



WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL



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13/8/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Touch 2024

Touch season isn't too far away. Touch will begin at the end of Term 3 (Week 9 & 10) and carry on throughout Term 4. The games will be held every Thursday in Balclutha at the Balclutha Showgrounds.

At this stage it will be endeavoured to play the year 3 & 4 competition at 4pm with the year 5-8 competition starting at 4.30pm. This is all number dependent and will be confirmed once entries are collated. Section One is likely to be played at 5.30pm or 6pm. Each team is to supply one referee each week for their games.

The Year 3 & 4 section will not be running as a competition this year. There will be no scoring or points taken from these games, with a focus being more about participation, skill development and building confidence.

There will be no grading rounds again this season. The competition begins on Thursday 19th September (Week 9, Term 3) which gives teams 9 weeks of competition before semis and finals. There will be no touch on show week- 28th November

This year semifinals and finals will run on the same night. This will be Thursday 12th December.

Prizegiving will be held following the last final on Thursday 12th December. This will be held in front of the grandstand. It would be great if everyone stays for this.

Touch Competition fees will be \$10 per player for the season.

PTO for the rest of the note

I give permission for _____ to play touch this season.

I _____ am available to coach/manage (circle which is appropriate) a touch team this season.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Teeny Touch

Teeny Touch is for Year 1 and 2 students and games will be 15 mins each way on a modified field starting from 4pm. This year all Teeny Touch will now be played over the bank on the back fields each week. Each team will need a coach/manager/supporter that runs on the field with their team. Teeny touch begins in the first week of Term 4 (Thursday 17th October). Teeny Touch fees are also \$10 per child.

Can you please fill in this form to allow your child to play touch this season. Fees are to be paid once teams are confirmed (after the second touch letter is sent home).

Coaching Clinics

On Wednesday 4th September there will be a Foundation level coaching clinic at 5:30pm at the Cross Recreation Centre. This will be run by Jarrod Powell, our Otago Touch Association Operations Manager. It will offer foundation level skills and knowledge for Teeny Touch right up to Year 7&8's and is suitable for students, parents, teachers and experienced coaches to attend.

All teams will need coaches and managers. Can you please also fill in the form below if you are interested in coaching or managing a team. Could you please return this form to school by **Friday 23rd August 2024** so we can get teams, coaches and managers organised along with entering teams into the competition.

Any queries, please contact me here at school.

Kind regards
Lauren Chapman