



WCFC First Kicks Program 2020.

First Kicks and Fun Football programmes are run by Waitakere City FC as part of New Zealand Football's Whole of Football Framework (<https://www.nzfootball.co.nz/get-involved/Whole-of-Football>), and are aligned to the wider NZ Football player development framework, and the aim is to provide an experience that meets the needs of all young players and builds the foundation of future participation in the sport. This document provides the details that you may need for the upcoming season.

Grades

Alignment of the children to their relevant grade is determined by their year of birth and details are listed in the table.

Fun Football	2012	8 th Grade
	2013	7 th Grade
First Kicks	2014	6 th Grade
	2015	5 th Grade
	2016	4 th Grade

Registration & Fees

All children taking part in First Kicks and Fun Football have to be registered with the club at the start of the season, details and instructions for the registration process can be found on the club website: www.waitakerecityfc.org.nz

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Registration Fees are currently being reviewed for the post-Covid season and will be advised shortly.

Training & Match Days

First Kicks and Fun Football train on Wednesdays (4.30pm) and play matches on Saturdays (8am).

The Fun Football teams (7th and 8th grade) will be playing matches against Norwest, Albany and Greenhithe, and this will involve travel to away matches. The 6th grade teams will have three game days against these clubs in preparation for the step up to 7th grade next season.

This approach and the logistics required to visit other clubs under NZ level 2 rules will be revised in the coming weeks, but we do not expect to start rotations until after the July school holidays. Rotation details will be shared once the schedule has been agreed.

4th and 5th grade teams do not play against other clubs and therefore there is no travel during the season.

Training Calendar

All grades train every Wednesday until the end of the season, but don't train on the Wednesday of the first week of the school holidays.

Wednesday 10 th June	First pre-season training session – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 17 th June	Second pre-season training session – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 8 th July	No training session – School holidays
Wednesday 15 th July	No training session – School holidays
Wednesday 16 th September	Last training session – 4.30 pm

Match Day Calendar & Timings

We play football matches every Saturday, but don't play on the middle Saturday of the school holidays. Whilst the games on a Saturday start at 8am, we ask players (especially grades 7 and 8 who are playing other clubs) to be at the field at 7.45, this allows teams to get organised ahead of kick off for the first match.

Date	Details
Saturday 20 th June	First Saturday game day – 8am
Saturday 11 th July	No game day – School holidays
Saturday 18 th July	No game day – School holidays
Saturday 19 th September	Last Saturday game day – 8am
Saturday 26 th September	First Kicks Prize Giving & Fun Day - Provisional date



Playing Kit

Our club playing strip is black shorts and black socks, and you will need to buy those for your child along with football boots and shin pads. In previous years we have been able to purchase kit from the Waitakere City FC Lotto Shop, and we will advise when this is available for this post-Covid season. The club will supply the playing shirt for match days, but these remain with the club after the match.

Cancellations

If either training or match day is cancelled (normally due to bad weather), notification will be posted in the Waitakere City FC First Kicks & Fun Football Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206470213287371>. The club always aim to notify cancellations as early as possible, and on Saturdays the decision is normally made at 7am and posted shortly afterwards. If your child is unable to attend a match day, it is appreciated if you can let the coach or manager know beforehand so they can prepare in terms of numbers.

Harbour-West Football Festival

This football festival tournament run by Albany United FC is not currently scheduled for this season due to lockdown level 2 gathering rules, but this may be revised and schedule for later in the season. We will provide ample notice to everyone if Albany do schedule the tournament in August or September.

Managers, Coaches & Helpers

The Waitakere City FC First Kicks & Fun Football scheme is organised and run by volunteers, nearly everyone involved does so because we have children playing football in these grades. We cannot operate without the involvement of as many parents and family members as possible.

This season we need people to volunteer for coaching and to run teams, and this isn't a massive undertaking and you don't need to have any football experience. We will send out details before the start of the season regarding which grades need assistance, but please let the club know if you are able to help with either training, match days or both, and which grade you would be working with.

Everyone that wants to get involved with coaching in the First Kicks and Fun Football grades will be encouraged to attend the Introduction to Junior Coaching course run by NFF. The course aims to provide beginner coaches with advice about how to meet the needs of junior players and what to focus on to deliver fun and safe age appropriate football session. More details are available on the NFF Coaching website: <http://www.nff.org.nz/COACH-1/Junior-Coaching-Pathway>.

If you don't want to manage or coach a team, we ask the parents/caregivers to help set up and take down the equipment before and after training and match days. Many hands make light work!

Fundraising & Social Events

Last season the club ran several fundraising events for First Kicks & Fun Football, and this included a few raffles and a highly successful disco night, and we plan to run similar events this season. Again, any money raised by us will go directly back to our kids, so let us know if you can help organising events or have any great ideas for other events.

First Kicks is also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities, so if you know of a community minded company or individual that would like to help fund our kids, please contact us to discuss.

Communication

Please ensure you supply the correct email address and phone number when completing the registration process, and these will be used for some communication, but most news will be posted in the Waitakere City FC First Kicks & Fun Football Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206470213287371>

Contact Information

Details are below for the main First Kicks & Fun Football contacts, and Richard is responsible for the administration function this season, and Michel will be responsible for day to day running of the training and match days, so if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either of us.

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Additional information about the club and their ahe groups can be found on the website www.waitakerecityfc.org.nz and the club Facebook www.facebook.com/WaitakereCityFc page is always a wealth of information regarding what is happening.