Junior Touch Season
Entry Information 2020

Competition Zones and Dates

- This year there are three Zone Competitions – Central, Eastern and North Harbour.
- The Counties Manukau/Southern and Western Zones will have One Day Tournaments. See separates on EnterNOW for more information.
- Schools may enter into a Zone Competition or a One Day Tournament (or both if they are different teams) regardless of the zone they are in.
    - Qualification for Junior Championships will be taken from the Zone Competition or One Day Tournament (A Grade teams only) the school has entered into.

Zone	Game Day and Times	Dates	Venue	Zone Convenor
Central	Tuesdays 4pm-6.30pm	20 October – 17 November	Cornwall Park (Fields by the Auckland Rugby League Building)	Trevor Nicol *(Auckland Touch)*
Eastern	Tuesdays 4pm-6.30pm	20 October – 17 November	Macleans College	John Wright *(Howick College)*
North Harbour	Tuesdays 4pm-6.30pm	3 November – 24 November	Sunnynook Park	Julia Rudolph- Karen (*Touch North Harbour)*

Notes: Any of the above are subject to changes and schools will be notified of any changes which may occur.
The North Harbour Zone is starting later due to Council grounds not being available until the first week of November.
Games may finish at 7pm depending on the number of entries and fields available.

Grades

- Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Junior Mixed. Mixed grades will only go ahead if enough teams enter.
- Schools may enter as many teams as they like into the zone competition.
- Only those teams in the A Grade can qualify for the Junior Touch Championships on 1 December.
- A team may consist of up to 14 players. A maximum of 6 are allowed on the field at any one time; a minimum of 4 players are required for the match to be played.
- **Players may only be registered in one team; boys, girls or mixed, and may only play in that one team for the duration of the season** (as per the National Touch rules).

Age Group Eligibility

Players must be Under 15 as at 1st January of the current year and Year 10 or lower to complete in this competition.

Entries

- Entries must be submitted online via EnterNOW by **11.59pm on Wednesday 23 September**.
- Team registrations must be submitted in EnterNOW no later than Wednesday 14 October 3.00pm.
- Teams who have not submitted a registration form, or whom are playing unregistered players may be deemed to have defaulted and will not receive competition points until these are submitted (note: points will not be returned for games that were played with un-registered players).
- Additional or replacement players must be registered with College Sport Auckland before they take the field.
- Schools with more than one team in the same grade cannot transfer players between these teams, any additional players must come from a lower grade.
- Each team must provide a suitable referee for their games.

Playing Days

- Most zones will play two games in one night (double headers), however some weeks, some zones may also have three games in one night (triple headers), if required to make up full rounds in draws
- The season runs for 4-5 weeks depending on number of teams entered, fields and dates available in that zone.
- Games will be 12-minute halves with a 1minute half time break, and 5 minutes between rounds.

Term Four	Date	Round
WEEK 2:	Tue 20 Oct	Central and Eastern Zone Competitions begin
WEEK 4:	Tue 3 Nov Wed 4 Nov Thu 5 Nov	North Harbour Zone Competition begins Counties Manukau/Southern Zone Tournament Western Zone Tournament
WEEK 6:	Tue 17 Nov	Central and Eastern Zone Competitions finals
WEEK 7:	Tue 24 Nov	North Harbour Zone Competition finals
WEEK 8:	Tue 1 Dec	College Sport Auckland **Junior Touch Championships** Top 1 or 2 teams from the A Grade in each zone qualify. The ratio of how many teams qualify per zone will depend on how many teams have entered in each zone.

Fees

- Refer to EnterNOW for information on fees.
- College Sport Auckland will invoice schools once the season has begun.
- Teams withdrawn after the entry closing date will be charged a withdrawal fee.
- A separate entry fee will also be applicable to teams who qualify for the College Sport Auckland Junior Championships.

Team Management

- All teams must have a teacher or adult with them at every game. This person is to complete the score sheet before and after the game where needed, be aware of any medical problems of players in the team, implement the rules of the competition, and supervise the players. Teams without supervision may lose by default.

- Each team is responsible for their own first aid. The coach/manager should be aware of any special medical conditions of a player.

Results

- This is the responsibility of the Zone Convenor. Each week, all scorecards are collected, and results are sent to College Sport Auckland on Wednesday morning for processing.
- It is the school's responsibility to check weekly, the accuracy of results on the website www.collegesport.co.nz (please allow 2 days after game day for processing to occur).
- Corrections to results will not be accepted within 2 days of a semi-final or final.

Officials / Duties

- Teams must sign in with the Zone Convenor when they arrive each week.
- Teams in ALL ZONES are responsible for providing a suitable referee for their games.
- If a team turns up without a referee as required, their options are:
    - **Find another referee to do their duty or**
    - **Accept a default**.
- Alternatively, teams can agree to play the game under one referee, but this must be decided and agreed at the start of the game.

Junior Touch Championships

- The Top 8 teams from the A Grades in the Zone Competitions and One Day Tournaments for both Girls and Boys will be invited to compete at the Junior Touch Championships on **Tuesday 1 December**. Only one team per school can qualify for the Championships.
- The number of qualifiers from each zone will depend on the number of teams entered.
- Teams will be invited to attend the Junior Touch Champions on completion of the Zone Competition play offs on Tuesday 17 November/Tuesday 24 November (for North Harbour).

Uniforms

All members of participating must wear matching uniforms of their school appropriate to the sport. Failure to wear appropriate uniforms may result in the team forfeiting the match.

Rules

A copy of the Rules & Regulations will be loaded on the website and College Sport App. The College Sport bylaws and policy on withdrawals, defaults & rescheduled matches, are also be available online.

Please pick up all rubbish from around your fields and place in rubbish bins or take home with you.