

The 2025 McCartney Invitational Tournament

Tournament Rules



General Rules:

- One team per club per grade.
- 3 Points for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss.
- The winner of each grade is decided on pool play.
- Away team changes if there is a colour clash
- All grades have a 5-minute half time
- Rolling subs are allowed
- Offsides to be called as per FIFA rules
- **For 10 & 11 Boys & 12 Girls Only:**
 - Retreat to retreat line (marked on field) for goal kicks
 - Ball is live when touched by a defender
 - If Goalkeeper keeps in play they can kick from hands
- **For 9 Boys & 10 Girls Only:**
 - Retreat to halfway for goal kicks
 - Ball is live when touched by a defender
 - If Goalkeeper keeps in play they can kick from hands
 - Second chance on a foul throw-in
 - Only blatant offsides to be called

Grade	Number of Players	Year of Birth	Field Size	Half Length	Ball size
Nine Boys	7 v 7	2016	50 x 40	15 Minutes	4
Ten Boys	9 v 9	2015	70 x 50	15 Minutes	4
Eleven Boys	9 v 9	2014	70 x 50	15 Minutes	4
Twelve Boys	11 v 11	2013	90 x 60	15 Minutes	4
Thirteen Boys	11 v 11	2012	90 x 60	15 Minutes	5
Fourteen Boys	11 v 11	2011	100 x 70	15 Minutes	5
Fifteen Boys	11 v 11	2010	100 x 70	15 Minutes	5
Ten Girls	7 v 7	2015 / 2016	50 x 40	15 Minutes	4
Twelve Girls	9 v 9	2013 / 2014	70 x 50	15 Minutes	4
Fourteen Girls	11 v 11	2011 / 2012	100 x 70	15 Minutes	5

There is no limit on squad size.

NB: Due to field availability, Grade 10 Boys and Grade 12 Boys both play a larger format than teams will have played during their season. They play the size that they will move onto the following year.

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Result Cards

Fill them in! If you run out, please get more. No card, no result. Drop the result cards to the control tent, behind field 11 [see map]. Results will be posted online and can likewise be accessed on www.mccartneytournament.co.nz and sporadically in the results tent.

Referees

Referees are allocated from older grades down, although we never have enough to look after every single game. Unless someone is happy to do the full game, then please help and do a half each. Teams are to provide their own balls please

Ages and Dispensations

There are restrictions around players wishing to play down a grade. For example, a Grade 12 player wanting to play in Grade 11 will need dispensation. This dispensation will need to be applied for at the time of team registration by emailing tournament.director@taupofootball.org.nz together with the reasons for the dispensation request to include the name, date of birth and any extenuating circumstances. Once received, the request will be considered and responded to soon after the date we assemble team entries.

To confirm, *there are no restrictions on players wishing to play up a grade.* For example, a Grade 12 player can play in Grade 13, 14, and 15 competitions without any restriction or dispensation.

Decisions will be made by the Tournament Director and will be final.

Girls get an automatic 1-year dispensation when playing in a boys (mixed) team in the boys draws. E.G. Girl aged 14 can play boys 13 without following the dispensation process above.

Dogs

There are not dogs permitted on Crown Park for the duration of the McCartney Invitational Tournament. Local council bylaws are in place that mean dogs are not permitted on Crown Park. Compliance Officers will be in attendance to ensure safety and hygiene standards are met. If your team, parents, supporters, or anyone connected with your club bring dogs onto Crown Park you can expect future participation to be limited.