



Waterside Karori AFC

10th Grade Federation, Junior Premier League and Promotion League Team Selection Process

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This document explains the process that will be used to select the players for the 10th Grade Federation, Junior Premier League (JPL) and Promotion League (Promo) teams.

As with all junior football, the main aims for JPL and Promo teams are:

- to help children to enjoy their football,
- to help children to improve as players.

Research indicates that, at all ability levels, players progress better by playing with and against players of a similar ability level.

At all age groups we are looking for players who show a combination of:

- specific football skills,
- general physical ability,
- enthusiasm to learn and ability to work with others.

Each streamed team will have 13 players.

In grades where there is both a JPL and a Promo team we encourage coaches to train as a single squad, but this may not always be possible.

People

At the trial we will have:

- players,
- selectors,
- coaches.

The selectors observe and assess the players. The coaches will run the session. Teams will be finalised **after** the session, and the results communicated to the players.

Process

Ideally we'd like to have a full season of watching players in real matches, reading scouting reports and watching videos. We can't do that at this stage, so we need to run trials which allow us to assess the factors we are looking for.

Trials will involve:

- skill and technical warm-up,
- skill assessment, based on Football NZ Small Whites assessments,
- small-sided games
- for each grade from 10th up, there is a head coach and there are three independent selectors who are qualified and experienced coaches. There is one selection session per grade (10th and above).

Issues for parents

Anyone who has read the back pages of the newspapers will know that team selections are often hotly debated. We do our best to be well-informed, fair and honest, but, inevitably, we will make decisions with which not everyone will agree. If you think we have made a mistake please talk with us.

Trials and testing can be stressful: please help everyone by ensuring that your child knows that your love and support are not dependant on whether he or she is selected for a particular football team. Please also be aware that the selectors are not judging your abilities as a parent, nor assessing your child's worth as a human being. Remember that junior football is just a bunch of kids kicking a bag of air around a field.

Selection calendar for 2009

Selection for each grade runs over three Sundays afternoons in March.

Venue: Ian Galloway Park, Karori.

15th March Grades tba times tba

22nd March Grades tba times tba

29th March Grades tba times tba