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## ***TOUCH RUGBY – 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 Touch Rugby 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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## **GAMES REGISTRATION**

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All participants are required to check in at the Registration Desk at the Games Hub (Rotorua Energy Events Centre) in person before playing sports or taking part in an activity.

For safety and security, we cannot accept someone checking you in on your behalf. This includes Teams. Each Team Member is required to check in individually at the Games Registration.

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## **VENUE**

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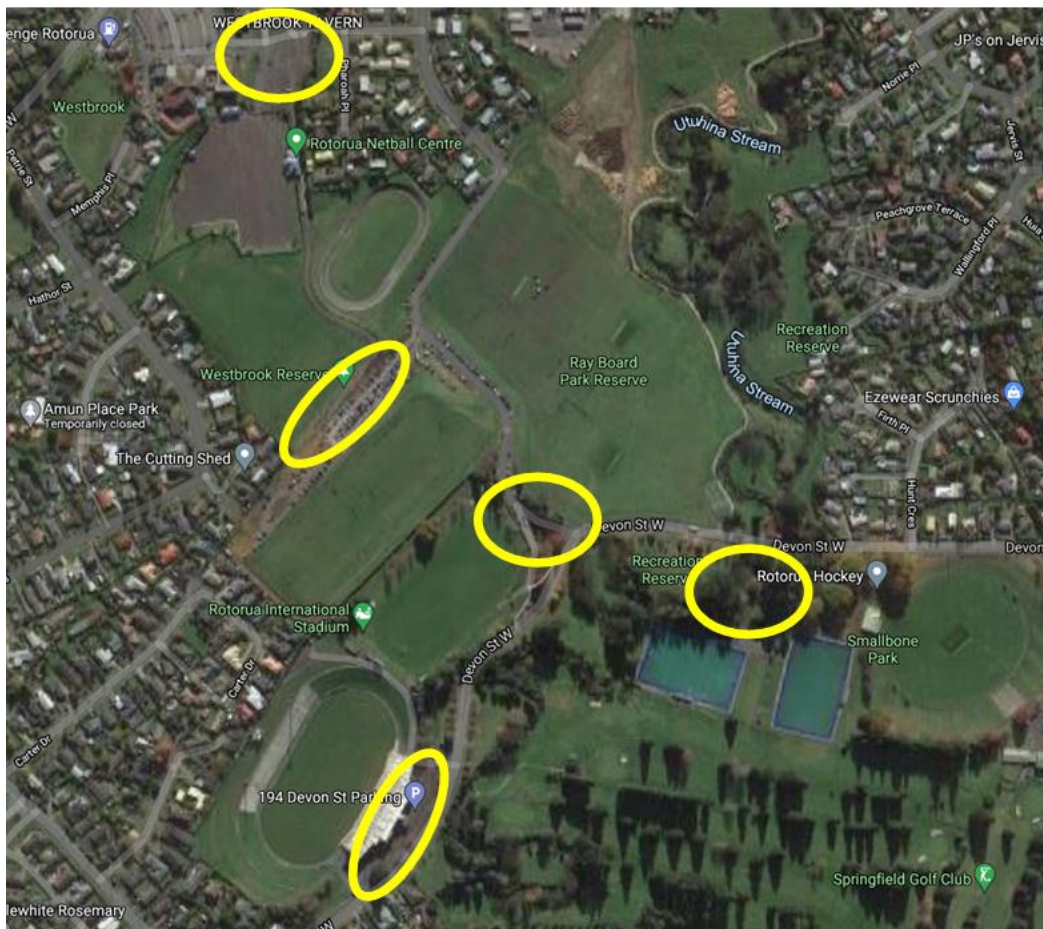
The venue for the Touch Rugby Event is Westbrook Reserve, Devon Street West, Rotorua

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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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## ***EVENT CHECK-IN***

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Event Check-in for the Touch Rugby will be at Westbrook Reserve at the following times:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 8.00am

A Team Managers briefing will take place at 8.15am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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## ***COMPETITION RULES***

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### **Competition Format**

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

### **Team Composition**

Touch Rugby Teams should have a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 14 players including Coach / Manager.

This is a Mixed Touch Rugby competition and teams must have a minimum of 2 females per team on the field at all times.

### **Competition Description**

This is a Touch Rugby or Touch Football (for our Australian Competitors).

This will be a 6-a-side event.

**Pool Games** - These will be 2 x 15 minute halves, with a 3 minute break at half-time.

**Semi Finals, Finals & Placing Games** - These will be 2 x 20 minute halves, with a 3 minute break at half-time.

### **Rules**

This competition will be played in accordance with [The Playing Rules of Touch 8<sup>th</sup> Edition.](#)

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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 Touch Rugby Event. APES Games 2023 staff and the Touch Rugby 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 5pm – 7pm on Friday 10<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>
Michael McQuarrie	Event Manager / Sports Co-ordinator	021 193 1189
Graham Perks	APES Games Sports Manager	021 191 3660

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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/>

