

# Auckland Central Soccer Sevens

## 2010 Rules

### **The Duration of the season**

The season begins on Saturday 24 April 2010 and continues until 28<sup>th</sup> August. No games are scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> July due to school holidays. Games are played at Queens Birthday Weekend.

### **Composition**

The league is composed of teams from the following clubs & schools.

Central  
Metro  
Metro Gladstone  
Mt Albert Ponsonby  
Western Springs  
Lynn Avon

### **The teams play in 5 grades**

5<sup>th</sup> grade for players born in 2005

6<sup>th</sup> grade for players born in 2004

7<sup>th</sup> grade for players born in 2003

8<sup>th</sup> grade for players born in 2002

9<sup>th</sup> grade for players born in 2001

Under exceptional circumstances, players are permitted to play one year below their correct age group.

All overage exceptions are to be registered with the organising committee / league convenor.

Players may play above their age group, all players two or more years above their grade must have signed parental permission.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellations will be confirmed on the Auckland Football Federation website under "Auckland Central Sevens" in the fixtures area. Either on the Friday night before the fixtures or at the very latest by 7:30am on the Saturday morning.

Coaches may choose to abandon a game if the weather has deteriorated as long as both sides agree!

If the ground has a closed sign on it, this **MUST** be adhered to.

## Ball Sizes

Ball size 3 - 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

## Pitches

In order to preserve the pitch, all spectators must at all times

- Stay outside the designated boundary where the pitches have an enclosed boundary fence
- Stand at least 1 metre back from the sidelines and DO NOT stand on the halfway line
- Walk around pitches to get from one to the other and not across.

## Game Durations

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades are 12 minutes each way. With a 1 minute half time break.

9<sup>th</sup> grades are 20 minutes each way with a 5 minute half time.

ALL games MUST finish at the allocated time (no matter what time you start)

Please vacate fields immediately play has finished, team talks and presentations are to take place off the field.

Please note at some venues, car parking is in extremely short supply so ensure that you arrive early, so that teams are assembled and ready to play at least 5 minutes before their scheduled start time.

It is the responsibility of each home team to ensure the field is ready at the right time. Please get there early enough to put goalposts out and mark fields with cones.

## Corners

5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	half way between goal post and corner
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	half way between goal post and corner
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	half way between goal post and corner
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	From corner

## Team Composition

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4 a side on 2x (20mx15m) pitches  
7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grades 7 a side on small pitches any alteration to this must be at both coaches discretion and agreement. For the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades it is very important to maintain 7-a-side play for player development. **NUMBERS ON BOTH TEAMS MUST BE EVEN.**

## Colour Clash

Away team changes shirts.

## Goalkeepers

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades only, with distinctively different coloured jersey than team colours.

## Goal Kicks

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to have the ball back in play as quickly as possible.

7<sup>th</sup> grade – the opposition move back to the half way line.

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grades – ball can be kicked either from their hands or the ground.

**Throw ins**

5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades to be taken as a stationery place kick from where the ball went out of play as quickly as possible.

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade to take proper throw ins. It is very important that correct techniques are reinforced by referees and coaches in these age groups.

**Offside & Penalty Kicks**

Do not apply, though blatant offsides are not to be tolerated and should be pulled up.

**Coaches**

Both team coaches are permitted on the field during play for all grades.

NB: for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades each coach will game control/referee one of the 4x4 fixtures taking place.

**Fields**

Please remind parents not to stand on 'sidelines' that are halfway on a full sized pitch, or push strollers across the playing field. If people continue to do this it will jeopardise the use of some of the better quality grounds we have access to.

**MOST OF ALL HAVE FUN AND A GREAT SEASON****Joanne Powell**

League Convenor

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