

# School Touch Information

Welcome to Kapiti Junior Touch's 2021/2022 season, Kapiti's largest summer sport.

**New 2020 rules enable more game time for all.**

**U7-U8 Mixed teams are 5 aside, with no on-field ratio and age friendly rule changes.**

**U10 Mixed teams are 5 aside, with no on-field ratio, they play on half fields and age friendly rule changes.**

**U12-U14 grades are now mixed and boys teams (mixed teams are equal gender ratio's)**

## Fees

Fees for 14 games are \$50.00 for the first child in the family, then \$30.00 for each subsequent child per family. If we have enough for a Year 8 team, the fees will be \$30.00 for the half season. This includes a small increase to cover the costs of balls and prize giving. Can we please have one registration form for each child? Registrations and payments need to be made via Kindo by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Please note that there is a **no pay no play** policy (please note that any outstanding prior years' fees also need to have been paid in full). Any queries about this please contact either Kate in the Office or Viv Conroy our Principal. We are asking for all this year's payments to be paid via Kindo, however if you have any difficulty with this or want to pay the subs off please be in contact with Kate in the Office.

## Teams

Each team has limited numbers, with a minimum of 4 girls per team (for the U12 and U14 grades), with a recommended team maximum of 10. Teams will be streamed where there is more than one team represented in a grade. This is to ensure all players are given the best opportunity to enjoy the game. We can have an all-boys team in the higher grades, so we have included this on the registration form.

## Season Dates

The first leg of the season starts on Tuesday 19th October 2021, stopping for Christmas break on Thursday 9th December 2021 which makes 8 weeks.

Leg two of our season starts on Tuesday 15th February 2022, until Thursday 24th March 2022 which makes 6 weeks.

All games are played at Mazengarb Reserve, Scaife Drive, Paraparaumu.

Our school will hold its own prize giving at school, the date is to be advised.

## Uniform

All players must wear our school touch top (which will be issued at the beginning of Term 4) and either our bottle green P.E. shorts or black shorts as their uniforms during play. Boots with metal sprigs, open footwear (i.e. jandals) or bare feet **aren't allowed** on touch fields, referees will send offending players off the field.

**Please note that no uniform, no game play.**

Each child will be given a school touch top with a number assigned to it. This must be returned at the end of the season in good condition. **If this top is lost or returned in an unsatisfactory condition, you will be charged the full price to replace it i.e. \$30.00 each.**

## Game Day and Times

Tuesday's U7/U8, games will be at 5.00pm or 5.40pm

Wednesday's U12 and U14s, games will be at 4.50pm, 5.30pm, 6.10pm or 6.50pm

Thursday's U10s, games will be at 5.30pm, 6.10pm or 6.50pm

The weekly draw will be on the KJT website every Monday - [www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch)

**NOTE:** Grade eligibility is determined by player's age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**ie:** If your child is born in the following years they will play in the following grades:

- 2016/2015 - U 7s,
- 2014 - U8s,
- 2013/2012 - U10s,
- 2011/2010 - U12,
- 2009/2008 - U14,
- Year 8

### **Rules**

Module Rules were modified in 2020 to align with the new Touch NZ Junior Policy, which has been designed to enhance player participation and enjoyment at every age. A simplified version of touch rules is available at [www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch)

### **Under 7/8s Changes**

All Under 7 and Under 8 teams;

- have open ratio teams, which means that the team can be made up of any number of boys and girls.
- there will be 5 on the field with a maximum of 10 to a team.
- coaches take the field to referee to assist game flow and manage players.
- play across a half field.
- all errors count as a touch and they have 6 touches before handover.
- change of possession will start with a plant ball, including penalties.
- must wait until the dummy half passes the ball to start play before advancing to make a touch.
- substitutions can tap the player on the field when they wish to substitute the player.
- players can be awarded touchdowns if they run over the touchdown line but must be reminded of the grounding process.
- touches are performed with the connect of 1 hand with next to zero force.
- are to be played with a close enough is good enough policy. Enjoyment, growth, and success are the key focus.
- scores are not recorded by KJT.

### **Under 10s Changes**

All Under 10 teams;

- will play on a reduced field. Which is across a half field with the inclusion of the touchdown zone.
- now have 5 players on the field with a maximum of 10 to a team.
- now always needs to have at least 1 female on the field.
- will play with standard Touch Rules.
- will have referees assigned
- coaches must remain on the sideline to manage players.
- touches are performed with the connect of 1 hand with next to zero force.
- all touchdowns scored as 1 point.
- scores are recorded by KJT and teams will be graded.

### **Under 12/14s Changes**

All Under 12/14 teams;

- will play on a standard field.
- still have 6 players on the field with a maximum of 12 to a team.
- Mixed grades will play with 3 males and 3 females on the field.
- can have a boy only grade, so standard rules will apply.
- will play with standard Touch Rules.
- will have referees assigned.
- coaches must remain on the sideline to manage players.
- touches are performed with the connect of 1 hand OR 2 hands with next to zero force.
- all touchdowns scored as 1 point.
- scores are recorded by KJT and teams will be graded.

### **Cancellations**

In the event that we need to cancel play due to weather, Kapiti Junior Touch will update their website, their Facebook page and inform me as soon as they are able and I will inform all coaches as well as the school office.

### **Coaches and Helpers**

We require coaches and helpers for every team we enter, no previous experience is needed. Please don't let not being able to run a practice at school stop you from stepping up. Remember, if we do not have coaches, our players will be unable to play.

Touch has one of the highest participation numbers of any summer sport in Kapiti and we hope this is because it nurtures some of the **positive values of sport – fair play, participation? And fun**. Please consider coaching a team, it's not hard, and is a rewarding experience.

Please consider coaching a team, it is a rewarding journey and Touch NZ has online training and coaching skills clips available for coaches via <https://www.touchnz.co.nz/> KJT is also hosting a free practical Touch NZ Foundation coaching course, October date TBC.

### **Referees**

KJT support and train junior referees from 10yrs up are an integral part of our module. Our referees are supported throughout each season, make new friends, whilst obtaining personal growth and confidence, with many pathways and opportunities ahead to choose from. If you would like to do our referee course, please indicate upon registering or via KJT website <https://www.touchnz.co.nz/>. Adults are also welcomed to attend.

### **Touch Kapiti Horowhenua U12 and U14 Tournament Teams**

For players wanting to play touch at a higher level, enhance the fun, have more games, and to learn new skills, Touch Kapiti Horowhenua is the next additional step for you. First meet for U12/U14 players and coaches will be on Labour Day 25th October 9.30am at Mazengarb Reserve.

Provincial Representative and Social teams (depending on numbers) when sorted will train and play each Sunday for 2 hours, leading into two tournaments in Whanganui 27<sup>th</sup> November, and Palmerston North 18th December 2021.

Register to play via our website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/khtouch>

### **KJT School vs School Tournament**

To showcase the best players within our module, for the 10th year running, KJT will run this event on the 27th March 2022. There will be automatic entry for each grade from each school within Kapiti, team selections and entries via school coordinators/coaches in February.

### **Conduct**

**Sportsmanship** is defined as: playing fair, following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of referees, and treating opponents with respect.

As this is part of our school values, it is imperative that players, coaches, and parents who are involved with Our Lady of Kapiti school touch teams always uphold this, this includes off the field as well.

This means lots of positive encouragement and support for the teams and most importantly the coaches who give up their time.

Thank you and here's to a great, exciting, and fun filled season.

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School Touch Coordinator

And Kapiti Junior Touch

For your weekly draws and updated information visit

KJT WEBSITE: [www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch)

### **Positive Parent Guidelines**

Good sport is about positive attitude. You can set the right tone and help to make your child's involvement in sport successful. Ensure that you:

- Encourage your child, and other people's children, in their efforts in sport
- Insist that your child plays within the rules and plays fairly
- Respect your child's efforts regardless of whether s/he has won or lost
- Display self-control on the side-line. Always be positive. Do not ridicule players or shout at them in a negative fashion.
- Watch your child play and let him/her enjoy the game
- Show your appreciation to people who volunteer their time so that your child can play
- Remember your child plays sport for his/her reasons, not yours.
- Be a positive role-model for your child
- Never put undue pressure on your child to perform
- Try to understand the rules of the game
- Promote competition as an important aspect of participation in sport while ensuring that your child accepts winning and losing gracefully.
- Give it heaps and don't get ugly!