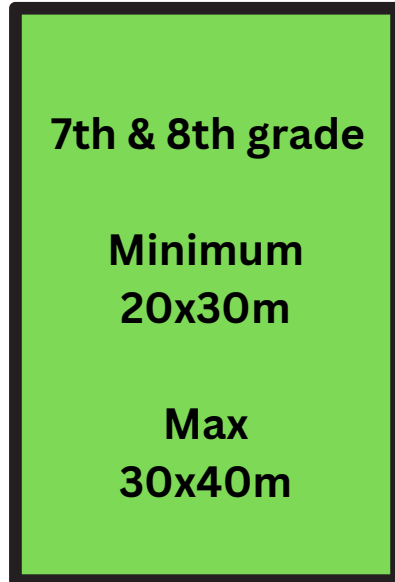
FIELD DIMENSIONS

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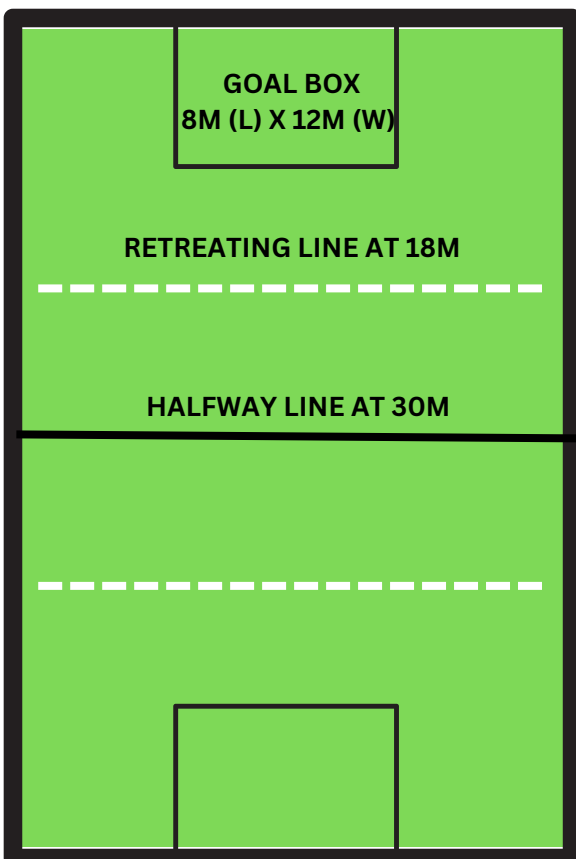
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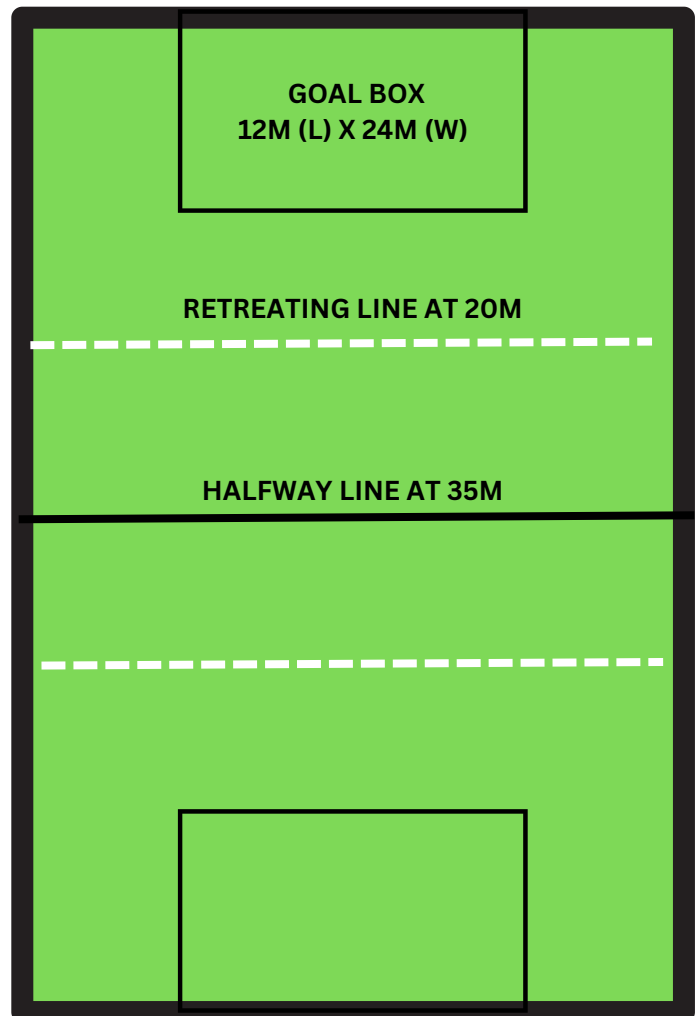
7TH GRADE



9/10TH GRADE APPROX 40X60M



11/12TH GRADE APPROX 50 X 70M





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UNIFORM

All Waitemata FC players are required to wear the club playing shirt (you can also purchase red shorts and socks from the club shop or wear any brand of red shorts/socks).

Uniform is available from the club tuck shop (limited stock available) or click [here](#) to purchase online. Click [here](#) for the size guide.

FEES

Little league (4/5th grade) \$85

First Kicks (6-8th grade) \$95

Juniors (9-12th grade) \$175

Youth(13-17th grade) \$195

The club has set up [The Sporting Chance Support Fund](#) which has been set up to ensure members in financial difficulties are still able to play their part in our community club in 2023.

The Sporting Chance Support Fund would help contribute towards specific essential items such as:

- Nike Playing Apparel such as playing uniform
- Junior / Youth Season Fees
- Football boots

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries regarding your time at Waitemata Football Club.

KEY CONTACTS

Club President

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