



Friday 15th October 2021

To Parents & Caregivers

**Please read the information below from City Touch regarding changes made to Term 4 touch rugby.**

Due to the recently updated change for Covid Level 2, in particular the relaxation around group gatherings for sport, we now have the opportunity to run Term 4 Touch under the new Level 2 guidelines.

After discussions with Sport Taranaki, NPDC and Touch NZ we propose to run a revised Touch module meeting the MOH requirements and more importantly providing a safe environment for our members and tamariki.

To do this we would need your help and commitment to ensure we all as members and participants agree and adhere to the new changes and guidelines. Detailed below are the proposed changes and conditions for the new format.

Alert Level 4: No Touch can be played

Alert Level 3: No Touch can be played

Alert Level 2 : Touch can be played as long as we meet the Level 2 guidelines and restrictions.

Alert Level 1 : Touch can be played with no restrictions.

## TEAMS

**We will not run U6s and U8s this season.** Reason is if we revert back to the old Level 2 guidelines we would not be able to meet the old cap of 100 per bubble.

We will be taking entries for term 4 touch for the following grades: U10s, U12s, Intermediate and Secondary school teams.

Note: There will be no score cards for the U10s and 12s this season. Just appreciate the opportunity to be out playing sports and having fun with team mates.

Teams will be required to provide names for their team list which will be checked off weekly, recorded and held by City Touch. Each week you will need to check in and tick off the players who are there for that night.

Game times etc will be taken into consideration for those teams that are travelling further etc.



## NEW VENUE

### Hickford Park, Smeaton Road Bell Block

Under Level 2 our school grounds are unavailable. Hickford Park gives us more exit and entry points and enables us to provide 3 zones (bubbles) to minimise group contacts/gatherings.

Teams and spectators will enter/exit and keep to their designated zones for the duration of the games. There will be a check in desk at each zone to check in. Teams will enter their zones 5 minutes before their game times and exit their zones straight after they finish. Teams must vacate the zone immediately.

## NEW START DATE

**Monday 1st November**, pending entries we can cater for all of our teams that have registered to date to be played on this night. The competition will now be condensed to a 6 week comp.

## SPECTATORS

In the best interest of minimising crowd contacts there will be a restriction to 1 adult/caregiver per child present during their games.

Spectators/Parents will be encouraged to stay within their zones, understanding if you have another child playing in a later round or zone then you will have to re-scan and sanitize before entering that zone as you would normally do walking out of one store and into another. QR codes and sanitising stations will be stationed around the park.

As per MOH regulations, masks, scanning of QR codes, sanitising and 1m social distancing for people you don't know are compulsory.

## OUR CITY TOUCH VOLUNTEERS

We will be encouraging all our volunteers to be vaccinated and will be wearing Vac ID tags.

If you have any questions or for some reason your child is now unable to play in their touch rugby team, please email [jacinta@stpiusx.school.nz](mailto:jacinta@stpiusx.school.nz) as soon as possible.

The draw for teams and venue layout will be put onto the app once teams are confirmed.

Thanks, Jacinta Radford