

# School Touch Information

Welcome to Kapiti Junior Touch's 2019/2020 season, Kapiti's largest summer sport.

## Fees

Fees are \$45.00 for the first child in the family, \$25.00 for each subsequent child per family. This payment covers your child's registration to Kapiti Junior Touch, team equipment and the use of a school sports top for the season.

## Teams

Each team has limited numbers, with a minimum of 3-4 girls per team, with a recommended team maximum of 12. Teams will be populated on a first-in, first-serve basis, so please return your registration form together with payment as soon as possible. Teams will be streamed where there is more than one team represented in a grade. This is to ensure all players are given the best opportunity to enjoy the game.

## Season Dates

The first leg of the season starts on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, stopping for Xmas break on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Leg two of our season starts on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**All games are played at Mazengarb Reserve, Scaife Drive, Paraparaumu.**

## October School Holiday Touch Academy Sessions

We will be running two fun-packed, 3-hour Touch Sessions where you can learn a variety of skills to kickstart your touch season. Check out our KJT website and Facebook for dates.

## Uniform

Our school teams must wear their school sports team uniforms during play. Boots with metal sprigs or bare feet aren't allowed on touch fields, referees will send players off the field.

## Game Day and Times

Tuesdays – Under 7, Under 8 at 5.00 or 5.40

Wednesdays – Under 12, Under 14 at 5.30pm, 6.10pm or 6.50pm

Thursdays – Under 10 at 5.30pm, 6.10pm or 6.50pm

The weekly draw will be on our KJT website every Monday.

NOTE: Grade eligibility is determined by player age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

IE: If your child is born in the following years they will play in the following grades: 2014/13-U 7s, 2012-U8s, 20011/10-U10s, 2009/08-U12, 2007/06-U14, 2005 and still at school u14.

## Rules

A simplified version of touch rules is available at [www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch)

## **Under 7/8s**

All Under 7 teams must wait until the dummy half passes the ball before advancing to make a touch. Coaches referee their own games in the U7 grade, and both coaches can be on the field during play. Under 7 and Under 8 teams play across a half field.

U8s will be supplied a referee so coaches must stay on the sideline.

## **Cancellations**

In the event we need to cancel play due to weather, we will update our KJT website, Facebook and inform your school/coaches as soon as we are able.

## **Coaches and Helpers**

We require coaches and helpers for every team we enter, no previous experience is needed as we will assist you.

Touch has one of the highest participation numbers of any summer sport in Kapiti and we hope this is because it nurtures some of the positive values of sport – fair play, participation, and fun. Please consider coaching a team, it's not hard, and is a rewarding experience. **Touch NZ has online training and practical courses for coaches.**

**KJT is also hosting a free practical Touch NZ Foundation coaching course on September 23rd at Raumati Beach School Hall.**

Register via:

<http://www.touchcoachconnect.co.nz/touch-nz-coaching-courses--up-coming-course-dates.html>

## **Referees**

KJT support and train junior referees as they are an integral part of our module, if you are year 6/7/8 or above and would like to do our referee course, please enquire online.

The TMRC (module referee course for beginners) will be held in October date TBC.

## **BBQ Duty**

During this season, your team will be asked to do a BBQ Duty, this should only happen once during the season. We ask 1-2 helpers from your team to come up to the BBQ and cook sausages during your child's game, your team will always be drawn to play on field 3 so you can still see the game. Thanks for your support as our BBQ helps to fund our referees.

## **Representative Trials**

If your child is wanting to experience a higher standard of Touch, Touch Kapiti Horowhenua are holding trials for U10-U18 grades on the 28<sup>th</sup> October at Mazengarb Reserve. For more details and player pathways please visit the Touch Kapiti Horowhenua website.

## **KJT School vs School Tournament/Prize giving**

For the seventh year running, KJT will run this event in March 2020 to showcase our best players within our module. Automatic entry for each grade from each school within Kapiti, team selections and entries via school coordinators/coaches in February.

Regards,

Tansy Sharp  
Raumati Beach School Coordinator  
And your Kapiti Junior Touch Committee

**KJT WEBSITE:** [www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kapitijuniortouch)

### **Positive Parent Guidelines**

Good sport is about positive attitude. You can set the right tone and help to make your child's involvement in sport successful. Ensure that you:

- **Encourage your child, and other people's children, in their efforts in sport**
- **Insist that your child plays within the rules and plays fairly**
- **Respect your child's efforts the same regardless of whether s/he has won or Lost.**
- **Display self-control on the sideline. Always be positive. Do not ridicule players or shout at them in a negative fashion.**
- **Watch your child play and let him/her enjoy the game**
- **Show your appreciation to people who volunteer their time so that your child can Play.**
- **Remember your child plays sport for his/her reasons, not yours.**
- **Be a positive role-model for your child.**
- **Never put undue pressure on your child to perform.**
- **Make an effort to understand the rules of the game.**
- **Promote competition as an important aspect of participation in sport while ensuring that your child accepts winning and losing gracefully.**
- **Give it heaps and don't get ugly!**