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## ***TAG FOOTBALL – COMPETITOR NOTES***

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It is compulsory for all entrants in this event and their supporters to read this notice and comply with its stipulations. They are also responsible for familiarising themselves with the event course and all its hazards. Please inform your supporters of their responsibility to comply.

Signing your waiver or completing your online entry is an indication you agree to comply with these guidelines.

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### ***PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY***

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- 🚫 You are responsible for your own health and safety during the event.
- 🚫 You should only undertake to participate in this event if you believe that you are fit to do so.
- 🚫 At no stage during this event should you engage in activity that would threaten your own safety and the safety of other people.
- 🚫 You should obey marshal and Event Staff where they are instructing you for your safety.
- 🚫 Marshals are giving up their time to help you, please treat them with respect. If you have any issues with a marshal's conduct please do not approach them independently – please refer to the Event Manager.

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### ***GENERAL NOTES***

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- 🚫 The roads are open for all normal traffic but should not impact on the TAG Football event. The event takes place in a public area.
- 🚫 Competitors must behave in a manner that is safe, fair and demonstrates good sports conduct before, during and after the race.
- 🚫 No earphones or headsets are allowed at any time during the event.
- 🚫 Please report any accidents to the Event Director or marshal during the event.
- 🚫 Please give assistance to fellow competitors in need of help.
- 🚫 If you have finished your match, please have consideration for others still playing.
- 🚫 If spectators have no choice but to bring dogs, they must be on a leash at all times and kept well clear of all competitors.

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## VENUE

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The venue for the TAG Football Event is Westbrook Reserve, Devon Street West, Rotorua

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## PARKING

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Parking is provided at the Venue. There are several parking options near to the Westbrook Reserve (shown below):



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## REGISTRATION

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Registration for the TAG Football will be at Westbrook Reserve at the following times:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 8.30am

The TAG Football Competition will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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## **COMPETITION RULES**

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### **Competition Format**

The TAG Football Tournament will be Round Robin pool play, with semi-finals determined after pool matches.

### **Team Composition**

TAG Football Teams should have a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 14 players including Coach / Manager.

Mixed TAG Football Teams must have 4 females and 4 males on the field of play at any one time.

### **Rules – ‘The Basics’**

- 🏈 TAG Football is a minimal contact game.
- 🏈 Maximum of 8 players at any one time.
- 🏈 Defender must remove one or both tags to stop attacker’s progress. The player then holds up the tag and drops it to the ground, at the point the tag, marking where they play the ball should occur.
- 🏈 There is one marker at the play the ball.
- 🏈 Defending players are inside seven metres from the play the ball.
- 🏈 Defensive line can move forward only when dummy half touches the ball. Dummy half can run and be tagged with the ball.
- 🏈 Six tags / plays are allowed to promote the ball before changeover.
- 🏈 An attacker (player in possession of the ball) must stop and play the ball if he is in possession with only one tag on.
- 🏈 The only persons able to promote the ball with one tag on are dummy half, and the player taking the tap, providing they do not take more than one step with the ball.
- 🏈 A knock back is play on. Knock on – advantage rule applies.
- 🏈 The attacker cannot deliberately bump into a defender. A defender cannot change direction and move into the attacker’s path. Whoever initiates contact will be penalised. The onus is on the attacking player to avoid the defender. **‘Run at Spaces not Faces’**.
- 🏈 The ball carrier is not allowed to protect or cover his tag or fend off defenders.
- 🏈 A try is awarded to the attacking team when they ground the ball on or over the try-line.
- 🏈 A two point try is awarded when the ball is grounded in the 5 metre two point zone in the middle of each try-line. The ball cannot be passed once the ball carrier crosses the try-line. Penalty. The ball carrier cannot run back into the field of play after crossing the try-line. Handover at the 10m line.
- 🏈 Simultaneous tag is play on. The referee judges this pass which is allowed and calls “play on”. Advantage to the attacking team.

- ⊗ An attacker may pass the ball when he / she is over his / her own defending try-line to a team mate who may run the ball out. If the ball is dropped, a line drop out will be ruled. A player in possession may run behind his / her own defending try-line and back out into the field of play.
- ⊗ Players can dive to score a try, however, if this player touches the ground with the knees or arms before the try-line or slides across the line and a defender is within tagging distance a try is disallowed and a tag is counted.
- ⊗ At a kick in general play, an attacking player can dive or take possession of the ball after the ball has crossed the plane of the try-line, and before it touches the ground, and then ground the ball for a try. If a defending player touches the ball, after it crosses the plane of the try-line, the ball is immediately dead and play will restart with a tap at the centre of the 10m line.

### **Kicking**

- ⊗ A team may kick the ball before the initial tag is made on any play, e.g. a team who picks up the ball in general play from kick-off, knock-on, loose ball, etc. may kick the ball before being tagged.
- ⊗ Kicks in general cannot be above the shoulder height of the referee. Attacking team cannot dive on a ball kicked in general play but may kick on.
- ⊗ Kick offs: If the ball lands in the field of play and then travels across the try-line, a player who was inside the field of play at the kick off, may catch the ball after it crosses the plane of try-line and before it hits the ground, and run the ball back into the field of play.
- ⊗ Line Drop Outs: If the ball lands in the field of play and then travels across the try-line, whether touched or not by the receiving team, a line dropout occurs.
- ⊗ If the ball is kicked or passed into the referee, the referee will order a changeover where he was struck.

### **Misconduct**

- ⊗ Unsportsmanlike conduct covers the behaviour and attitude of players on the field and may result in penalty, sin bin or dismissal.

### **Scoring**

- ⊗ From a kick in general play, if the ball crosses the plane of the try-line and before it touches the ground, the ball may be grounded for a try by an attacking player. If a defending player deliberately makes contact with the ball, after it crosses the plane of the try-line, the ball is made dead. Play is restarted with a tap kick at the centre of the 10m line.

### **Attacking Rules**

- ⊗ If the player in possession of the ball, goes to ground or touches the ground, or jumps off both feet, and there is no defender within tagging distance, the referee will call “play on”.

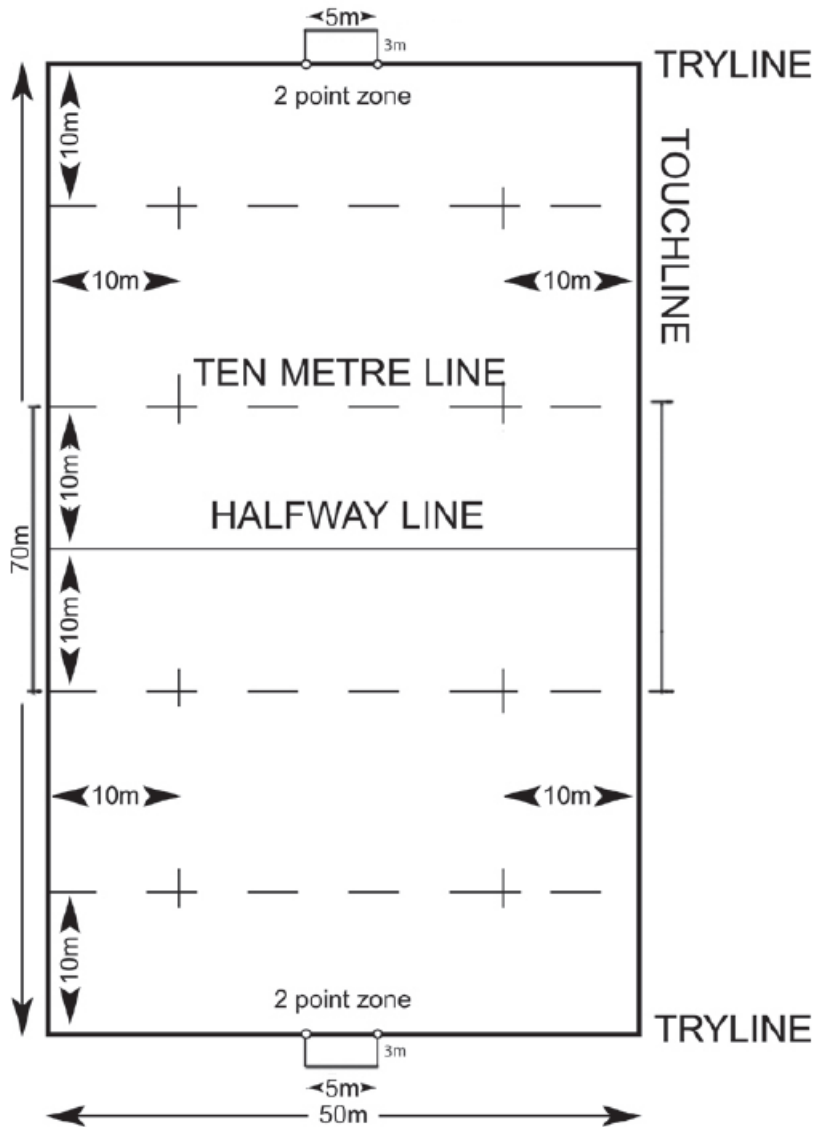
### **Kicking Rules**

- ⊗ The ball may be kicked in general play, prior to any tag being made, and after any tag.
- ⊗ An attacking player cannot dive on the ball if a kick has been made, unless attempting to score a try. In general play, once the receiving team controls the ball, this team then

becomes the attacking team and the same rule applies to that team. This rule applies to all kicking situations, other than attempting to score a try.

- 🌀 If the ball is kicked and crosses the plane of the non-kicking teams try-line and hits the ground, play will restart with a tap kick at the centre of the 10m line.

### Playing Field




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### SCHEDULE

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The Schedule of Play / Draw for your competition will be available as soon as practicable after Registration for the Games closes on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The Draw will be available via the Games APP and Website.

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## **SPECTATORS**

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Spectators are welcome to attend the TAG Football Event. APES Games 2023 staff and the TAG Football Event Team will strive to keep all spectators safe from harm but all spectators are responsible for their own personal safety.

Here are some pointers to help spectators stay safe while watching the event:

- 🚫 Be responsible and keep your own safety in mind.
- 🚫 Always follow and obey marshal's instructions.
- 🚫 Observe and follow all event signs.
- 🚫 Stay within designated spectator areas.
- 🚫 Do not enter any restricted areas. If you are unsure, please ask a marshal.
- 🚫 Keep off the track and always pay attention.
- 🚫 Children to be accompanied at all times.

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## **PRIZE GIVING**

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Prize Giving will take place at the Games Hub, Rotorua Energy Events Centre between 5.30pm – 7pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Full details of the medal ceremony will be provided once Games Registration closes on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

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## **KEY CONTACTS / INFORMATION**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/Organisation</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
Claude Lusitini	Event Manager / NZTFI Development Officer	
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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Food and Drink will be available for purchase at the venue.

Physio & Strapping services are available through Go Physio (1221 Haupapa Street, Rotorua – Tel: 07 347 8380) who will be operating a Drop-in Clinic 7am – 5pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - <https://gophysio.co.nz/>

