



# Team Formation Process

Tauranga Blue Rovers Football Club

## Background

Team formation for our regular winter season football programmes follows New Zealand Football guidelines.

## First Kicks | Grade 4 to 6 (aged 4 to 6)

1. Players are registered in Friendly Manager. The registration process includes a field to select if the player wishes to stay with the same team as last year, and a field noting any friends they would like to be in a team with.
2. Grade Coordinators use the registration information to create the teams based on:
  - a. if the player wishes to stay with the same team;
  - b. if the player can be placed in a team with any nominated friends;
  - c. if the player can be placed in a team with other children from their school;
  - d. if the player can be placed in a team with other children from their neighbourhood; and
  - e. feedback from coaches.
3. Final teams are confirmed and parents/caregivers informed.

## Mini Football and Junior Football | Grade 7 to 12 (aged 7 to 12)

1. Players are registered in Friendly Manager. The registration process includes a field to select if the player wishes to stay with the same team as last year, and a field noting any friends they would like to be in a team with.
2. Grade Coordinators use the registration information to create the teams based on:
  - a. if the player wishes to stay with the same team;
  - b. if the player can be placed in a team with any nominated friends;
  - c. if the player can be placed in a team with other children from their school;
  - d. if the player can be placed in a team with other children from their neighbourhood; and
  - e. feedback from coaches.
3. The teams assemble at the preseason muster to meet each other and play some football. Coaches are appointed from parents/caregivers for any teams without a coach. Coaches and club staff observe players looking at how children play together. Parents/caregivers can also approach the Grade Coordinator at this stage if they have any concerns with their child integrating into the team.
4. Final teams are confirmed and parents/caregivers informed.

## **Youth Football | Grade 13 to 19 (aged 13 to 19)**

1. Players are registered in Friendly Manager. The registration process includes a field to select if the player wishes to stay with the same team as last year, and a field noting any friends they would like to be in a team with.
2. Grade Coordinators use the registration information to create the teams considering:
  - if the player wishes to stay with the same team.
  - if the player can be placed in a team with any nominated friends.
  - player ability.
  - feedback from coaches.
3. The teams assemble at the preseason muster to meet each other and play some football. Coaches are appointed from parents/caregivers for any teams without a coach. Coaches and club staff observe players looking at how children play together. Parents/caregivers can also approach the Grade Coordinator at this stage if they have any concerns with their child integrating into the team.
4. Final teams are confirmed and parents/caregivers informed.