

Dear Community Groups,

Firstly, on behalf of Capital Football, the Wellington Phoenix, the Football For Community Development Trust, and the Football For All team, we wanted to thank all community groups who played a vital role in the success of the 2022 Football For All programme.

The programme enabled over 168 tamariki and rangatahi to participate in football by removing barriers such as registration costs, equipment costs, petrol costs and communication difficulties. The programme expanded into the futsal space, where 86 participants played through either term 1 or 4 and 33 players attended our Open Play sessions across an 8 week block. Finally, the programme was able to deliver school futsal sessions to six participating schools.

Secondly, we are excited to confirm that the Football For All programme will be running again in 2023.

Please find below a breakdown of what the 2023 programme will look like! Please read through thoroughly as there is some new information specific for the coming year.

Please feel free to pass this information on to any groups, potential participants or families who you think would benefit from the programmes available.

The Football For All website and registrations are via the link below.

If you require assistance with translation, please reach out directly and we will assist with providing the correct assistance needed.

FOOTBALL FOR ALL REGISTRATION



Overview:

The football programme aims to foster hauora and inclusion by removing barriers such as registration costs, equipment costs, petrol costs and communication difficulties for participants.

Tiered approach:

There are three available tiers for participants to apply for

Tier 1 | Full Support

- Fully covers registration fees
- Provides equipment where necessary (boots, socks, shorts, shinpads)
- Assist with transportation via petrol vouchers
- Assists with communication channels via a coordinator.

Tier 2 | Partial Support

- Fully covers registration fees
- Provides equipment where necessary (boots, socks, shorts, shinpads)
- Assists with communication channels via a coordinator.

Tier 3 | Registration Support

- Full covers registration fees
- Assists with communication channel via a coordinator.

School/Club Football:

Participants can apply to play Club Football or School football, and in some cases where appropriate, play both. If a participant chooses to play Club football, the programme facilitates directly with the club to help register and include the participant. The same applies with school football and working directly with the schools. School students can apply to have their school tournament fees paid for as well. There is limited opportunity for school tournaments, so we suggest participants indicate early on if this is a potential request.

Participant numbers & who can apply:

Tier 1 | 120 Participants *

- Aimed predominantly at the refugee and immigrant community – those who are new to Wellington and needing assistance in getting settled into the community. Also aimed at those facing financial hardship.

Tier 2 | 40 Participants*

- Aimed at those facing financial hardship who may require a little more assistance.

Tier 3 | 40 Participants*

- Predominantly aimed at those facing financial hardship.



^{*}These numbers area gauge for the year – and may fluctuate due to applications and individual needs.

School Holiday programmes:

The 2023 Football For All programme would like to provide an opportunity for participants to take part, if a club runs a holiday programme.

We cannot cover the costs for every player to attend, but we can cover the costs of extra facilitators to support the participants attending club holiday programmes.

We will work closely with clubs running holiday programmes to ensure the right support is provided to enable a great experience for participants is achieved.

Football For All – Futsal Programme:

Overview:

Thanks to our partnership with Up! Foundation, we are again able to offer Futsal as an activity across the year. Participants can choose to play in term 1 or term 4 for their school team, as an individual in a composite team or join a team that is already registered. Similar support is available for Futsal players, including, registration costs and equipment needs. As all games are at centralised venues, there is no additional financial support to help with transportation.

Who Can Apply:

The futsal programme is aimed at similar participants to the football programme, those facing financial hardship and refugee and immigrants in the wider Wellington region.

The below ages can apply:

- 5 to 13 year old's can select to play in junior leagues.
- 13+ year olds can select to play in College teams.
- 18+ year olds can select to play in open social leagues.

Football For All - Open Play:

We will again be continuing the Football For All Open Play sessions for 6 week blocks throughout the year. Open play sessions are designed to give participants the opportunity to:

- Try futsal in a non-league based environment.
- Have coaching from Capital Football coaches.
- Experience games without committing to a league.

These sessions will run for a couple of hours each weekend. Dates for the first 6-week block are to be confirmed.

Football For All – School Visits

The Football For All programme is able to provide facilitators to run school sessions for those who have school connections. How and what this looks like will depend on the school and the clubs involved, but we are committed to providing a positive experience for all. If your club is interested in these options – please reach out.



KEY DATES:

Football Season: April – September

Futsal Term 1: 12th Feb & 17th Feb – 2nd April

Football Registrations: Open Now

Futsal Registrations: **Open Now**

Open Play: **TBC**

FFA OPEN DAY: 8TH/9TH April – TBC

