



Western Springs AFC U13 Mixed / U14 Girls Tournament 2024

VENUE

Seddon Fields, Meola Road, Point Chevalier.

DATES

- Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November 2023 - 2 days for all teams.

WSAFC APP

- All necessary Tournament information will be available / posted on the Western Springs AFC App. Please encourage all interested parties to download it via iTunes or Google store.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Boys must be born on or after 1 January 2011 / Girls must be born on or after 1 January 2010.
- Any other players, outside of the above, that have received dispensation from their federation to play U13 Mixed or U14 Girls during the 2024 season will be considered by Tournament organisers on a case by case basis.
- All players must be registered members of the club they are representing - evidenced on NZF's Comet database - and played for them in a federation competition during 2024.
- Clubs / teams must provide, together with dates of birth, a full list of their intended playing squad including playing (shirt) numbers on the tournament Player Registration form by Tuesday 12th November 2024.
- Any late changes to squad lists must be provided by 8pm on Thursday 14th November 2023. Thereafter all squad lists are final, and no movement between teams is permitted.

PLAYING FORMAT

- Full field, 11 vs. 11, match balls provided by WSAFC (size 4 for U13, size 5 for U14)

- Maximum of 18 players in each squad.
- 2 x 20 minute halves, with 5 minutes for half time.
- Post-Pool (Finals) games will go straight to penalties (5 per side) in the event of a draw, EXCEPT for the Championship Finals, which will have 5 minutes of Extra Time one way before going to penalties.
- The Tournament will be played on a mixture of artificial turf and grass fields. Please refer to the Turf Rules outlined later in this document.

PITCH MAP

- Available on the Western Springs AFC App.

POOL PLAY AND FINAL PLACING GAMES – U13 MIXED

- Pool play will be followed by final placing games
- Pool play will be in 4 pools of 4 teams, each team playing 3 games.
- 3 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- Final Placings (Championship and Plate) to be determined as follows;
- Teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group progress to Championship.
- Teams ranked 3rd and 4th in each group progress to Plate
- Teams will be ranked in order of points, head to head result, goal difference, goals scored, coin toss

POOL PLAY AND FINAL PLACING GAMES – U14 GIRLS

- Pool play will be followed by final placing games
- 1 pool of 5 teams and 1 pool of 4 teams – each playing all teams in their pool
- 3 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- Final Placings (Championship and Plate) to be determined as follows;
- Teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group progress to Championship.
- Teams ranked 3rd, 4th and 5th in each group progress to Plate
- Teams will be ranked in order of points, head to head result, goal difference, goals scored, coin toss

DRAW

- Will be available on the Western Springs AFC App by Monday 11th November.

RULES

- This is a FIFA fair play tournament, organised to provide players with an opportunity to learn, demonstrate their skills and enjoy themselves. Usual FIFA rules apply.
- Rolling substitutes - the coach must ensure that players leave the field of play at the nearest exit point so substitutions can be made quickly with the aim of not disrupting the flow of play.
- Where there is a clash of colours, the away team (i.e. the second named team) in the fixture must provide a change of shirts (or bibs) that does not clash with the home team's colours.

RESULTS

- All results will be posted on the Western Springs AFC App once ratified through receipt, at Tournament HQ, of the referees' cards for that match.

REFEREES / LINESPEOPLE

- NRF referees will be allocated to all matches.
- Each team should provide a linesperson for each of their matches. Note that lines people **MUST** have football boots or turf shoes for matches on Fields 1 and 2.

MANAGER'S MEETING

- We will not hold a Managers' Meeting as such, but Team Managers should visit Tournament HQ (upstairs in the Clubrooms) prior to their first match on Saturday, to ensure that there are no final instructions or updates for participation.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

- The WSAFC Café will be open throughout the tournament selling hot and cold drinks and snacks.
- The Club bar and kitchen will be open from 1pm each day.

FACILITIES

- Please respect the artificial turf rules at all times:
 - Only artificial turf footwear should be worn on Fields 1 and 2 (no metal studs).
 - Please ensure footwear is cleaned on the brushes at each gate before stepping onto the turf.
 - No food allowed on the turf.
 - Only water allowed on the turf – no other beverages are permitted.
 - Access to the turf is limited to players, coaches, managers, referees, linespeople, medics and tournament organisers.
- No BBQs allowed. Please support the food options provided by Western Springs through team fundraising and local businesses.
- Landfill/recycling/composting bins onsite - so please support us by using the correct bins as we aim to minimise waste.
- A Physiotherapist will be on site throughout the tournament. The Physio is located upstairs in the Clubhouse, through the door at the zoo end of the balcony.

GAZEBOS

- These can be set up along Field 3 (near side) and Field 4 (near side). There will not be any overnight security, so we recommend you take down any team gazebos overnight and place them in one of our changing rooms.

PARKING

- Parking is not permitted in the yellow emergency access areas in the main carpark, or in the coned-off area at the clubroom end of the carpark.
- Other parking is available in the upper and lower carparks behind the clubrooms, accessed from Motions Road adjacent to Western Springs College. Note that this is paid Council carparking.
- Please drive carefully in all areas around Seddon Fields, as there will be lots of vehicles and pedestrians. Please note the pedestrian crossing once you turn into the main WSAFC car park, and observe the 5KPH speed limit in all car parks for the safety of everybody.

SPECTATORS

- All supporters should watch turf field games from behind the fence.
- All supporters should watch grass field games from behind the rope surrounding the field.

RESPECT

- It is a priority that players, coaches, referees and supporters are respectful at all times - to themselves, each other and the facilities.
- Disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated, and it is the responsibility of all to manage this.
- Referees are advised to ask any misbehaving players, coaches or spectators to move away from the playing area. Western Springs AFC does not tolerate any type of abuse.

DISCIPLINE

- Any player receiving two yellow cards in Pool Play will miss their next Pool match (if any remain).
- Yellow cards will not be carried through from Pool to post-Pool play. Any two yellow cards received during post-Pool play will result in the player missing their next match.
- Any player receiving a red card is suspended for games depending upon the offence and as per FIFA rules.
- Red cards will impact the subsequent match(es) irrespective of the transition from Pool to post-Pool play.
- If any player is shown a red card, yet plays in their teams' next game, their team will automatically lose the match 3-0, or by the actual result, whichever is greater.

PRIZES

- Trophy and medals are awarded to Winner of the U13 Mixed Championship and U14 Girls Championship.
- Medals are awarded to the Runner Up in each Championship.
- MVP, Golden Boot and Golden Glove competitions will be run in each of U13 Mixed and U14 Girls competitions.
- Prize Givings will take place shortly after the final games in each competition.