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NZ JUNIOR RUGBY FESTIVAL

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KEY DATES

20 APRIL

- FINAL DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL & DEPOSIT REFUND

07 MAY

- EQUIPMENT HIRE INFO RELEASED

01 JUNE

- REMAINING ENTRY FEES DUE

17 JUNE

- MERCHANDISE PRE-ORDERS RELEASED

01 JULY

- TEAM SHEETS DUE
- CLUB BLURB & LOGO DUE (PLEASE SEND PRIOR)

01 AUGUST

- EQUIPMENT HIRE PACKAGES DUE
- BUDDY TEAM INFO SENT OUT

17 AUGUST

- MERCHANDISE PRE-ORDER CUT OFF

16 SEPTEMBER

- FINAL WEIGH-IN SHEETS DUE
(OR WEIGH-IN SLOT BOOKED BY)

17-20 SEPTEMBER

- NZJRF TAUPŌ FESTIVAL DATES

01 NOVEMBER

- 2027 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

PLEASE NOTE: THE DRAW WILL BE FINALISED AS SOON AS WE HAVE RECEIVED ALL TEAM SHEETS AND WILL BE SENT TO TEAMS DIRECTLY IN AN UPDATE



NZ JUNIOR RUGBY FESTIVAL

“Heading across to NZ with 22 young boys was no small feat, and the festival you put on was absolutely worth every bit it took to get there. What a festival. Thank you for everything you do for the teams and the kids. It’s an experience they’ll never forget.”

-Jami-Lee, Raptors U12s, Australia

WELCOME

TO THE NZ JUNIOR RUGBY FESTIVAL 2026

Tēnā koutou, nau mai, haere mai.

Welcome to Global Games 2026.

It is a real privilege to welcome you to another Global Games festival, where young players, teams, coaches, whānau and supporters come together through sport, connection and shared experience.

Global Games has always been about more than the games played on the field. It is about the friendships formed, the communities connected, the memories made and the life lessons our young people take with them long after the final whistle.

Since Global Games began, more than 65,000 grassroots players and over 400,000 family members and supporters have been part of this journey. That is something we are incredibly proud of, but it is also only the beginning.

Earlier this year, we launched my vision for Global Games: March to a Million, a goal to connect one million people through our events by 2035. It is a big vision, but one we believe in deeply. Every team that attends, every whānau that travels, every volunteer who gives their time, and every young player who steps onto the field becomes part of that story.

To every team joining us in 2026, no matter where you have travelled from or who you represent, we are so pleased to have you here. These festivals are built on sportsmanship, teamwork, respect and enjoyment, and we encourage every player, coach and supporter to carry those values throughout the weekend.

Our mission is to deliver a world-class festival experience where every participant feels welcomed, supported and proud to be involved. We want this to be a weekend your players remember, not only for the sport, but for the people they meet, the places they visit and the moments they share together.

To the coaches, managers, volunteers, referees, supporters and families, thank you. We know the huge amount of work that goes into getting teams here, raising funds, organising travel, preparing players and supporting junior sport week after week. These events would not be possible without your dedication.

Thank you for being part of Global Games 2026 and for helping us continue to build something bigger than sport.

– Tyrone Campbell, Founder



OUR PILLARS

The cornerstone of Global Games lies in our four pillars: **Enjoyment, Sustainability, Sportsmanship**, and **Empowerment**. These principles are not just ideals but guideposts that define every aspect of our festivals.

ENJOYMENT | HĀKINAKINA

Creating a positive experience for every child: This is our core mission at all our festivals, where the interests of the children always come first. We have a well-structured framework in place to ensure that, regardless of skill level, every team has the chance to enjoy the Global Games to the fullest and have an unforgettable experience. Over the weekend, every team will play multiple games against teams from different regions.

SUSTAINABILITY | TOITŪ

Global Games is dedicated to using practical tools and methodologies rooted in the three dimensions of sustainable development: social, environmental, and economic. We recognise that the “great time we have had today” should not leave behind problems for tomorrow. That’s why we actively worked towards hosting all our events as zero-waste by 2025, in partnership with WOW (Without Waste), a feat that we proudly achieved! Together, we are committed to setting a standard for sustainability, inspiring responsible waste practices, and shaping a greener future for the next generations.

SPORTSMANSHIP | WHANONGA TAPATAHI

Sportsmanship is at the heart of every Global Games festival, and not only during matches. To foster connections and camaraderie, teams attending are buddied with another team from outside their region before the big weekend and encouraged to connect beforehand. During the festival, they have the opportunity to meet in person, cheer for each other, and build friendships beyond the field. Global Games has also implemented a world-class points system that rewards good sportsmanship and discourages negative behaviour, both on and off the field. This initiative has significantly reduced sideline tension, creating a more positive and vibrant atmosphere at our events. The bonds formed through these efforts often extend beyond the festival, with teams staying in touch and reconnecting long after the final whistle has blown.

EMPOWERMENT | WHAKAMANA

We empower young people in a unified and inspiring way, regardless of their sporting abilities or backgrounds. The Global Games experience extends beyond the field, fostering personal growth, resilience, and confidence. There are countless stories from clubs about the transformative impact our festivals have had on their young players, from boosting self-belief to improving teamwork and leadership skills. For many participants, this is their first opportunity to travel beyond their home regions, broadening their horizons and giving them the chance to interact with other teams and cultures. Through these experiences, they gain valuable life skills such as independence, adaptability, and a deeper appreciation for diversity. We are proud to provide an environment where young people can form lifelong friendships, celebrate their individuality, and return home not only as better players but as more empowered individuals ready to take on the world.



SAFETY MEASURES

The safety and well-being of all participants are our highest priorities at The Global Games. We are committed to providing a secure environment for young athletes, many of whom may be experiencing their first major sporting event.

Every festival is underpinned by a robust health and safety plan, independently audited to ensure the highest standards are met.

To further enhance player safety, each team is required to bring:

- A qualified first aider (with a St John Basic First Aid qualification or equivalent).
- A fully stocked first aid kit.
- Their own supply of ice for daily use.

While our professional festival medical team, including experienced paramedics, will provide on-site medical assistance throughout the event, the team's first aider is the first point of contact for assessing whether further medical support is needed. Limited first aid kits will be available for purchase at the festival if required.

In the event of an injury or emergency, please inform our Event Staff immediately so that we can provide the necessary support and assistance. We must all work together to ensure that the festival is a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

MOUTHGUARDS AND INJURY MANAGEMENT

Mouthguards are mandatory for all players and will be checked before games can start. If a player is injured during a match, the game must be stopped immediately to ensure the player receives proper care. Any players on the field who are injured and/or bleeding must be removed immediately, and a substitute can be played while they are being attended to. All cuts or wounds must be properly dressed with bandages, dressings, and protective materials before the player can return to play. Minor wounds may be treated quickly on the field without substitution, but this is at the discretion of the medical staff on the day.

HEAD INJURIES AND CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

Head injuries and concussions are taken extremely seriously at The Global Games.

If a player is suspected of having a concussion:

- They will be immediately removed
- from the game and will not be allowed to return to play on the same day.
- If diagnosed with a concussion, the player will be placed on a mandatory 21-day stand-down period, during which they must follow a supervised return-to-play protocol.
- Medical clearance from a concussion specialist is required before they can resume any sport.

All head injuries must be assessed by the event medical team. While on-site physiotherapists and paramedics can suspect and refer potential cases, a medical doctor with expertise in concussion management is required for diagnosis and clearance.

RED FLAGS

Certain symptoms require immediate removal from play and no return until the mandatory stand-down period is completed with medical supervision and clearance. These include:

- Loss of consciousness.
- Vomiting.
- Double vision.
- Balance or motor coordination issues.
- Any other concerning neurological symptoms.

Refer to www.rugbysmart.co.nz for further concussion management guidelines.

USEFUL MEDICAL CONTACTS:

Local Hospital

TAUPŌ HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
38 Kotare Street Hilltop, Taupō, 3330
Local Specialised Concussion Physiotherapist

FOX PHYSIO NZ

Phone: 07 376 7123

6 Motutaiko Street, Taupō

Local Radiology Services

TAUPŌ HOSPITAL (AS ABOVE) or
TRG IMAGING
115 Te Heuheu Street
07 377 3372

RULES & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

NZJRF 2026 RULES

2026 WEIGHT / AGE RESTRICTIONS

The New Zealand Junior Rugby Festival - Taupō is played in accordance with World Rugby and New Zealand Rugby Laws of the Game. All coaches attending must have completed NZ Rugby's compulsory Coaching Small Blacks Course.

New Zealand Rugby has moved to school-year-based grades. However, we know different Provincial Unions still apply age, weight and school-year rules slightly differently in their local competitions.

To keep the festival fair and consistent across all regions, the following rules apply:

- Players must compete in the same grade they have primarily played in their home union/competition during the 2026 season
- They may play up one grade
- Players are not permitted to play down a grade
- All teams must comply with the official festival grades and weight limits
- Dispensations are limited and managed via the Global Games Committee

These rules are in place to keep the festival safe, fair and enjoyable for all players.

AGE GROUPS

The following age groups will apply in both regional and restricted grades at the NZJRF 2026

- Year 5 / U10 - born 2016 or after
- Year 6 / U11 - born 2015 or after
- Year 7 / U12 - born 2014 or after
- Year 8 / U13 - born 2013 or after

RESTRICTED GRADES

- Year 5 / U10 - 45kg
- Year 6 / U11 - 50kg
- Year 7 / U12 - 58kg
- Year 8 / U13 - 65kg

REGIONAL GRADES

- Year 5 / U10 - 50kg
- Year 6 / U11 - 57kg
- Year 7 / U12 - 65kg
- Year 8 / U13 - 75kg
- + Up to 1 Dispensation on the field. Teams can only play 2 dispensations per game, and only one can be on the field at a time (both must play half a game each).

It is the responsibility of each club, team and management group to ensure all players meet the festival's grade and weight requirements before arriving.

If a player is close to the weight limit during the season, please communicate this clearly with the player and their family as early as possible. We do not want any child arriving at the festival unaware that they may not be eligible to play.

If a formal complaint is made in writing about the size, weight or eligibility of a player, the player or players in question may be weighed again by the festival team.

Any team found to be playing players outside the eligibility or weight rules may lose points towards major awards. In serious cases, this may also affect the club's ability to attend future Global Games events, including a possible two-year stand-down.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

All players must meet the weight requirements at final weigh-in for their festival grade.

- Only Regional grades at NZJRF Taupō may use dispensation players.
- Teams may have up to **one** dispensation player on the field at any time.
- At final weigh-in, any player over the Regional grade weight cap will be classed as a dispensation player. If a team has more than one dispensation player, they must rotate them so only **one is on the field at a time**. These players should each play **no more than half a game**.
- Players who have been officially approved by their Provincial Union and have played in the same team and grade for more than half of the season may remain with that team at the festival, provided they meet Global Games eligibility requirements.
- If that player is under the relevant weight cap, they will be treated as part of the squad. If they are over the weight cap, they will be treated as a dispensation player.
- Any special dispensation requests, including medical or compassionate circumstances, must be submitted to Global Games before the festival and approved by the Global Games Committee.
- Teams must submit information about dispensated players to carla@globalgames.co.nz

NUMBERED JERSEYS AND GAME SHEETS

- To support fair play and eligibility checks, all teams must play in numbered jerseys.
- **Before each match**, team managers must complete their digital game sheet on the Global Games app, confirming which players are playing and which jersey number each player is wearing.
- Before each game, coaches must meet with the referee to confirm which numbered jerseys are assigned to any dispensation players. This ensures transparency and consistency throughout the festival.
- Teams must also carry a spare jersey and ensure all required player details are included in their game sheets.

RULES – SPECTATORS & PARENTS SPECTATORS/PARENTS

- Set a positive example for children by respecting that rugby is a sport played for fun and enjoyment.
- Never harass players, coaches, or officials. Anyone deemed to be abusive will be asked to leave the grounds immediately.
- Applaud the performances of both teams and be positive towards the referees, acknowledging their efforts.
- Let the children play their game, not your game.

Praise the actual efforts of players, rather than just the results. Do not criticise or put down players, coaches, or referees.



2026 JUNIOR FRAMEWORK

	YEAR 5 / U10	YEAR 6 / U11	YEAR 7 / U12	YEAR 8 / U13
MIN PLAYERS IN SQUAD/MAX PER GAME	14	15	22	
PLAYERS ON FIELD	9	10	15	
GAME LENGTH	2x15 min halves			
FIELD SIZE*	60x35m	70x50m	60x100m	
BALL SIZE	3		4	
KICK-OFF	Tap and pass Kick-offs to be rotated through all players	Punt or drop kick by scoring side. Kick offs to be rotated through all players	Normal	
TACKLE	No fending to the head, face or neck regions. Tackle must be below the sternum. A player must not tackle an opponent whose feet are off the ground. The tackled player must release the ball when either the player or the ball is grounded.			
SCRUMS	No scrums	Always 5 in scrum. No contest and no pushing	Always 8 in scrum. Contest and pushing. The push is limited to half a metre maximum. Safety is paramount. A 'Scrum Factory' must be carried out by all U12 coaches.	
LINEOUT	No lineouts	Always 5 in lineout	Always 8 in lineout	
		There is to be no lineout lifting at any level		
KICKING	Encourage running and passing		Yes	
PENALTY	Tap and Pass		Normal options apply	
TRY	If score blow-outs are occurring (ie 25+ at halftime), both coaches MUST meet and come to an agreement as to how they can generate a more even contest. Try = 5 pts			
CONVERSION	No conversions		Conversions not to be taken further out than the 15m line.	
SUBS	All players must play a minimum of half a game (this is to include at least two full quarters). Rolling substitutions are not permitted. Substitutions may be made at half time or approximately half way through each half when the referee will allow and signal a Substitution Break.			

*Due to venue and space limitations, field sizes may vary slightly from standard dimensions. Fields will be marked as consistently and fairly as possible.

TEAM SHEETS, WEIGH-IN & REGISTRATION

ENTRY FEE

The cost of entry to the Global Games festival is \$95/ player – Due 1st June.

TEAM WITHDRAWALS

20th April is the final date to withdraw from the festival, after which time, there are no refunds.

Each year there are issues with teams withdrawing from the festival at the 11th hour. Teams withdrawing late have a flow on effect for all teams in that draw. Most teams are travelling a long way via bus or plane to attend the festival and they do get upset when they are robbed of games, withdrawing late is not a good look for your club or school. Remember you and your team(s) have made a commitment to attend when confirmed in the draw.

TEAM SHEETS

All teams attending are required to complete team sheets via our online form.

This will be emailed out to teams in June.

WE REQUIRE EVERY PLAYER'S

- **Full Name.**
- **Date of Birth.**
- **NZRU Number.**
- **Current Weight.**

YEAR 5

Minimum 14 players.

YEAR 6

Minimum 15 players.

YEARS 7/8

Minimum 22 players.

There is no maximum number of players you can bring, but you can only play 14 players per game (Year 5), 15 players per game (Year 6), and 22 players per game (Years 7/8).

Team sheets must be completed no later than **1st July 2026*** so please ensure you register all your players with NZRU via your club before this date.

**If you don't know who is in your team by this date, you cannot enter, best to look at 2027 events.*



WEIGH-INS

Team weigh-ins can take place at your club the Monday or Tuesday before the event, by either a club chairperson/president or union delegate, who can sign off the team weigh-in sheet the week of the festival. They must sight each player on the scales and take full responsibility of ensuring that each player meets the weight guidelines.

We can also do onsite weigh-ins, for those not able to have an official weigh-in for their team/s.

STEPS FOR weigh-in

1. Organise a date with your club official or union delegate
2. Print off and fill out the weigh-in sheet (emailed to clubs in August)
3. At the weigh-in, hand write weights, date and signature from the official or delegate on the weigh-in sheet
4. Scan or take clear photo and send it to carla@globalgames.co.nz
5. Also, bring the copy to take to the festival

ON-SITE weigh-in

The day before the festival starts, teams who haven't been weighed in before arriving, need to come to the registration area to get their players registered to be eligible to play in the event.

This will be running from 1pm - 4:30pm. Please email carla@globalgames.co.nz to book a time slot.

All final weigh-in sheets must be received 16th September or a have weigh-in slot booked in otherwise teams will not be eligible to play.

MANAGERS MEETING

Will take place before start of the festival. Further correspondence will follow separately closer to the festival.



FESTIVAL FORMAT

Sport at this level is about **fostering enjoyment and development** - both on and off the field. Winning is nice, but it should never come at the cost of a child's love for the game. Unfortunately, in the past, some teams have lost sight of this, prioritising victory over the spirit of the festival. This approach not only detracts from the experience for others but goes against the values we aim to uphold.

The Global Games is a festival and does not include championships or grand finals. Instead, games are structured to maximise opportunities for teams to play against new opponents from different regions.

Each team will play **five shorter games** across the Festival - two on Friday, two on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Matches will consist of **two 15 minutes halves**.

Where possible, games will be scheduled in morning or afternoon blocks, giving teams and families the freedom to make the most of the beautiful Taupō region.

If there is an issue during a game, please speak to the nearest Field Marshal who will contact our management team to attend otherwise come and find us in HQ afterwards. It is easier for us to observe the game and address any concerns in a timely manner.

SCORE BLOWOUTS

In the event of a one-sided match (when the score difference exceeds 25 points), both coaches are encouraged to meet at halftime with the referee to discuss adjustments that can make the game more enjoyable for all players, such as mixing up positions, modifying gameplay, or introducing new challenges.

There are no extra or bonus points for large margins of victory. Once the game is effectively won, the focus should shift to fostering development and maintaining the festival's spirit of sportsmanship.

GAME SHEETS

WHAT: Game sheets are a vital part of the festival and will now be fully digital, simplifying the process for teams and organisers. This streamlined system replaces the old paper-based process, ensuring accuracy and efficiency while reducing environmental impact.

HOW: Before each match, team managers are required to complete game sheets online via the Global Games App and at the end of each match, team managers must submit the completed game sheets through the app, with data collected live.

WHY: The game sheets not only record which players participated but also contribute to selecting festival awards.

Please ensure you have downloaded the Global Games App prior to the festival and have your scorer code.

JUDICIAL PROCESS

To uphold the integrity of the festival, a dedicated Judicial Panel has been established to address disciplinary matters swiftly and transparently. This ensures coaches, managers, and players receive clarity regarding decisions that may affect their participation.

The panel will review matters referred by referees, officials, or festival management.

Any complaints or concerns must be submitted via email to jo@globalgames.co.nz addressed to the Judicial Panel. The panel is committed to maintaining fairness and ensuring the Festival runs smoothly for everyone involved.



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

The festival draw will be shared as soon as it is finalised, and we will keep teams **regularly updated in the lead-up to the Festival** so you always know what to expect.

In the meantime, the outline below is designed to support your planning. Where possible, **team games will be blocked into either morning or afternoon schedules**, giving families and teams the freedom to explore the region and enjoy everything Taupō has to offer, rather than being at the grounds all day.

Sunday will be our Buddy Team Round, where possible, we will schedule buddy teams to play against each other, giving players the chance to connect on the field and bring the Global Games buddy team culture to life.

(Times are subject to change)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

9:00am – 2:00pm: Teams allowed to begin marquee set-up.

1:00pm – 4:30pm: Team support, orientation & pre-booked weigh-ins
Our Global Games team will be on site during this time, so please come and see us if you are new to the festival, need help finding your way around, have any questions, or have been booked in for an on-site weigh-in.

Teams do not need to formally sign in unless they have been specifically asked to.

4:15pm: Opening ceremony commences.

5:00pm: Exhibition match.

From 5:30pm: Management meetings – One coach or manager must attend:

5:30pm: Year 5/6 (Under 10s & 11s).

6:15pm: Year 7/8 (Under 12s & 13s).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

6:30am: Grounds open.

8:30am: First games commence.

6:00pm: Games conclude.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

6:30am: Grounds open.

8:30am: First games commence.

6:00pm: Games conclude.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

7:00am: Teams are allowed to arrive at grounds

8:30am: First games commence

2:15pm: Games conclude

2:30pm - 3:30pm: Prize giving & closing ceremony.

At least one representative from each club **MUST** be at the prize giving to collect any awards.



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

At Global Games, our awards not only celebrate excellence in performance, but also innovative and dynamic styles of rugby, sportsmanship, and team spirit. Awards are determined through a points based system (win = 3 points, draw = 1 point), along with feedback from those who know the teams best, including opposition team management, referees, and festival officials.

MAJOR AWARD

GLOBAL GAMES CHAMPIONS OF FESTIVAL

The highest honour, awarded to one team across all age groups, that demonstrates outstanding performance, sportsmanship, and overall excellence throughout the event.

Calculation:

The winning team is determined by a combined assessment of total match points & sportsmanship ratings from referees and opposition teams

GRADE-BASED AWARDS

TEAM CHAMPIONS OF GRADE (One Per Grade)

Awarded to the team with the highest overall points total, recognising both on field performance and sportsmanship throughout the festival.

Calculation:

Determined by the highest cumulative score, including match results. If two teams are tied at the end of the event, the winner will be decided by sportsmanship ratings from referees and opposition teams.

BRAVES & NIXON BEST & FAIREST TEAM (One Per Grade)

Recognising teams that consistently uphold fairness, respect, and positive conduct in every match.

Calculation:

Based on the average sportsmanship points awarded by opposition teams and referees.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

SPIRIT OF RUGBY AWARD

Honouring a team that best embodies the core values of rugby, including respect, teamwork, and fair play.

Calculation:

Selected by festival organisers based on observed behaviour, feedback from referees and officials, and sportsmanship scores.

REFEREE’S CHOICE AWARD

Awarded to a team chosen by referees for consistently demonstrating respect for the game, officials, discipline, and fair play.

Calculation:

Determined through a referee vote across the festival.

BEST TEAM CULTURE AWARD

Celebrating a team that demonstrates exceptional unity, inclusivity, and positive team spirit throughout the festival.

Calculation:

Based on feedback from festival staff, referees, and opposition teams, including sideline behaviour, encouragement, and team unity

GAME CHANGER TEAM AWARD

Awarded to a team that plays an innovative, dynamic, or exciting style of rugby, creating memorable moments on the pitch.

Calculation:

Nominated by referees and event officials, recognising creativity, adaptability, and entertaining play.

POINTS DEDUCTIONS

Please note that points may be deducted for

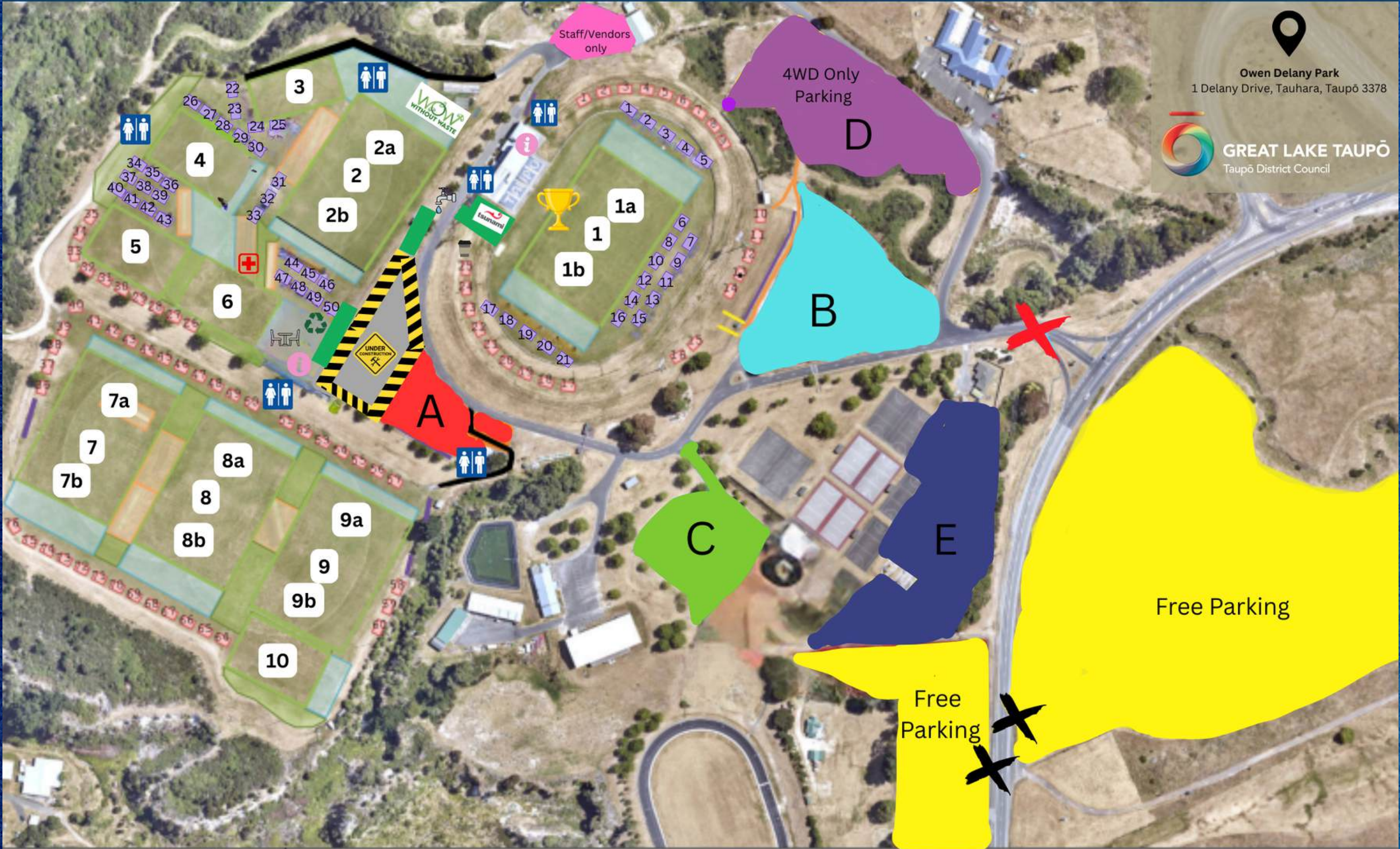
- Leaving litter
- Negative sideline behaviour
- Arriving late to games

These deductions reflect our commitment to creating a positive, respectful, and tidy environment for all participants.



FESTIVAL MAP

NZ Junior Rugby Festival - VENUE MAP



The information displayed has been taken from Taupo District Council's GIS databases and maps. It is made available in good faith, but its accuracy or completeness is not guaranteed. Position of property boundaries is a MUGATV only and must not be used for legal purposes. Cadastre information sourced from Land Information New Zealand. Crown Copyright Reserved. This map is not to be reproduced without permission of TDG. © Copyright Reserved Taupo District Council.

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	Opening/Closing Ceremonies	FIELDS	PARKING	
	First Aid			
	Event info/HQ			
	Portaloos/Toilets			
	Food Vendors			
	Tsunami / Merch Tent			
	WOW Recycling Tent			
	Recycling Bins			
	Reusable coffee cups stand			
	Drinking Water			
	Food Court			



EVENT & VENUE INFORMATION

DIY MARQUEE SET UP

All team marquees need to be set-up 10:00am – 5:00pm, Thursday 17th September . If at any time you are driving onto the fields to set up, you must:

- Drive below 10km/hour.
- Have your hazard lights on.
- Follow directions from our marshals in high vis vests.
- Be extremely careful of kids running about.

There are a few rules that we have with the marquee set ups:

- Don't set up your marquee within 5m of any of the playing fields.
- Avoid putting large pegs onto any ground markings. These indicate where the drainage pipes run, and power lines run.
- Follow the direction of any of our marshals.

If you have any questions about it on the day, please don't hesitate to ask our team.

MARQUEE PACKAGES

We have 3 marquee hire packages available which will be set up by Get Set Events Hire, and ready to use on your arrival.

OPTION 1: \$1,595

6m x 9m Marquee, Team Name Sign, 2 Trestle Tables, 10 Chairs

OPTION 2: \$1,220

6m x 6m Marquee, Team Name Sign, 1 x trestle table, 6 x chairs

OPTION 3: \$850

6m x 3m Marquee, Team Name Sign, 1 x trestle table, 6 x chairs

BOOK HERE

Optional extras are available to purchase upon booking. Prices include GST.

FOOD

There will be a great range of food trucks offering delicious kai and drinks to keep everyone energised throughout the festival. Vendors accept EFTPOS.

BRING YOUR OWN - COFFEE CUPS & WATER BOTTLES

As this is a zero-waste event, we do not expect any general waste to be left at the venue and we need your help.

Please **bring your own reusable coffee cup and drink bottle and containers** where possible. Vendors will not provide single-use cups or bottled water. A free water refill station will be available, and we encourage you to pack waste-free lunches if you're not purchasing from vendors. Any general waste must be taken away with you.

We'll have a limited number of reusable coffee mugs available for use, but we strongly encourage everyone to BYO - and spread the word to your teammates, whānau and supporters too!

Let's lead by example and reduce waste at the source.



HQ

For any inquiries during the event, please visit us at HQ, which is marked on the venue map. If you have found or lost a child at our festival, please report to the event HQ. We will send a message out to locate their family as quickly as possible.

SMOKE-FREE, ALCOHOL-FREE & GLASS-FREE EVENT

Global Games festivals are smoke-free, alcohol-free, and glass-free events. If you need to smoke or vape, please do so well away from the kids and sidelines, outside the grounds. Do not bring any glass bottle or glassware on site. Our crew will enforce these rules to ensure a healthy environment for everyone.

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Be ready for all conditions, from sunshine to rain and snow, weather is unpredictable.



PARKING

Due to the large number of attendees, parking is a careful operation at our events. We encourage carpooling to ease congestion. Further information around parking and parking passes will be communicated separately in June.

MEDIA EXPOSURE

Please know that there will be media on site and there will be film and camera footage taken at the event. By attending, everyone agrees that these images and videos may be used in promotional materials and possibly in the media. **If you do not wish for your team or players to be filmed or photographed, please inform us before the event.**



LIVE-STREAMING

The official Global Games livestreaming platform is:
www.GlobalGames.tv

This is the home of Global Games livestreaming and the only **official place to watch Global Games matches online** when livestreaming is available.

Please **do not click on livestream links shared through fake Facebook events, social media comments, or unofficial pages.** Unfortunately, scam livestream links often appear around events, so please make sure friends, family and supporters know to only access Global Games livestreams through www.GlobalGames.tv.

Where livestreaming is available, all official Global Games streams will be housed on www.GlobalGames.tv. We will work with our livestreaming partner Sportway to capture as many matches as possible, however coverage cannot be guaranteed for every event, match or field, and will depend on event conditions, field allocations, scheduling and technical requirements.

Sportway are a global leader in sports livestreaming, using portable AI camera technology to capture games automatically. Their smart camera systems follow the ball and key play in real time, delivering a professional viewing experience for supporters watching from anywhere.

Once event details and draws are finalised, any games scheduled for livestreaming will appear on www.GlobalGames.tv, so teams and supporters can see which matches are available to watch online.

Where available, viewing options may include Day Passes and Weekend Passes, with pricing and access information shared closer to each event.

Where possible, matches may also be recorded and made available on demand, giving coaches and teams the opportunity to access replays for training review, player development and performance analysis.

More information on how to access the streaming platform, including login details and pass options, will be shared closer to the event.



SUSTAINABILITY & ZERO-WASTE

For the past three years, we've been dreaming big at Global Games - aiming to be a zero-waste event by 2025, which we are proud to say we achieved! We need to continue this momentum into the future and keep the goal alive!

With the help of Without Waste (WOW), here's what we're doing - and where you come in:

PACK IN, PACK OUT YOUR GENERAL WASTE. Help us keep the venue tidy by packing out any general waste you bring with you. Only recycling, soft plastics, and organic waste that is separated into their categories will be accepted at the WOW Tent.

General waste drop-off location:
Taupō Landfill & Transfer Station
1132 Broadlands Road, Tauhara, Taupō 3378

Cost: \$3.00 per single 60L refuse bag

Important: Please factor the cost of disposing general waste into your team's fundraising and event planning. Managing waste responsibly is part of participating in a Global Games festival.

Please note: If general waste is left behind at the venue, this will impact your team's eligibility to be invited back to future Global Games events.

WITHOUT WASTE (WOW) RECYCLING HUB

Drop off your pre-sorted recyclables and food scraps at the WOW tent. Please refer to the venue map for the location.

REUSABLE REVOLUTION

Cut down on waste by bringing your own water bottles and coffee cups.

There will be no disposable coffee cups at the venue.



You'll also see our reusable dishware options at food vendors.

Simply use, enjoy, and return items to the designated return stations.

Please don't take reusable items home with you - they're part of our closed-loop system and help us stay zero-waste.

Return any reusable dishware to the return station below, this will be situated near the food vendors.



WASTE SEPARATION

Please sort your recycling into the below categories before bringing it to the WOW tent.

Organics

- Food waste, including meat, bones, and fish
- Paper straws, napkins, wooden cutlery, Leaf no Trace food packaging

Recycling

- Clean plastics #1, #2, #5. Must be clean and without lids
- Flattened cardboard and paper. Must be clean and flattened
- Metal. All metal and aluminium must be clean, uncrushed, and without lids

Soft plastics

- Must be clean and dry



Get inspired

by these awesome waste sorting stations from our other events and see how easy it is to get your team's waste easily sorted and organised.



Our zero waste events are in collaboration with:



www.withoutwaste.co.nz

Instagram
@Withoutwastenz

LOW-WASTE LUNCHES & SNACKS

A simple way to support our zero-waste goal is by packing low-waste food options for your team. Small choices really do make a big impact.

Try:

- Loose fruit instead of produce in plastic bags
- Reusable containers for lunches and snacks
- Avoiding individually wrapped or single-use packaging
- Homemade snacks where possible – for example, Nadia Lim's muesli bar slice recipe here: <https://nadalim.com/apricot-coconut-and-pumpkin-seed-muesli-bars/>

Supermarket bulk food dispensers are another great low-waste option - teams can fill their own reusable bags or containers with scroggin, dried fruit, or nuts. To skip single-use produce bags, simply bring your own container or bag and take a photo of the item number at checkout instead of writing it on a label.

LEARN AS YOU GO

Come and visit the team at the WOW Recycling Hub for fun tips on how to be more sustainable while you enjoy the games.

Ask questions, learn something new, and take ideas home with you.

LITTER-PICKING INITIATIVE

Sign up [here](#) for a litter-picking slot with our WOW team.

Each team that participates:

- Helps keep the venue clean
- **Earns a point** for their team

A win for your team and the environment!

Together, We Can Do This

Running a sustainable rugby event is a team sport - and every small action adds up.

By joining forces, we can create a cleaner, greener environment and ensure our festivals are fun and sustainable for years to come.

Let's make memories - and leave only footprints.

GETTING PREPARED

PREPARING FOR THE EVENT:

TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS TO GET YOUR TEAM PREPARED.

Effective planning is crucial when taking a team of kids on tour, it's much more than Saturday morning rugby! Here are our top tips based on years of experience with junior teams:

TOUR COMMITTEE

Form a small committee of 3-4 parents and a tour manager. Schedule monthly planning meetings away from regular games and practices and communicate updates to families and sponsors regularly.

KEY PLANNING AREAS

Focus on essential logistics such as fundraising & sponsorship, transport, accommodation, meals, event documentation, and team gifts.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Encourage community-supported fundraising such as car washes, sausage sizzles, 'Got your Back' jerseys, or raffles with local products as prizes - often, local businesses are willing to donate. Also, consider regular updates in the local media to attract attention and support for your team!

SPONSORSHIP

Create a sponsorship proposal to engage local businesses or ask us about our [Sponsor a Team form](#)! Utilise ready-to-go sponsorship forms and invitations to gain backing.

GRANTS/FUNDING

Apply to local trusts and community groups that support youth activities. Expect to apply multiple times but limit applications to one trust at a time with your club's endorsement.

ACCOMMODATION

Our biggest tip is to secure accommodation early, our events fill up a town quickly every year. This helps avoid the stress of last-minute booking issues.



Just wanted to thank you on organising such an incredible event over the weekend. I am a parent with the Waihi U13 & we absolutely loved our weekend. The camaraderie, standard of rugby & team atmosphere were outstanding!

-Julia - Waihi U13's

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

HAKA SPORTS TOURS

Global Games has been working with Haka Sports Tours for the past five years to facilitate the travel arrangements for our national and international teams participating in Global Games. Haka Sports Tours is our exclusive travel provider for all our festivals.

Haka Sports has been a vital partner in our success, providing valuable insights and knowledge, that have made them one of the most successful travel organisations in New Zealand. We chose Haka Sports as our exclusive travel provider because of their expertise and their ability to provide fully customisable tour packages for our teams.

By partnering with Haka Sports, we can offer assistance with your entire tour package, including flights, transport, accommodation, and meals. Let them take all the stress out of the tour logistics, which will allow you to focus your attention on other matters, such as making sure your team have the best possible time!

For more information, please contact Haka at:

EMAIL: info@hakasportstours.com

PHONE: 09 930 9709

Haka Sports can personalise each package according to your team's budgets and requirements.

To learn more about Haka Sports and their services, please visit their website at <https://hakasportstours.com/global-games/>



SNAP RENTALS

Snap rentals has proudly supported Global Games since 2024, helping teams and supports travel easily across New Zealand. Their belief in keeping car rental straight-forward closely aligns with Global Games' commitment to delivering a seamless sports experience.

To support the Global Games community, Snap is offering a generous discount code, valid on all bookings through to the end of the year.

ABOUT SNAP RENTALS

Born in New Zealand in 2013, Snap Rentals gave car rental a reality check: stripping out the fluff, ditching the faff, and making it simple and hassle-free.

That belief still stands today, which is why Snap was rated and recognised with Canstar Blue's 2025 Car Rental Award.

Snap is proud to support Global Games, helping teams and supporters travel with ease across New Zealand.

SNAP - Simply Better Car Rental
snaprentals.co.nz

RENT A CAR

GET 20% OFF IN 2026*

USE CODE: **SNAPGG**



*T&C's apply

RITCHIES TRANSPORT

At Global Games, the journey is all part of the experience! From the moment teams load up together, it is about connection, focus, and arriving ready to play.

That's why we're proud to partner with Ritchies Transport, a trusted name in team travel across New Zealand. For generations, Ritchies has been getting sports teams to where they need to be safely, professionally, and together.

Whether it's early morning kick-offs, match day transfers, or tournament travel, Ritchies helps teams move as one. Travelling together builds momentum, strengthens bonds, and creates shared moments that feel like stepping into a professional environment.

From A to B, and everything in between, Ritchies keeps teams moving so players can stay focused on what matters most. The game.

Be sure to mention Global Games when enquiring for special mates rates!

Drive with the Team that drive our teams.

SPECIAL OFFER

Mention Global Games in your email to Ritchies to score preferential rates.

Since 1935 Ritchies Transport have been driving local sports teams to their games and getting them home safely again.

Now operating New Zealand-wide, Ritchies provide services to support schools, clubs, tours and events from regional to teams at the highest professional and competitive level.

There are few places in the country our coaches cannot reach, with experienced drivers and modern vehicles. As a proud partner of Global Games, we can transport any group or team, of any size, wherever and whenever you need to get to.

Email: reservations@ritchies.co.nz

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BUDDY TEAMS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

To foster community spirit, Global Games pairs teams as “buddy teams”. This initiative encourages players to connect with others from different regions, cheer each other on, and build friendships that last beyond the festival!

Through shared experiences and mutual support, buddy teams create a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere, reminding us all that sport is about more than just the game - it's about people.

We'll send you the contact details for your buddy team prior to the event. This way, you can connect with them before the Festival to arrange to watch each other's games, share some kai, or plan a fun activity together.

GIFT/MENTOS EXCHANGE

A cherished tradition at the Global Games is the exchange of small gifts between teams, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and creating lasting memories. This tradition embodies our core values of connection through sport and good sportsmanship. We encourage each team to present their opposition with a small memento, ideally something that can be proudly displayed in their club rooms. Common gifts include pins, caps, scarves, or even small carvings, which are meant as a single gift for the entire team to cherish together.

Some teams opt to give individual gifts to each player, such as drink bottles, croc jibbits, or local specialties. Whether it's home baking, a card signed by all team members, or another thoughtful item, the idea is to give something small yet meaningful.

Each team should plan to bring one gift per game played, totalling 5-6 gifts, and an additional, perhaps slightly more special gift for their buddy team. This practice not only enhances the experience but also strengthens the bonds between players from different backgrounds and regions.

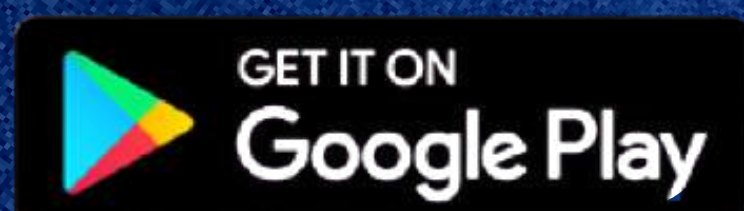


STAYING INFORMED: COMMUNICATIONS

Stay updated with festival news and information through:

DOWNLOAD THE GLOBAL GAMES APP

Download the Global Games App to stay up to date – fixtures, field maps, updates, and more.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us for photos, updates, and highlights!

[FACEBOOK](#)

[INSTAGRAM](#)

ON-SITE INFO POINTS

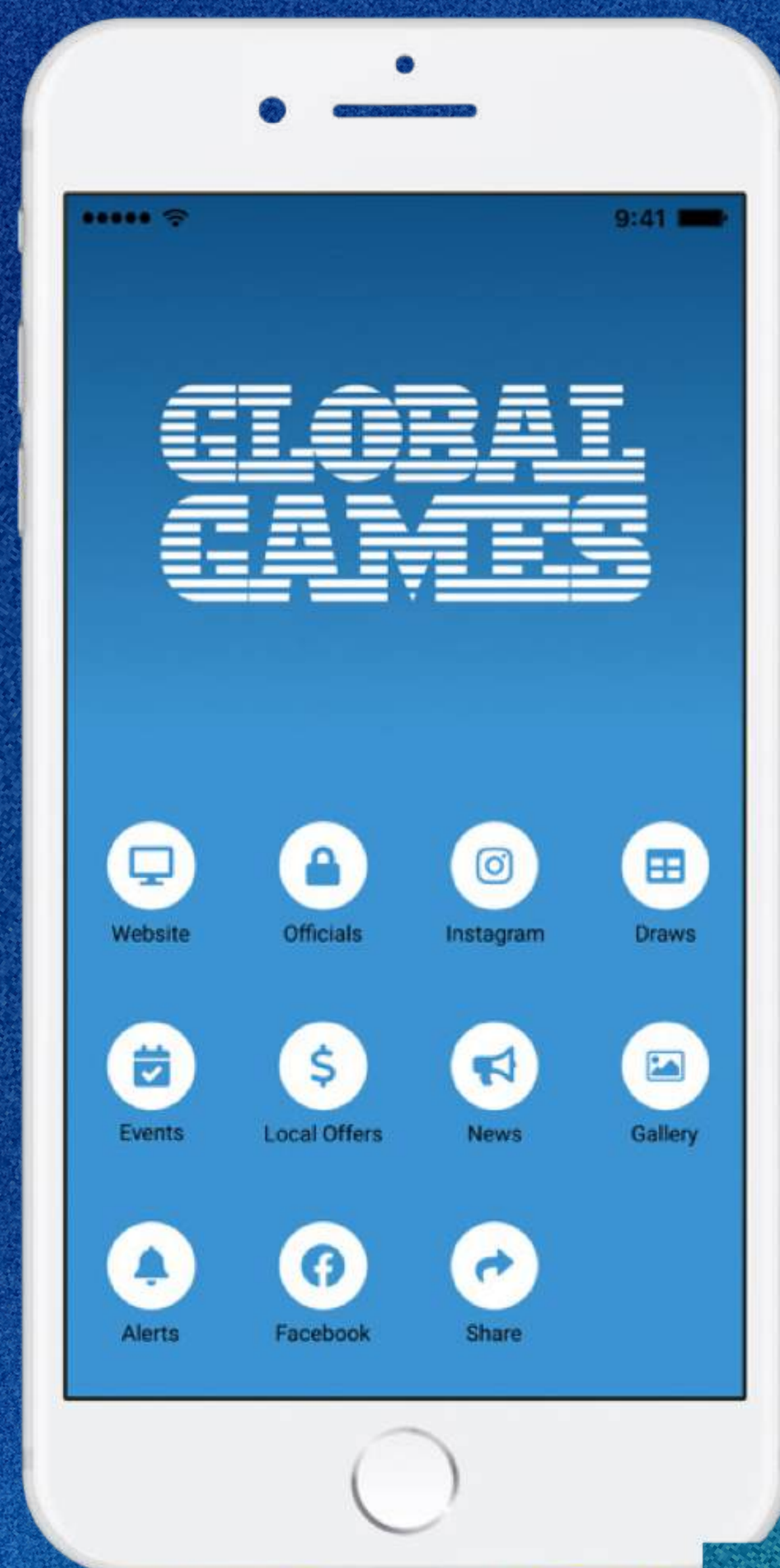
Our team will be available to assist with questions or concerns. Please see the venue map to find where HQ is situated.

EMAIL CONTACT

carla@globalgames.co.nz

Staying connected ensures you don't miss a moment of the action!

OFFICIAL GLOBAL GAMES APP



EVENT COMPETITIONS

Let's engage the players in the lead up and get them pumped for the upcoming Festival with the below competitions!

Prizes for these 3 competitions will be announced at the prizegiving on Sunday.

CLUB/LOGO

We would love to know more about the background and history of your club and/or team and what makes it unique and special within your community. So, we ask all teams attending to please send us a blurb about your club along with your club's logo and a photo of your team coming to our Festival! Please know this is just one blurb per club, not per team.

The most likes on a club blurb will receive a \$500 Rugby Kit Prize Package!

Email carla@globalgames.co.nz to submit your club blurb/logo entry before **1st JULY**.

Have a look what other Clubs have done at our other events to get inspired!

facebook.com/NZJuniorRugbyFestival

BUDDY TEAM PHOTO COMPETITION

We are looking for a standout Buddy team photo that captures the fun and friendship of the Festival! It could be at the event, in and around Taupō or an action shot. Buddy team photos will be marked on creativity/ action/ excitement and could be individual or team photos. Please send these through during the festival to carla@globalgames.co.nz or via our [NZJRF FB page](#) and the team with the best photo during the festival will win a prize that will be awarded at the prizegiving.

TEAM FLAG

We invite all clubs and teams to take part in our flag and banner competition. These are similar to what you would see at the opening ceremonies of international events that countries walk in to the arenas with, except you're welcome to have any designs on your flag or banner you like. Teams are encouraged to bring them throughout the Festival including registration, the opening ceremony, games, and the closing ceremony. This competition allows players to get creative before the Festival kicks off!



EVENT MERCH - TSUNAMI SPORTS

Some moments deserve more than just a photo. They deserve something you can pull on years later and be instantly taken back to this weekend.

For the Global Games Festival, we are proud to partner with Tsunami Sport to deliver a specially designed merchandise range created exclusively for this tournament. These pieces have been thoughtfully designed to mark this event and keep the memories of the weekend alive long after the final whistle.

This is premium-quality apparel made to last. Comfortable, durable, and designed for real use, whether that is training sessions, match days, or simply reliving the memories.

A dedicated Tsunami Sport merch tent will be available onsite throughout the festival. To guarantee preferred styles and correct sizing, a range of products is also available to pre-order online ahead of the event.

Pre-orders released below on 17th June 2026:

<https://globalgames.tsunami-sport.com>

Pre-orders close on 17th Aug 2026 and this is the only way to secure specific sizes before the tournament.

Sizes and stock are limited, so we recommend ordering early.

*All Preorders are delivered for collection at the chosen event

