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Taupō Junior Football 2020 – how it works! 25 May 2020 update

Current Information

This Information Sheet is accurate as at 25 May 2020, however for ongoing updates and information please refer to the club website <https://www.taupofootball.org.nz/> or the 'Taupō Junior Football' facebook page.

Season Dates

- Proposed Season Start Dates:
 - First Kicks, Grade 7 & Grade 8: 6 June
 - Grades 9 & Up: 13 June
- Proposed Season End dates:
 - First Kicks & Grade 7: 15 August*
 - Grade 8 & Up: 19 September*

* Unless otherwise affected by COVID-19

There are no games on 11 or 18 July due to school holidays.

COVID-19

All players, parents and supporters must comply with the requirements of the club as they are communicated from time-to-time in relation to keeping everyone safe from COVID-19. The Club will comply with Football NZ guidelines and also the requirements of Taupō District Council. Any player who refuse to comply with the club's requirements will have their season registration cancelled.

Due to the developing nature of this disease and the varying government response levels that may impact us, the junior football season may continue to be affected, and this is outside of our control.

Correspondence and Junior Football Committee members

Please email any correspondence to taupojuniorfootball@gmail.com, or for anything urgent call Hamish Crawford – Taupō Junior Coordinator - on 021 943 974.

The 2020 Junior Football Committee comprises the following people: Hamish Crawford, Cherie Day, Danielle Dunbar, Elle Read, Kylie Barbour, Sally McHardy & Steve Giles.

2020 Regular Winter Season

Registration

Online

The registration period closes at the end of Saturday 30 May. Registrations should be done online and you can get access from here (<https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/login>). Forgotten passwords can be reset by entering your email address here (<https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/forgot-password>).

While the overall costs of the club have risen in the last year the decision has been taken to keep fees at the same level as 2019. We welcome volunteers in all areas and you can expect a refund of all or part of your fees by getting involved as a coach or volunteering at events such as Ironman, cycle challenge and other events – please get in touch for more details.

Please make sure you register before the closing date – we wouldn't want you to miss out. If you need any help, just drop us an email to junior.registrations@taupofootball.org.nz and we will be happy to assist.

Locations:



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Games may be played at:

- Crown Park in Taupō
- 1256 River Road (halfway to Reporoa), 24km from Taupō (home games for Reporoa teams)
- Marotiri Primary School, Tihoi Road (34km NW of Taupō)

See Location Diagram at the bottom of this Information Sheet for locations and field layouts.

Take some money for games in Taupō and Reporoa as they often sell drinks (hot and cold) as well as a sausage sizzle (to be confirmed).

First Kicks

Players born in the years 2014, 2015 or later will play 9 rounds of football (weather permitting). Games are played at Crown Park, Taupō on the small fields adjacent Invergarry Road (First Kicks Fields 1 – 6) (see location diagram at the end of this Information Sheet). Time to be confirmed. The group spends the first half of the session doing fun activities (every player has a ball), and the second half of the session includes 3 * 8 minute games of 5 a-side. Players are put into teams on the day.

Fun Football

Fun Football Grade 7

Players born in the year 2013 (players turning 7 this calendar year – Grade 7) will play 9 rounds of football (weather permitting). Time to be confirmed. All games to be played in Taupō at Crown Park. Teams will play 2 * 20 minute games of 5-a-side. No scores or results are recorded.

Fun Football Grade 8

Players born in the year 2012 (players turning 8 this calendar year – Grade 8) will play 14 rounds of football (weather permitting). Kick-off times will vary. Games may be played at any of the 3 locations around the district, depending on team entries. Teams will play 2 * 20 minute games of 5-a-side against the same opposition each week. No scores or results are recorded.

Junior Football

Grades 9 and upward will play 13 rounds of football (weather permitting). Games may be played at any of the 3 locations around the district, depending on team entries. Results are recorded. Coaches / Managers to get results in to their Grade Coordinator weekly please. This year there will be no goal difference recorded, meaning there is no advantage in beating any team by a large margin. Coaches to text the game results to the applicable grade coordinator following each game please.

Game formats

As we are best able, we will aim to meet the below recommendations for the various grades. We reserve the right to:

- combine grades; and/ or
- amend player numbers

based on the numbers of players / teams registered at the close of registrations.



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.Grade	Game Time	Player Number#	Ball Size
5-6 First Kicks	25 minutes activities, + 3*8 minute games	5 a-side (no goalie)	3
7	2 games x 20 mins	5 a-side (no goalie)	3
8	2 games x 20 mins	5 a-side (no goalie)	3
9 & 10	2 halves x 25 mins	7 a-side (incl GK)	4
11	2 halves x 30 mins	9 a-side	4
12 & Open	2 halves x 35 mins (or less time if less players)	11 a-side (subject to change)	5

Player number is indicative and can be amended by agreement with both coaches.

- Retreating Line Rule to apply for goal kicks only.
- Grade 7, each game to be against 2 different opposition each week.
- Grade 8, each game to be against same opposition each week (due to different playing locations).
- For further format detail and rules, please refer to <http://www.waipofootball.co.nz/COMPETITIONS/>.

Subbing

Each team manager / coach must give equal playing time to all players over the course of the season. Should any teams feel this is not happening, please let the football committee know.

Dispensations

Each player will be put in the applicable grade based on their date of birth, regardless of what box is ticked on the registration form. If it is considered that a player would fit better in a lower or higher grade, then an email request must be made to taupojuniorfootball@gmail.com prior to the close of registrations. This applies to players who may have played up or down a grade in the previous season.

Clothing and equipment

First Kicks players to wear clothes (any colour) that allows them to run around easily, preferably shorts or tracksuit pants and t-shirt or other shirt. Long socks and shin-pads are preferable. Either wear football boots or gym/ running shoes. Players will be allocated a green or yellow bib for the purposes of playing games (to be returned following each game). There are no mid-week practices for First Kicks, and no regular playing teams.

Fun Football to wear royal blue shorts, royal blue long socks, shin-pads and football boots. Tops will be issued to each team for the season.

Junior Football to wear royal blue shorts, royal blue long socks, shin-pads and football boots. Tops will be issued to each team for the season. Teams to supply own goalkeeper gloves. Padded goalkeeper tops will be provided.

Please bring water.

Draw

The draw for the season will be issued prior to the first game. Games will be played at various start times on Saturday mornings, generally kicking off between 9am and 11am. Reporoa home games are likely to be delayed by an hour from mid-July to best cater for the calving season.

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Coaching, Refereeing, Prizegiving

Coaching

Coaches wanted! Coaching is extremely rewarding, and sadly we typically struggle to recruit sufficient coaches. The club can provide assistance through providing coach education, providing a 'coaches coach' to assist you with delivery of a practice session, and through combining team practices between teams with experienced and inexperienced coaches. You don't have to have played the game before to become a great coach! Please get involved through emailing any queries through or advising of your interest in coaching through our email address. Subsidies on registrations will be provided to coaches this year.

Refereeing

Each team is required to provide a referee for half of each game. This may be the coach or a team parent.

Prizegiving

Due to COVID-19, there will not be any communal prize-giving this year. We would ask that each team celebrate their season individually following the final game of the season

Fees

First Kicks & Grade 7: \$55

Grade 8 and up: \$85

Whilst the overall costs of the club have risen in the last year the decision has been taken to keep fees at the same level as 2019. We welcome volunteers in all areas and you can expect a refund of all or part of your fees by getting involved as a coach or volunteering at events such as Ironman, cycle challenge and other events – please get in touch for more details. As a community club we understand that not all registration fees are able to be paid in one hit. As such, please get in touch if you need to pay by instalments – we're here to help if we can.

Cancellations

- Call 07 378 3434 and listen to answerphone message. Please hang up at the end of the message, and please do not leave a message.
- More FM 93.6
- Taupo Junior Football facebook page

2020 Federation Football

Due to COVID-19 complications, we will not be entering any teams in Federation Football this year. We hope to return to Federation Football in 2021.

Rep Football

Rep football will be managed differently this year. There will be separate practices on Mondays for any player in each of Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13+. These practices are likely to start in late June. The club will charge a fee for this practice session. Players who attend these practices and show good commitment and attitude may get the opportunity to represent the club in various tournaments through the latter part of the season (assuming tournaments are held). Different team compositions are likely to be chosen for various tournaments to give tournament experience to a greater number of players. Not every player can be guaranteed tournament time, however the club will strive for this to happen through entering more tournaments and selecting a different team composition for each.

Girls Rep Football

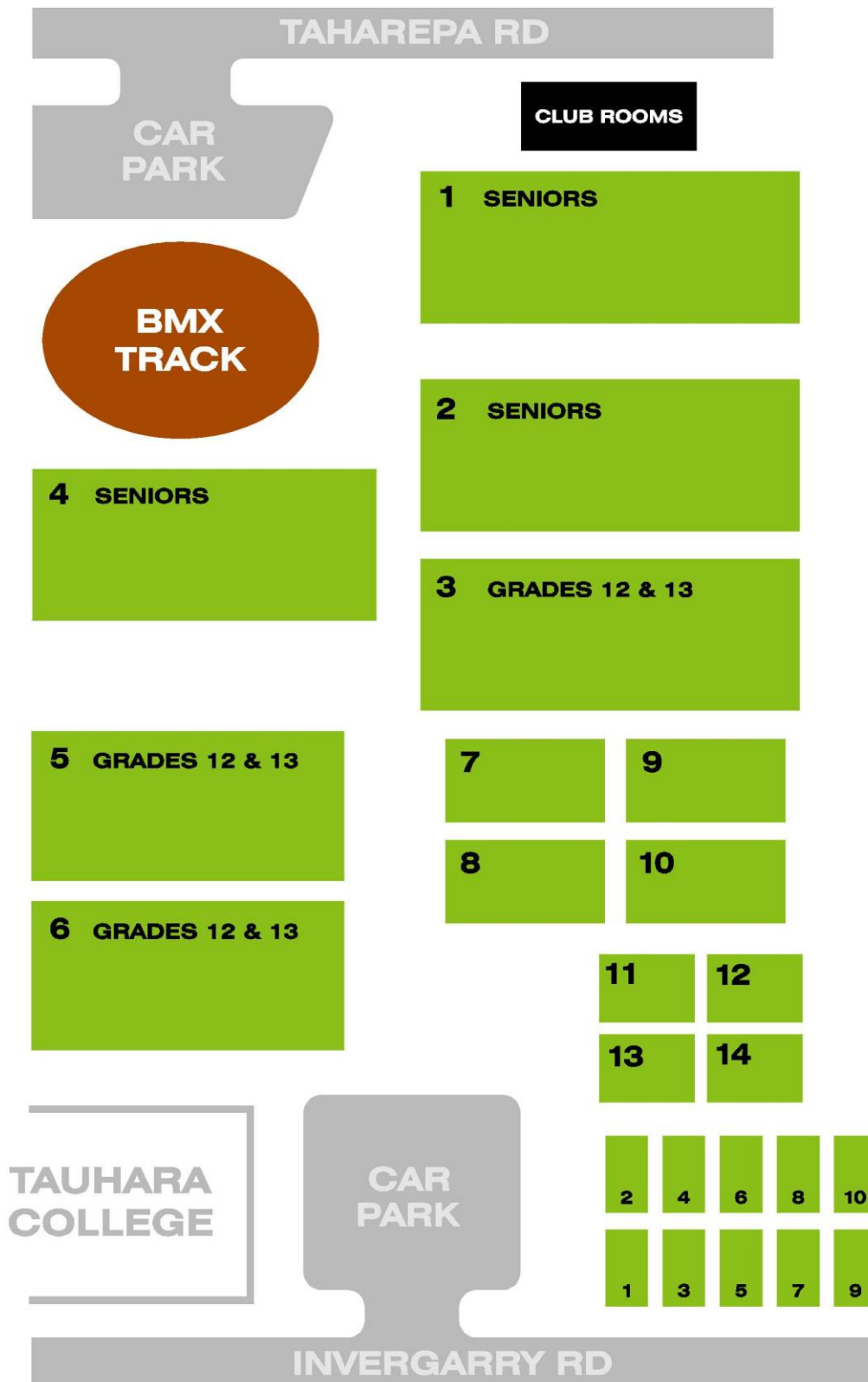
As an alternative to general Rep Football (above), female players Grades 9 and up can choose to train in a Monday girls-only session. These sessions will be managed by Steve Giles, and a fee to attend these sessions will apply (as per Rep Football above). Girls Rep football will run concurrently with general Rep football, likely for the same duration (ie from late June).



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Location Diagrams

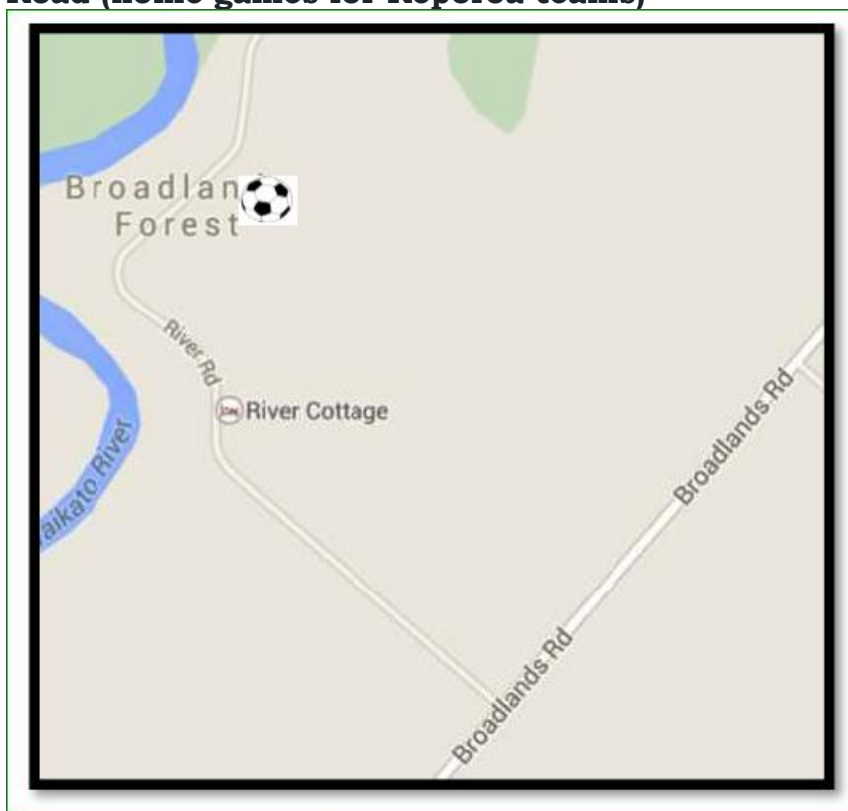
Crown Park, Taupō





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1256 River Road (halfway to Reporoa), 24km from Taupō along Broadlands Road (home games for Reporoa teams)



Marotiri Primary School, Tihoi Road (34km NW of Taupō). From Taupō, Poihipi Rd – Marotiri Rd – Tihoi Rd)

