



2023 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.**

4.8 Clubs/Schools may only enter teams in competitions within their own region. Clubs/Schools wishing to enter teams outside of their region must seek prior approval from WaiBOP.

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.

7.3 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 have 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 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.

14.3 Clubs/Schools must have a suitable sized field for all teams they are entering. If a Club/School does not have a suitable sized field, they must arrange with another Club/School for the use of their field for the season, and this information must be supplied on the Field Information form.

14.2 In the event of a Club/School being unable to supply the correct field and posts for a scheduled game 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 No results will be entered for 7th Grade, 8th Grade and U8 Girls. Results for 9th Grade – 12th Grade, including U10 and U12 Girls, may be requested to be entered to assist with placing teams at the appropriate challenge point. If requested, results for 9th Grade upwards should be entered by Midnight Saturday.

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 U12 Girls. The recording of match results in 9th Grade – 12th Grade, including U10 and U12 Girls is conducted for the purpose of assigning teams appropriate levels of 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 (Comet) 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 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.

17.4 In 13th Grade and above, a player may play for a team in a higher grade or division, but not a team in a lower grade or division.

17.5 In 13th Grade and above, if a player plays three games for a higher graded team, then the player is deemed to be a member of that team.

17.6 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 2022 competition this means players born in 2015 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	2018
6 th Grade	2017
7 th Grade	2016
8 th Grade	2015
U8 Girls	2015/2016
9 th Grade	2014
10 th Grade	2013
U10 Girls	2013/2014
11 th Grade	2012
12 th Grade	2011
U12 Girls	2011/2012
13 th /14 th Grade Girls	2009/2010/2011
13 th Grade	2010
14 th Grade	2009
15 th Grade	2008
16 th Grade	2007

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 it is recommended that all girls will be placed into Girls Only leagues.
In 2023 these leagues are:
Waikato – U8 Girls, U10 Girls, U12 Girls, 13th/14th Grade Girls
Western Bay of Plenty – U8 Girls, U10 Girls, U12 Girls, 13th/14th Grade Girls, Baywide Junior Girls Football 9s (U16), Baywide Senior 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.
- 20.8 In the 13th/14th Grade Y-League Girls grade there will be no dispensation for 11th grade girls (born 2012) to play up, or 15th grade girls (born 2008) to play down in this 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 (Comet).
- 21.2 Failure may result in loss of points or withdrawal of individual teams.

22 **JUDICIAL:**

- 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 \$80.00, 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.
- 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 : Championship Competition Winners from 13th grade and up
Western Bay of Plenty, Eastern Bay of Plenty, Rotorua – Division 1 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.

26. CONTACTS

For enquiries regarding registrations via MyCOMET, please visit the NZF Comet and MyComet Support Page to log a ticket: <https://nzfcometsupport.freshdesk.com/support/home>

For help or queries with Junior Competitions or Online Results, please contact Catherine Clark – catherine.c@waibop.co.nz, Mobile 021950263

For information on Coach Education, the Talent Player Pathway, Community Programmes or the Junior Framework, please contact Ken Cresswell ken.c@waibop.co.nz

EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGULATIONS APPENDIX 2023

This appendix is to be read in Conjunction with the Waikato Bay of Plenty Junior Regulations and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Junior Playing Rules.

1. COMPETITION / REGISTRATIONS

1.1 WAIBOP shall conduct an annual competition in junior grades.

2 MATCHES

2.1 WAIBOP shall, at its first possible suitable meeting of the new year, determine the format of the league competition for the forthcoming season. The format may be varied from year to year depending upon the number of teams in each age group.

2.2 Once a difference of 6 goals occurs at any time during a match, then from hereon in the game is to be considered a training or friendly game and both teams' coaches should ensure that both teams continue to benefit from their time on the field.

2.3 Results will not be published on the website or tables kept for grades under 13th grade. Scores are not required to be entered for these grades.

3 SUBSTITUTIONS

3.1 In all leagues under WAIBOP administration, each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) rolling substitutes unless otherwise mutually agreed by the opposing coaches on the day. 9th grade and upwards are allowed a maximum of four (4) rolling substitutes.

3.2 There will be no redress on decisions made prior to kick-off.

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ROTORUA JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGULATIONS APPENDIX 2023

This appendix is to be read in Conjunction with the Waikato Bay of Plenty Junior Regulations and the Waikato Bay of Plenty Junior Playing Rules.

REFEREES:

Please note that the following is the Rotorua Junior Football Policy for the 2023 season:

- Each team from 9th – 13th Grade is required to nominate a qualified referee (Community Referee course minimum) who will be allocated to the home game. This referee has control of the whole game. If a qualified referee is not available for that team and the away team has a qualified referee, they will officiate the whole game. If both teams do not have a qualified referee, then the teams will share a half each.
- Each team in Central Bay 13th/14th and 15th/16th grades are required to nominate a CR (Community Referee, minimum qualification) who will be allocated to home games as detailed above.
- Only if the allocated referee is unable to attend can each team referee half a game each.
- Home team is the team listed first in the draw.

There is to be no coaching whilst refereeing. The home team referee has sole responsibility for the game. Unless the rules in this guideline state otherwise, FIFA rules apply to games.

FIELD EQUIPMENT:

The duty club will **distribute** the nets and flags at Puarenga Park, and it is the responsibility of the first two teams playing that day to **set up** the nets and corner flags.

It is the responsibility of the last two teams playing to remove the nets and corners flags and return them to the equipment/storage shed.

The Duty club will be responsible for checking the fields and ensuring all equipment is locked away in the equipment shed.

The equipment shed key is held by Neil Carrington – contact 027-2921140. (Note: a C1 key is used for gates and toilet block.)

FIRST KICKS

The format for First Kicks will be posted on our website:

<http://www.waibopfootball.co.nz/DRAWS/Juniors-Rotorua/5th6th-Grade-Rotorua>

FUN FOOTBALL – 7th and 8th GRADE

The format for Fun Football will be posted on our website:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/waibopfootball/DRAWS/Juniors-Rotorua/7th-Grade-Rotorua>

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/waibopfootball/DRAWS/Juniors-Rotorua/8th-Grade-Rotorua>

CLUB COLOURS

John Paul College	Red & Black shirt, Black shorts
Ngongotaha	Orange shirt, Black shorts
Rotorua United:	White shirt & shorts, White socks
St Marys:	Maroon & Blue shirt
Westbrook:	Gold shirt, Black shorts, Black socks
Lakes FC:	Teal shirt, Black shorts, Black socks

ONLINE RESULTS:

Results will not be published on the website or tables kept. Clubs will be asked to submit results to assist with team placement in 11th/12th Grade. Scores are not required to be entered for grades below 11th/12th grade.

A Help Guide on entering online results can be found here:

<https://nzfcometsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/51000067791-enter-results-quick-entry->

SUBSTITUTIONS:

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

For 11 aside games, teams in the junior league shall be capped at 16 players. If there is a differential of more than three (3) players between teams at a match, then there is a limit of three (3) substitutes per team, as per FIFA rules.

HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

- **All geothermal areas are completely out of bounds to children.** If a ball enters these areas, then adult help should be sought for retrieval immediately. Children **should not** try to retrieve a ball on their own.

Natalie Broadhead is the Football Development Officer based in Rotorua, and she can be contacted on natalie.b@waibop.co.nz Mobile 022 0659116

WAIKATO JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGULATIONS APPENDIX 2023

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1. **GROUNDS:**

Schools and Clubs will be responsible for the upkeep of their own grounds.

1.1 At the commencement of each season the Federation shall allocate Hamilton City Council grounds as it sees fit, and to the Clubs and Schools that have requested the use of such grounds for their HOME grounds.

1.2 Those Schools and Clubs allocated Hamilton City Council grounds shall comply with standards required by the Federation and Council.

1.4 All ground markings shall be made with "Roundup weedkiller" or 'paint'. Hamilton City Council grounds shall be marked with Paint only.
NO OIL OR DIESEL MARKINGS ARE ALLOWED.

2. **FORMAT FOR SEASON: 13th/14th grades**

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme.

Term Two currently sees the start of our Football Season

A). **Grading Games:**

There will be four Grading Games

No Home and Away games are promised in this round.

On completion of the Grading Games, Teams will be placed in groups of six ready for the Preliminary Group Rounds.

B). **Preliminary Group Rounds:**

From the grading games teams will be placed into groups of six teams, the intention is that these teams will be of similar playing ability.

- One round will be played – a total of five games.
- If at all possible (but not guaranteed) games will be played on a Home and Away basis
- Tables and points are kept for 13th/14th Grade.
- Three points for a win and one point for a draw.
- Competition winners in 13th/14th Grade only to receive a trophy.

NOTE:

Divisions will be of six teams

It may be that there will be the need to have one division with more or less than six teams to get all teams into that competition, that being the case, teams will play up to five matches but may not play all teams in the division or play the opposition more than once.

At the completion of the Preliminary Group Round – teams will be reassessed as to their playing abilities and then placed into the Divisions for the Championship Competition.

C) **Championship Group Rounds:**

From the Preliminary Group rounds based on the results and the playing abilities teams will be placed in Divisions of four teams.

- Two complete rounds will be played, a total of six games.
- These games will be played where possible on a Home and Away basis.
- Tables and points are kept for 13th/14th Grade.
- Three points for a win and one point for a draw.
- Competition winners in 13th/14th Grade only to receive a trophy.
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NOTE: Divisions will be of four teams

It may be that there will be the need to have one division more or less than four teams to get all teams into that competition, that being the case, teams will play up to 6 matches but may not play all teams in the division or play the opposition more than once.

3. **FORMAT FOR SEASON: 11th and 12th grade, U12 Girls**

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme.

- A) Results will not be published on the website or tables kept. Scores should be entered for these grades to assist with placing teams in appropriate groups.

4. **FORMAT FOR SEASON: 9th and 10th grade, U10 Girls**

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme. In 2022, teams will be placed in groups based on their location.

- A) Results will not be published on the website or tables kept.

5. **FORMAT FOR SEASON: 7th and 8th grade, U8 Girls**

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme. In 2022, teams will be placed in groups based on their location.

- A) Results will not be published on the website or tables kept. Scores are not required to be entered for these grades.

6. **FORMAT FOR SEASON: 5th and 6th grade**

Please contact your Federation Development Officer (FDO) to discuss the Junior Framework.

7. **FIVE A SIDE FESTIVAL**

Five-a-side Festival:

- At some time during the Season the Federation may hold a Five-a-Side Festival. There will be a charge of an entry fee for each team taking part in the festival. Entry to this Festival is on a voluntary basis.
- Players may only play for the club or school that they are registered to for the 2023 winter season.
- Players must play in the correct age group for the Festival eg if they are turning 8 at any time during the year, they would be in 8th grade. Please see WaiBOP Junior regulations for age criteria.

Waikato Junior Competition structure 2023

WaiBOP Football is committed to providing all junior and youth participants with a positive and enjoyable football experience that will inspire life-long involvement in the game. In recent years changes have been made to align our junior football with the Sport NZ 'Balance is Better' philosophy, which is endorsed by NZ Football. Our goal is to offer the best possible junior framework that not only meets the needs of all junior players, but also enables clubs, coaches, and parents, to provide a more positive football experience, and at the appropriate challenge point.

In 2022 WaiBOP Football made the move towards a non-graded junior competition structure and at the end of 2022 engaged in clubs to provide feedback. Please find below the Waikato Junior competition structure for 2023.

Grade	Format
First Kicks - 5 th /6 th Mixed	Clusters in Hamilton, In-House for Rural clubs
Fun Football - 7 th Grade Mixed	Localised Clusters* where possible, In-House for Rural clubs <i>*Dependent on field availability/festival options for rural clubs</i>
Fun Football - 8 th Grade Mixed	2 x games against two different opposition (when possible) Played in local groups
Mini Football - 9 th Grade Mixed	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers.
Mini Football -10 th Grade Mixed	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers.
Mini Football -11 th Grade Mixed	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers.
Mini Football - 12 th Grade Mixed	Tier 1 – Waikato wide Tier 2 - Two local groups. All 12 th grade to be played on Saturday. No 12 th Grade Regional league.
Youth Football 13 th /14 th Grade Mixed	WaiBOP wide FYL + Waikato Graded competition
GIRLS ONLY	
Fun Football - U8 Girls	Clusters in local groups – <i>dependent on field availability</i>
Mini Football – U10 Girls	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers.
Mini Football – U12 Girls	Tier 1 – Waikato wide. Tier 2 - Two local groups.
Youth Football Girls Only 13-14 th Grade (9v9)	Kaimai division – Waikato wide with one Crossover festival day with Bay of Plenty Koru Division – Waikato wide Played on Saturdays, crossover festival day on Sunday 18 th June at Otumoetai AFC

Team formation

The table below shows recommendations for clubs to form teams based on the number of teams a club has in each age group. If clubs have more than one team in the same tier, they should look to form teams of equal ability, rather than have an 'A' team and a 'B' team.

Teams per Grade	2 teams	3 teams	4 teams	5 teams	6 teams
Recommended (Tier 1/Tier 2)	1/1 2/0 0/2	2/1 3/0 0/3	2/2 3/1	2/3 3/2	3/3 4/2

If you require any further clarification, please contact your local Federation Development Officer:
Scott Parsonage – scott.p@waibop.co.nz or Vicki Lahana vicki.l@waibop.co.nz

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGULATIONS APPENDIX 2023

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1. **FORMAT FOR SEASON: 13th Grade and 14th/15th Grade**

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No Home and Away games are promised in this round.

On completion of the Grading Games, Teams will be placed in groups of six ready for the Preliminary Group Rounds.

B). **Preliminary Group Rounds:**

From the grading games teams will be placed into groups of six teams, the intention is that these teams will be of similar playing ability.

- One round will be played – a total of five games
- If at all possible (but not guaranteed) games will be played on a Home and Away basis
- Tables and points are kept for 13th Grade and above.
- Three points for a win and one point for a draw.

NOTE:

Divisions will be of six teams

It may be that there will be the need to have one division more or less than six teams to get all teams into that competition, that being the case teams, will play up to 5 matches but may not play all teams in the division or play the opposition more than once.

At the completion of the Preliminary Group Round – teams will be reassessed as to their playing abilities then placed into the Divisions for the Championship Competition.

C) **Championship Group Round:**

From the Preliminary Group rounds based on the results and the playing abilities teams will be placed in Divisions of four teams.

- Two complete rounds will be played, a total of six games.
- These games will be played where possible on a Home and Away basis.
- Tables and points are kept for 13th Grade and above.
- Three points for a win and one point for a draw.

NOTE: Divisions will be of four teams

It may be that there will be the need to have one division more or less than four teams to get all teams into that competition, that being the case teams, will play up to 6 matches but may not play all teams in the division or play the opposition more than once.

2. FORMAT FOR SEASON: 11th and 12th grade, U12 Girls

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme.

A) Results will not be published on the website or tables kept. Scores should be entered for these grades to assist with placing teams in appropriate groups.

3. FORMAT FOR SEASON: 9th and 10th grade, U10 Girls

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme. In 2022, teams will be placed in groups based on their location.

A) Results will not be published on the website or tables kept.

4. FORMAT FOR SEASON: 7th and 8th grade, U8 Girls

The Federation reserves the right to change or alter the format from season to season, but all Clubs and Schools will be notified as early as possible the current seasons programme.

Results will not be published on the website or tables kept.
Scores are not required to be entered for these grades.

5. FORMAT FOR SEASON: 5th and 6th grade

. Please contact your Federation Development Officer (FDO) to discuss the Junior Framework

6. RESULTS

Once a difference of 10 goals occurs at any time during a match, from here on in the game is to be considered a training or friendly game and both teams' coaches should ensure that both teams continue to benefit from their time on the field.

Western BOP Junior Competition structure 2023

WaiBOP Football is committed to providing all junior and youth participants with a positive and enjoyable football experience that will inspire life-long involvement in the game. In recent years changes have been made to align our junior football with the Sport NZ 'Balance is Better' philosophy, which is endorsed by NZ Football. Our goal is to offer the best possible junior framework that not only meets the needs of all junior players, but also enables clubs, coaches, and parents, to provide a more positive football experience, and at the appropriate challenge point.

In 2022 WaiBOP Football made the move towards a non-graded junior competition structure and at the end of 2022 engaged in clubs to provide feedback. Please find below the Waikato Junior competition structure for 2023.

Grade	Format
First Kicks - 5 th /6 th Mixed	In-House Clusters
Fun Football - 7 th Grade Mixed	In-House Clusters
Fun Football - 8 th Grade Mixed	2 x games against two different opposition (when possible) Played in local groups
Mini Football - 9 th Grade Mixed	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers.
Mini Football -10 th Grade Mixed	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers.
Mini Football -11 th Grade Mixed	2 local groups – each with 2 x tiers (dependent on entry numbers)
Mini Football - 12 th Grade Mixed	Tier 1 – Bay of Plenty wide Tier 2 - Two local groups. All 12 th grade to be played on Saturday. No BOP Regional 12 th Grade League.
Youth Football 13 th /14 th Grade Mixed	WaiBOP wide FYL + Western BOP Graded competition
GIRLS ONLY	
Fun Football - U8 Girls	2 x games against two different opposition (when possible) Played in local groups (if numbers allow)
Mini Football – U10 Girls	2 ungraded local groups
Mini Football – U12 Girls	Tier 1 – Bay of Plenty wide. Tier 2 - Two local groups (<i>if numbers allow and dependent on location of teams</i>).
Youth Football Girls Only 13-14 th Grade (9v9)	Kaimai division – BOP wide with one Crossover festival day with Waikato Koru Division – Bay of Plenty wide Played on Saturdays, crossover festival day on Sunday 18 th June at Otumoetai AFC

Team formation

The table below shows recommendations for clubs to form teams based on the number of teams a club has in each age group. If clubs have more than one team in the same tier, they should look to form teams of equal ability, rather than have an 'A' team and a 'B' team.

Teams per Grade	2 teams	3 teams	4 teams	5 teams	6 teams
Recommended (Tier 1/Tier 2)	1/1 2/0 0/2	2/1 3/0 0/3	2/2 3/1	2/3 3/2	3/3 4/2

If you require any further clarification, please contact your local Federation Development Officer:
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BAYWIDE YOUTH LEAGUES REGULATIONS APPENDIX 2023

1. ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

1.1. This is the appendix to the competition regulations (the regulations) that govern aspects of play and procedure in all Baywide Youth, Baywide Senior Girls and Baywide Junior Girls Leagues, which are football competitions administered by the Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation. The Leagues involve male and female youth teams from clubs and affiliated schools in WaiBOP Football Federation.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

2.1 Teams must have a maximum of eleven (11) eligible players on the field at any time and a minimum of seven (7) eligible players. Should any team fail to field seven (7) eligible players, whether through shortage or sending-off, they will forfeit the match. Baywide Junior Girls teams must have a maximum of nine (9) eligible players on the field at any time and a minimum of six (6) eligible players. Should any team fail to field six (6) eligible players, whether through shortage or sending-off, they will forfeit the match.

2.2 Duration of league matches:

2.2.1 Baywide Youth Senior matches will have two halves. Each half will be 40 minutes and there will be a 5-minute half time break.

2.2.2 Baywide Junior Girls matches will have two halves. Each half will be 35 minutes and there will be a 5-minute half time break.

2.3 The home team will provide a size five (5) FIFA-approved match ball. Shin Guards must be worn at all times on the field of play and must not be exposed.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.1 In the event of any protest or enquiry into player eligibility the Team Player List and Team Card will be checked against the database. Teams found to have played an ineligible player, will lose all points gained in all fixtures in which the ineligible player appeared, and may incur a fine to the Club/School in accordance with the schedule of fees and costs.

3.2 All players must be registered and marked active in the current season with the participating Club/School and Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation. It is the club's/school's responsibility to ensure the player is correctly registered with their team within the National Registration database system (Comet) and with Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation in the current season prior to taking the field in any match.

3.3 No further player registrations can be made after the Thursday in the first week of Term 3 2023.

3.4 Eligible players must be a maximum age of 19 years old on the 31st of December 2023 for Baywide Senior Leagues; and a maximum age of 16 years old on the 31st of December 2023 for the Baywide Junior Girls League.

3.5 Players can only register for one Team. If there are 2 teams from the same club/school in the same league they can only play for the team for which they have registered. Players from a lower division/age group can play up, players from a higher division/age group

cannot play down unless a one-time player to new team and dispensation has been approved in writing, via email by the Federation prior to the player playing in the match.

- 3.6 If a player is playing for a School team, they may only play for the School they are attending, unless written permission has been granted by the Principal of both schools.

4. START LISTS AND SUBSTITUTES BENCHES

- 4.1 Up to five (5) substitutes may be named on the team card, with unlimited interchange of these players at any time in the match provided that:
- the player leaves the field completely before the substitute goes on
 - substitutions are made during a break in play
 - Players always enter at the half-way line and leave at the nearest boundary.
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4.2. Team Player Lists

4.2.1.Clubs/Schools must complete their online database of players prior to the commencement of competition. The Player List must include the full name and date of birth for each player.

4.2.2.A maximum of twenty (20) players may be recorded on the Team Player List at any one time.

4.2.3.Where Clubs/Schools want to add a player to a team after the season has started, details must be entered on the online database prior to the start time of the first competition match that the player is to play for the Club/School.

4.2.4.A completed Federation team card must be filled out correctly by each team in a League fixture, listing the eleven starting players and up to five substitutes. Team cards should be completed in the National Registration System (Comet) and printed out.

- 4.3 If there is an appointed referee, completed team cards should be handed to the referee prior to the commencement of the game. The referee will sign both cards and hand them back to the respective teams after the game. **Each team will sign the cards and the Clubs/Schools will be responsible to keep their team cards for the duration of the season.** The Federation may request the original cards to verify any issues.

- 4.4 If there is no appointed referee, the team cards are to be exchanged with the opposition at the end of the game, to be signed by both teams and the referee who completed the game.

- 4.5 Each team is responsible for its own team card.

- 4.6 Clubs/Schools failing to comply may be liable to a fine as set out in the schedule of service costs.

5. REFEREES

5.1.Where possible, the Federation will appoint a qualified Referee to Premier division games, and lower division games if possible. Where a referee is appointed to a game, both the Home and Away team will be invoiced and share the cost of the referee.

5.2.If there is no appointed official, the home team will provide a Community Referee (CR) with current accreditation to control the whole fixture. If a CR is provided, he or she shall

provide his/her name and membership number to the visiting coach/manager. If the home team does not have a CR, and the visiting team does, the visiting CR will control the fixture. If none of the above is available, the home team will provide a referee for the first half and the visiting team will provide one for the second. Alternatively, teams may agree at the start of the game that one referee will officiate the whole game, or at the start of the second half the referee from the first half may continue to referee to the end of the game. Once agreed, the referee will not be changed during a half other than for injury or on the mutual agreement of both team coaches. The referee controlling any part of the fixture has the same rights and obligations as an appointed official.

5.3. The prime purpose of refereeing in these grades is to add to the enjoyment of the players through the application of the Laws of the Game, these regulations and common sense.

6. GOALS, MARKINGS AND SET UP

6.1. Matches in all grades covered by the regulations will be played on the optimum pitch size for the age group, as per the NZ Football Youth framework. The approved goals and marked grounds with corner flags must be supplied by the home team and must be in place before the scheduled kick-off time. Nets are compulsory for all league matches.

7. DEFAULTS

7.1 The Club/School Secretary must notify defaults in writing via email to the Federation and to the opposition no later than 12.00 noon on the Friday preceding the fixture so any referee allocation can be changed. Clubs/Schools may be fined in accordance with the schedule of fees and costs for defaults not notified before this deadline and may be further charged for referee fees. Any team defaulting two games consecutively, or three in a season, may be expelled from the competition.

8. COACHING

8.1 Coaches may only coach from the side-line, not from behind the goal line. If a coach takes the field as a referee, he/she is not allowed to coach on the field of play.

9. RESULTS

9.1 All results must be submitted by individual Clubs via the National Registration database system online results system by 10.00am on the Monday following the weekend of the match or if midweek by 10.00am on the day following the match. Any Club/School, which fails to submit the results by the prescribed time may incur a fine to the Club/School in accordance with the schedule of fees and costs.

10. PLAYING DAYS

10.1 Baywide Youth, Baywide Senior Girls and Baywide Junior Girls leagues will be played on Saturdays. A rescheduled match may be played on a different day with the agreement of both teams, and the Federation. The Baywide Premier Girls league will be played on Wednesday afternoons.

11. MISCONDUCTS

11.1 Misconduct reports and Incident Reports must be sent to and dealt with by an offending teams' Federation as per New Zealand Football Regulations, except for reports of Violent Conduct (including spitting) and Exceptional Misconduct, which must be dealt with by a Judicial Hearing organised by the relevant Federation.

11.2 Reported verbal, written or electronic abusive comments against or criticism of match officials, made by a club, team official or player after the game while at the grounds or during after match speeches, may incur an automatic fine of \$250 to the offending club. Any further incident during the season involving the same club may result in a monetary fine of \$500 each instance.

12. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

12.1 Protests and Disputes must be lodged in accordance with Federation Rules and Regulations to the clubs Federation.

12.2 Any protest must be made by the Club Secretary or another authorised officer of the Club, within 96 hours of the alleged breach. The protest must be in writing to the Competition Manager. All protests must be specific and in detail, setting out the full circumstances and including all relevant points. The Competition Manager reserves the right to disregard any non-specific or non-detailed protest.

13. OTHER MATTERS

13.1 These regulations must be read in conjunction with the appropriate NZ Football Rules and Regulations, Federation Rules and Youth playing regulations, Federation and NZ Football codes of conduct and FIFA Fair Play, which apply to matters not provided for in these regulations.