

# Onslow Junior Football Club Tournaments Policy

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- Onslow Junior Football Club supports attendance at tournaments.
- Communication about tournaments should come directly from the Tournament Coordinator. Coaches, Managers, Grade Coordinators and parents who receive direct communication concerning attendance at a tournament should immediately notify the Tournament Coordinator. This is to ensure that there is balance and fairness within and between grades and teams for attendance at tournaments.

## **Team/Player selection to attend tournaments**

- The club supports as many players as possible in most of our grades being invited to one or more tournaments per season.
- The club recognises that some tournaments are specifically designed to be highly competitive, whilst other tournaments are designed to encourage participation. This should be taken into account when selecting teams and/or composite teams to attend tournaments.
- The Tournament Coordinator in consultation with Grade Coordinators has overall discretion as to which teams will attend each tournament. If necessary, this will be discussed with the committee.
- If required, the Grade Coordinator in conjunction with the Tournament Coordinator will consider composite teams.
- For major tournaments (e.g. John McCartney Tournament in Taupo and Christchurch International Cup) the club will send its top team. The Onslow/North Wellington TDP teams are considered the top teams for U13 and U15. Where a grade doesn't have a single top team the following process should be used to select players:
  - The Grade Coordinator invites expressions of interest to attend from streamed players. Where a grade doesn't have streamed teams this invite should go to all players in the grade
  - The club Coaching Director along with the Grade Coordinator and input from team coaches should select the team.
  - Where players are considered to be of similar abilities, preference should be given to players who attend the Onslow Skill Centres
  - The Coaching Director and Grade Coordinator may consider organising games or other mechanisms for the interested players to assist with player selection.
  - The Grade Coordinator will invite expressions of interest from coaches and managers to support the team. These roles should be appointed with input from the Coaching Director and Club Captain.
  - When invited to be part of a competitive tournament team, acceptance is on the understanding that extra commitment is required. This may take the form of extra training and participation in preparation games and other tournaments.

## Tournaments

- Recognised tournaments that the club regularly supports include, but are not limited to:

Tournament	Approx month	Grades	Type of team
Kāpiti Coast United Easter Tournament	Easter	Mixed U10-15	Streamed
<a href="#">Wynton Rufer (Stop Out) Tournament</a>	May	Mixed U9-12	Streamed and Non-Streamed
	August	Mixed U7 & U8	Non-Streamed
<a href="#">Christchurch International Cup</a>	July	Mixed U10-U15	Streamed
<a href="#">Western Suburbs Soccer Club Tournament</a>	September	Mixed U7-U15	Streamed and Non-Streamed
<a href="#">Wellington United Extra Time</a>	September	Mixed U8-U10, Girls only U7-U12	Non-Streamed
<a href="#">Douglas Villa Tournament (Masterton)</a>	September	Mixed U8-U15	Streamed and Non-Streamed
<a href="#">John McCartney Tournament (Taupō)</a>	October	Mixed U9-U15, Girls only U10-U14	Streamed

## Costs

- The club will pay the tournament fees for a maximum of two regional tournaments a year per team.
- Major tournaments outside of the Wellington region (e.g. John McCartney Tournament in Taupō and Christchurch International Cup) are to be funded by the team. The club may pay for the initial entry fee, which should then be collected by the team manager from the players and reimbursed to the club.
- Other expenses (such as transport, marquees and accommodation) are met by players.
- The club may, from time to time, require a contribution from players for attendance at tournaments. Where this is necessary, the required contribution will be communicated to players prior to their acceptance.
- If families need support with costs to attend tournaments they should discuss this with their Grade Coordinator.

## Team behaviour

- It is expected that all teams (players, coaches, managers and spectators) attending tournaments adhere to the rules of the respective tournament, the club policy in terms of acceptable standards of behaviour and uphold the club values.

## Resolving any issues

- Any unresolved issues relating to tournament participation or this policy will be referred to the Club Captain and/or the Club President for a final determination.

This policy will be reviewed annually.