



2020 JUNIOR REGULATIONS

1. The Regulations will be enforceable by the Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation and will apply to any member.
2. Where there is any inconsistency between the By-Laws and the 'Constitution and Rules' of the Federation - the **'Constitution and Rules'** shall prevail.
3. **COLOURS OF CLUBS/SCHOOLS:**

The colours or any change to combination of colours, for all School and Clubs must be registered with the Federation.

 - 3.1 In the event of a clash of colours in any match the HOME team will wear an alternative strip.
 - 3.2 Players in all matches should appear in their School or Clubs approved playing Strip.
4. **NEW SEASON TEAM ENTRIES:**

Each Club or School shall enter their teams in the National Registration System, and enter them into the correct competitions. Teams must be entered in the system by the entry close off date.

 - 4.1 Entries shall include the Teams name and any other relevant information pertaining to the teams as requested.
 - 4.2 If for any reason any of these details should change during the season, then those changes should be notified to the Federation as soon as possible.
 - 4.3 Team Entries for all competitions will be requested by the Football Competitions Manager in March of each year, or at a date determined by the Federation.
 - 4.4 Entries shall follow the format set down by the Federation and must be completed and returned no later than the date set by the Federation
 - 4.6 Late alterations or changes in number, names etc, of the entries, will be the responsibility of the Club/School to notify the Federation of such changes as soon as possible and in writing.
 - 4.7 **All Clubs/Schools must have a signed MOU with the Federation before their team entries will be approved.**
5. **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The Membership Fees are due by the date advised on the Calendar each year/ season.

- 5.1 Any Membership Fees not received by the date on the calendar may incur a 2% per month penalty of the due amount and will be added to the due amount.
- 5.2 The Federation will then reserve the right to withdraw any Club/School from any competition under the control of the Federation for failing to comply with any part of this or any other rules and Bylaws.
6. **COMMENCEMENT OF SEASON:**
The Federation shall set the date for the commencement of the season.
7. **FIXTURES:**
Games shall be played on the dates, at the times, and on the fields, as scheduled on the draws published by the Federation, Except where games are to be arranged by mutual consent between the two teams and even then prior permission from the Federation must be obtained.
- 7.1 All such games must then be played on that date.
- 7.2 Non-appliance of this Bylaw could mean such games will be declared unplayed and no results will be recorded/posted.
- 7.3 Draws will be published on the website. Up until 5pm Thursday, changes may be made to the draw without the clubs involved being notified. After this time, we will contact specific clubs to advise of any game, time or venue changes. We strongly recommend that you get team coaches/managers to check the website on Fridays for the latest up to date fixture information.
8. **STARTING TIMES:**
All games must start at the specified starting time.
- 8.1 In the event of late arrival of any one team to a game, the length of the game must be reduced by the same amount of time to allow the following game to start at the specific time.
- 8.2 A period of Ten Minutes after the specified starting time will be the longest period an opposing team should wait, after that time the late or non-appearing team will be deemed to have defaulted.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS AND/OR CANCELLATIONS:**
Shall be notified via the Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Website and e-mail to Club contacts where possible.
- 9.1 Only the Football Competitions Manager shall be responsible for the decision and they shall make the decision by 7.30am on the day concerned. Unless in special cases, where there has been such losses of grounds to deem it impossible to be able to play a complete round of games.
- 9.2 Where possible Postponed or Cancelled games will be rescheduled by the Competitions Manager.
- 9.3 The games will only be played if the Federation deems that the respective competition can be completed, otherwise the Federation will decide on how the competition shall be completed.

10. **CLUB/SCHOOL GROUND CLOSURES:**

Where a Club or School closes their grounds for any reason, notification to the Federation must be made as soon as possible and if at all possible, by midday Friday or the day before any scheduled games.

10.1 The Federation will where possible reschedule the game/s concerned.

PLEASE NOTE: No other rescheduling of any games will be accepted, without prior consultation with the Federation.

11. **DEFAULTS:**

No team will default without any valid reason.

Any team wishing to default a game - must through their Club Administrator/Coordinator, contact the Football Competitions Manager, by midday Friday or the day before the scheduled game. The Federation will then notify the opposing team and Club/School.

If the default is later than the above time the Club must contact the opposition as well as the Football Competitions Manager.

12. **CONDUCT:**

Please remember this Federation and its member/s, are supporters of the 'Fair Play Sport Charter of New Zealand'. Therefore, we ask that you as Clubs and Schools make your Coaches, Managers, Players, Parents and Supporters aware of these clauses of the Charter: - But not limited to;

- * *enjoy ourselves*
- * *play within the rules*
- * *respect the referee*
- * *respect the opposition and their supporters*
- * *be gracious winners and dignified losers*
- * *play hard but play fair*

12.1 Coaches, Managers or an adult must accompany each team at each fixture.

12.2 Clubs and Schools will be responsible not only for the conduct of their players, but also the conduct of their supporters.

13. **INJURIES**

13.1 Grade 10 and under – play will be stopped immediately for any injury or suspected injury.

Grade 11 and above – injuries should still be treated quickly, though a few seconds delay to complete a phase of play should be considered acceptable in most circumstances.

13.2 Head injuries: In the event of a head injury the player must obtain a medical certificate, and if concussion has occurred there will be a mandatory 21 days stand down from playing or training regardless of whether it has been diagnosed as "slight" or otherwise. Therefore, before a player can return to playing, they must first obtain a clearance (medical certificate) to be lodged with the club Secretary.

13.3 All serious injuries will be recorded and reported to the Club Secretary who will forward this information onto WAIBOP.

14. **GROUNDS:**
Schools and Clubs will be responsible for the upkeep of their own grounds.
- 14.1 All grounds are to be marked clearly with all lines easily discernible and are to have Nets and preferably Corner Flags.
- 14.2 In the event of a Club/School being unable to supply the correct field and posts then they will play their allocated home game at the opposition ground unless an arrangement had been made with another Local Club/School to use that neutral ground.
- 14.3 All fields are to be identified by a number.
15. **SUBSTITUTES**
Please see WaibOP Playing Rules for information regarding substitutions.
16. **RESULTS:**
Each Club/School will nominate a Results Administrator who will be responsible for collating the fulltime results from all the teams in their Club/School.
- 16.1 WAIKATO - ALL THE RESULTS for 7th - 13TH/14th GRADE MUST BE ENTERED BY 3PM ON THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
ALL OTHER REGIONS* - ALL THE RESULTS for 8th GRADE UPWARDS MUST BE ENTERED BY MIDNIGHT ON THE SATURDAY.
*ROTORUA AND THAMES VALLEY – 8TH GRADE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER RESULTS.
- 16.2 If a result is in dispute or the result is different to the result already entered into the system then you will need to contact the Federation.
- 16.3 Published match results, ladders and tables are not applicable for all junior football up to and including 12th Grade and U13 Girls. The recording of match results is conducted for the purpose of assigning teams appropriate levels of competitive games, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.
- 16.4 The awarding of points shall be as follows in 13th grade and above:
a) A win to count as three (3) points
b) A draw to count as one (1) point
c) There will be no points for a bye
d) A default will be a 3-0 loss against the defaulting team.
- 16.5 In circumstances where points are tied then the competition will be shared.
17. **PLAYERS:**
A Player is eligible to play in the competition provided that:
- 17.1 All players must be registered for the current season with their participating club and Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation. It is the club's responsibility to ensure the player is correctly registered with his/her team within the National Registration system in the current season, prior to taking the field in any match.

- 17.2 **Players may only be registered to one Club at a time.** Teams who play ineligible players will be subject to sanctions as determined by the Competitions Manager.
- 17.3 **Players must be assigned to a team within the National Registration system prior to the commencement of the competition.**
- 17.4 Any player who registers for a new club, must have their registration terminated at their previous club and be registered for their new club, prior to taking the field. Clubs are responsible for ensuring players are correctly registered before taking the field for their new club.
- 17.5 A player may play for a team in a higher grade or division, but not a team in a lower grade or division.
- 17.6 If a player plays three games for a higher graded team, then the player is deemed to be a member of that team and the team list updated in the National Registration System.

17.7 SHIN GUARDS ARE COMPULSORY FOR ALL GRADES AND PLAYERS

18. REFEREES:

Please see the Waikato Bay of Plenty Playing Rules for information regarding Referees.

19 GRADES:

The Federation reserves the right to place teams in Grades and Divisions as it sees fit.

- 19.1 For players to qualify to play within an age group the player must be the same age as the appropriate grade on or before December 31 of that year i.e. 8th grade players must be turning eight during the competition year. For the 2020 competition this means players born in 2012 will be eligible for the 8th grade.

Grades- pertain to the year the player turns in the year of play.

Grade	Year of Birth
5 th Grade	2015
6 th Grade	2014
7 th Grade	2013
8 th Grade	2012
U8 Girls	2012/2013
9 th Grade	2011
10 th Grade	2010
U10 Girls	2010/2011
11 th Grade	2009
12 th Grade	2008
U13 Girls	2007/2008/2009
13 th Grade	2007
14 th Grade	2006
15 th Grade	2005
16 th Grade	2004
U16 Girls	2004/2005

20 **DISPENSATIONS:**

- 20.1 A Club or School must apply to the Competitions Manager of Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation using the correct dispensation form prior to any dispensation being granted. Dispensations must be submitted prior to the closing date advised.
- 20.2 Any School/Club, which has difficulty in filling a team and wishes to enter players into a lower graded team, must apply.
- 20.3 Dispensation will only be granted at the discretion of the Football Competitions Manager for only disabilities, health and size.
- 20.4 All dispensation rulings will be notified in writing by the Federation to the applicant.
- 20.5 No Player may play more than one grade up without dispensation.
- 20.6 Where there is a suitable age grade Girls Only league available then the expectation is that all girls will be placed into Girls Only leagues. Girls wishing to play outside of these leagues will need to apply for dispensation. Dispensation is only granted at the discretion of the Competitions Manager.
In 2020 these leagues are:
Waikato – U8 Girls, U10 Girls, U13 Girls
Western Bay of Plenty – U8 Girls, U10 Girls, U13 Girls, Baywide Junior Girls, Baywide Senior Girls
Eastern Bay of Plenty – U8 Girls
Rotorua – U8 Girls, U10 Girls
Taupo – U8 Girls
- 20.7 If there is no age appropriate Junior Girls League for Girls to play in, then they will receive an automatic dispensation to play down one year, when playing in a mixed league.

21 **TEAM LISTS AND PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:**

- 21.1 All relevant Player information together with the Team information is to be updated in the NZ Football National Registration System.
- 21.2 Failure may result in loss of points or withdrawal of individual teams

22 **JUDICAL:**

- 22.1 Any club with a complaint against another club must attempt to resolve the issue by consulting with the other club concerned. If it is not appropriate to do this, or if negotiation proves unsuccessful, the complainant may request WAIBOP to adjudicate on the matter. Such a request should be in writing.

- 22.2 The procedures outlined in New Zealand Football and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation Constitution and Rules concerning disputes and reports will be followed.
- 22.3 The Football Competitions Manager and/or Principal/Secretary of the Clubs/Schools will be notified of any 'misconduct reports' received concerning any of their players, officials, or supporters, and the action taken by the Federation.
- 22.4 All complaints requiring judicial consideration must be referred through the Executive body of the Club/School involved, before any action will be taken by the Federation.
- 22.5 Any disputes to be heard by the Federation must be made in writing and be in the hands of the Federation within five days of the incident.
If a meeting of the Judicial committee is to be called to hear a dispute, then the Clubs/Schools concerned in the dispute could be notified and their representatives asked to attend. Clubs/Schools will be notified as soon as possible of such a resolution.

23 TROPHIES

All trophies which are the property of, or are in the care of the Federation shall be RETURNED TO THE FEDERATION OFFICE BY THE REQUESTED TIME EACH YEAR.

- 23.1 A fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per trophy for late return shall be charged to any Club/School who has not returned any trophy, and a further charge of \$60.00, towards the cost of replacing the Trophy will also be charged.
- 23.2 A lost trophy will mean the Club/School being charged the replacement cost of the said trophy.
- 23.3 All trophies are to be returned cleaned and polished and in good condition. A cleaning fee may be charged if returned trophies are not cleaned and polished
- 23.4 The following winners will all receive trophies, which are to be returned to the Association by the said date:
Waikato : *Preliminary Group Winners, Championship Competition Winners from 13th grade and up*
Western Bay of Plenty, Eastern Bay of Plenty, Rotorua – *League Winners from 13th grade upwards*
- 23.5 All trophies will be engraved by the Federation or by arrangement with the Federation.
Please Note: UNLESS PERMISSION IS GRANTED - THE FEDERATION WILL ACCEPT NO ACCOUNT FOR THE ENGRAVING OF THE TROPHIES.

24 MINIMUM PLAYING NUMBERS

- 24.1 Any team taking the field with less than 50% of its registered players shall be deemed to be in default.

25 HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

Please be aware that there is a potential for children to injure themselves by misuse of or by playing on football equipment such as goal frames.

- 25.1 As a Health & Safety operating procedure at grounds used for WaiBOP Football games, the following requirements will be strongly enforced.
- No one is to climb on, pull on, or play on or around any goals, equipment, crowd barriers or fence lines.
 - If a parent or caregiver feels that any piece of equipment may pose a danger, or it has been left or is stored in a manner that it may cause injury if misused or be of danger to children, please move it and store it to a safe position and immediately inform a club or the Football Competitions Manager.
 - Junior players should always be adequately supervised and ultimately this is the responsibility of parent/caregiver. Stay with your children and help provide adequate supervision if there is any doubt in your mind.
 - As responsible adults we should be aware and alert to dangers to other people's children, supervised or not, and be immediately responsive to preventing a possible accident.