



2024

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WAITEMATA FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome to Waitemata FC

We are delighted to have both new and returning members joining us on this journey as we embark on another season of fun, learning, passion, teamwork, and dedication, and make 2024 a memorable and successful one!

To our new members, we extend a warm greeting and express our gratitude for choosing Waitemata FC as your football home. We are confident that you will find a community here that is committed to both individual and collective growth, on and off the field.

For our returning members, welcome back! Your experience, skills, and camaraderie are invaluable to the club. Let's build on the foundations we've laid in previous seasons and aim for even more success in 2024.



2024 SEASON



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LITTLE LEAGUE (2019-20)

Our Little league program runs every Saturday morning in term 2 & 3 from 8.30-9.30am at McLeod Park.

Little league consists of fun football games and activities designed to help boost confidence, keep you fit and active, improve coordination, and build a base of fundamental football skills like dribbling, turning, passing, shooting and defending.

Once we've played some fun activities, we finish with small sided games (2v2 / 3v3) so our young football super stars can practice what they have learned.

Our Little League program is delivered by the clubs youth and senior players.

UNIFORM

All players must wear appropriate covered footwear - no bare feet or jandals.

There is no uniform requirement for Little League. However, if you would like to purchase the Waitemata FC playing uniform, you can do some by visiting our online store:

<https://interfootball.co.nz/collections/waitemata-afc-club-shop>

REGISTER

Our Little League program is open to all children born in 2019-20. All players must be registered to play. You can register at www.waitematafc.org.nz/register

LITTLE
LEAGUE



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FIRST KICKS (2016-18)

Our First Kicks program is for all children born between 2016-18. First Kicks football is all about having loads of fun, making new friends and learning new skills.

TRAINING

Waitemata FC uses a station rotation training program for our First Kicks children. We set up 3 or 4 stations with a different game being played at each station. The children spend 10-12 minutes at their station before rotating, meaning they play a variety of fun games with different coaches. We finish every session with small sided games of 3v3 up to 5v5.

Training is delivered by volunteer parents and coaches every Wednesday from 5-6pm at McLeod Park.

GAME DAY

6th grade (2018)

- Waitemata FC, McLeod Park
- 8.30-9.30pm every Saturday in term 2 & 3
- 3x 10-minute games

7th grade (2017)

- Oratia United FC, Parrs Park
- 8.30-9.30pm every Saturday morning during term 2 & 3
- 3x 15-minute games

8th grade (2016)

- Waitemata FC, McLeod Park
- 8.30-9.30pm every Saturday morning during term 2 & 3
- 3x 15-minute games

UNIFORM

All players must wear appropriate covered footwear - no bare feet or jandals.

Uniform is required for all Waitemata FC First Kicks players. You can purchase the Waitemata FC playing uniform by visiting our online store:

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REGISTER

All First Kicks players must be registered to play. You can register at www.waitematafc.org.nz/register

FIRST
KICKS





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JUNIORS

Junior football (grades 9-12) is designed to develop our young players for the next stages of the game in a safe, learning, fun and enjoyable football environment. The junior grades focus on developing players technical ability and improving decision making.

Although the focus is on developing football technique and decision making, our teams will take a more structured approach to the game with players playing in positions and a basic introduction to team tactics. Please note that all children should have the opportunity to play in all positions during the season - this will help create more rounded footballers with a greater understanding of the game.

TEAM SELECTION

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.

Player allocations are managed by the coaches with support from the Director of Football.

PLAYING FORMAT

9th/10th Grade

- Teams - 7v7 (with GK's)
- Field size - 55m x 35m
- Goal size - 4x2m
- Ball Size - 4
- Retreating line - Yes
- Game length - 50-minutes (2x 25-minute halves)
- Formal Competition - home and away games

11th & 12th Grade

- Teams - 9v9 (with GK's)
- Field size - 70 x 50m
- Goal size - 4x2m
- Ball Size - 4
- Retreating line - Yes
- Game length - 55-minutes (2x 27.5-minute halves)
- Formal Competition - home and away games

TRAINING

Junior teams typically train once or twice a week depending on the availability of the coach. Almost all sessions will take place at McLeod Park. On occasion, junior teams may be scheduled to train at Te Atatu South

GAMES

All junior games are played on Saturday morning. Home games are played at McLeod Park and away games at the opposition teams venue. The NRF (Northern Regional Football) schedule the games against local opposition to reduce travel.

Although no scores are displayed, we do have to submit results to the NRF, so they can continually review and ensure teams are competing against the appropriate level of competition.

The NRF has produced a document with further information about Junior Football. You can view it here:

<https://www.nrf.org.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=b82f4c48-8814-4377-9364-87852cf0dc22>

9TH-12TH GRADE
JUNIORS





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YOUTH

Youth teams are graded by Northern Regional Football (NRF). The top two teams in each league competition will be either promoted or relegated. All youth teams play on a Saturday or Sunday based on the level of competition.

Youth teams are selected on the following criteria:

- The level of competition being appropriate to the players attitude, commitment and ability
- The best experience for player
- Friendship groups (community competition only)
- 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 FORMAT

13th grade girls	9v9	2 x 30 minute halves
13th grade	11v11	2 x 30 minute halves
14th grade	11v11	2 x 35 minute halves
15th grade	11v11	2 x 40 minute halves
16/17th grade	11v11	2 x 45 minute halves

TRAINING

Youth teams typically train once or twice a week depending on the availability of the coach and the level of competition. All sessions will take place at either McLeod Park or Te Atatu South Park.

GAMES

All NRF youth community football games are played on Saturday afternoon. NRF Championship / Conference games are played on Sunday.

Home games are played at McLeod Park and away games at the opposition teams venue. Games are played all across Auckland and in some cases as far as Whangarei, Northland.

Draws / Results / League tables can be found on the NRF website.

13TH-17TH GRADE
YOUTH





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VOLUNTEERS

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

Our volunteers embody the spirit of community & sportsmanship, investing their time and efforts to nurture player talents & potential. Their selfless contributions create an environment where players can thrive, learn & grow, not only as footballers but as individuals.

We are always looking for help to run our football teams. All with the support of the club Director Of Football. If you are interested in becoming a coach, assistant coach or team manager, contact Dan - dof@waitematafc.org.nz

DISPUTES

Whilst we do all we can to ensure our children have an excellent football experience, we are always striving to do better.

If you are unhappy with anything within your team, please speak with the coach directly. The appropriate time for this is after training or the game and once everything is packed away.

If you are uncomfortable speaking with the coach or do not get the resolution you feel appropriate, contact the club Director Of Football (DOF) via email: dof@waitematafc.org.nz

The next port of call will be the Waitemata FC Club President, who you can contact via email: president@waitematafc.org.nz

COACHING



WAITEMATA FOOTBALL CLUB

UNIFORM

All Waitemata FC junior, youth and senior players are required to wear the club playing shirt, red shorts and red socks. We have sample sizes available in the club tuck shop.

Uniform is available from the club tuck shop (limited stock available) or click [here](#) to purchase online from our club store.

FEES

Little league (born 2019/20) - FREE

First Kicks 6th grade (born 2018) - FREE

First Kicks 7th/8th grade (born 2016/17) - \$95 / Girls \$47.50

Juniors 9-12th grade (born 2012-15) - \$175 / Girls \$87.50

Youth 13-17th grade (2007-11) - \$195 / Girls \$97.50

Fees are now to be paid during the registration process. If you have difficulty paying fees or would like to set to up a payment plan, contact admin@waitematafc.org.nz

KEY CONTACTS

Club President - president@waitematafc.org.nz

Director Of Football - dof@waitematafc.org.nz

Administrator/Registrations - admin@waitematafc.org.nz

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