



**NEWCASTLE OZTAG SPORTS ASSOCIATION
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Thank you for taking our registration kit for our Competition. We supply this kit so that organisers get all relevant information. Please read all pages carefully as they all make up part of the rules and regulations of the Newcastle Ozttag Association.

Team organisers can now access system to see who is in your team and paid for.

Senior registrations can be made at <https://sportfix.net/NewcastleSeniorOzttag>

Juniors registrations can be made at <https://sportfix.net/NewcastleJuniorOzttag>

One person (team organiser) creates a team and signs up and pays for themselves. A code will be sent to team organiser and they send it to each player to sign up and pay online.

Active kids vouchers can be used online.

3rd team discount \$55 cannot be done online and will need to be paid for before you play at canteen.

Please assist us in our efforts to administer the competition in an efficient and professional manner. Newcastle Ozttag Association will handle all administrative matters concerning the competition and referees, all queries should be directed to the Competition Co-ordinator for clarification or further assistance.

You cannot assume that playing in previous competitions will guarantee your team a spot in the next season.

REGISTRATIONS

- Registering online please make sure you have the 10 players registered to secure your team before cut off date.
- Any player needs to be pd online before they play in rd 1. No late regos.
- Prior to each player paying online they MUST read the accompanying sheet that lists the insurance details.
- Players must be 15 years old before they can register and play in an adult team.
- All teams must consist of a minimum of 10 players.
- If you have any problems in getting players, understanding any of the supplied information or filling in the forms then please contact us on 0418 440 319.If you have problems contacting us please leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.

Registrations can be made these ways

- We have made it easier to register online please go to newcastle.oztag.com.au and click on link and click the relevant button on front page.
- New player registrations must be made by rd 1.
- Ladies comp is 7 a side (summer comp only)
- Mixed and Mens 8 a side. Mixed 4 girls and 4 guys on field.

FEES

- Player Registration Fee: \$110 per player Summer/Winter/Autumn 12 rd competitions.
- 2nd team \$110 Autumn/Winter
- 3rd team discount of \$55

- Junior Competition \$60 per player term 1 2022

- Tiny taggers \$55 a player (7 weeks) ages 4 to 6yrs.

- Ladies comp in Summer is 8 rounds and \$80 a player

- After round 6, there is no refund to any player, regardless of circumstances. (Summer) Autumn/Winter (rd 4)

- After round 6 no replacement players are allowed, regardless of circumstances. (Autumn/Winter rd 4)

- Any player that is suspended for any length of time will not receive a refund. Please see our suspension guidelines, as adjusted to suit winter/autumn and summer comp.

- All fees in this document include GST.

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Please put your name and team name down in the reference fields.

DRAWS

We have the right to regrade teams up until rd 7. (Autumn rd 4/winter)

COMPETITION DATES

Summer competition starts in oct each year and has 12 rds plus finals. Played at Smith Park Hamilton North.

Autumn/Winter Seniors 2022 Kentish and Ford Ovals Lambton.

Starts week off May 2nd 2022 Subject to Covid restrictions

12 rounds and 3 washout rounds allocated. Brings end of competition rounds to end of 22/8/22 depending on washout games.

Finals dates pending washout games

Term 4 Juniors Smith Park Broadmeadow

Starts in
FINALS TOP 2 each grade.

Thursday all ages

Under 6, 8,10,12,14,16 boys and girls (NO MIXED DIVISION)

Term 1 Juniors 2022

Start date -
Top 2 grandfinal for all divisions.

Autumn/Winter 2022 Seniors

Starts May 2nd - end of August 2022

We reserve the right to later these dates if required. If we do need to change these dates we will provide as much notice as possible.
The competition will be finished on or before pending the number of washouts games needed.

FILL IN PLAYERS

- Fill in players \$15 a game
- If your team as 9 players available to play you cannot get a fill in player.
- No A grade player can fill in for any lower division team in any night of competitions.
- If your team is short a game, they can borrow from another team.

Rules and conditions

- Player must be a registered player in our current competition (CAN BE ANY NIGHT)
- Teams are allowed 1 player to fill in per night
- Teams are only allowed 3 fill-ins to rd 8
- Player must come to canteen and pay \$15 (cash only) no eftpos.
- Give name and details to staff with photo identification
- You will receive a shirt to wear that game which will identify you to ref and other team.
- Every fill in constitutes a try to opposition

WET WEATHER OR CALLED OFF GAMES

Wet weather games maybe called off for many reasons, not only because fields are closed.
Please see dates of comp as three wet weather games are allocated for the season. There will be NO REFUNDS for games being cancelled due to weather conditions.

Website and Facebook will be updated if games are cancelled due to weather. Please do not contact before 2.00pm, or go to <https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/groundinfo> under menu,recreation, then sports ground closure.

UNREGISTERED PLAYERS AND INFRINGEMENTS

Only players registered in a team may play for that team. Penalties for teams playing players not registered in their team will be severe.

If an unregistered player takes part in a game (no matter how long) or attempts to, this means comes to canteen making out they are someone else,or signs on for a team or team member that is not them, you will be deemed unregistered.

If caught 6 weeks suspension to unregistered player and 4 weeks to delegate of the side unregistered player played in and loss of 6 points to that team and loss of game that the unregistered played in.

If a player plays in multiple sides the suspension will be enforced on one of the sides that the player plays in on the night of infringement. If more then one player is caught playing unregistered in one

side, rule applies for all.
Suspension will carry over to next competition player plays in.

You as a delegate need to make sure everyone is aware of rule and never assume that all your players are registered, especially late players “ask the question, have you paid and filled in rego form?”

If a team has no points or less then 6 point deduction they will go into minus.

If you are found to have fill-ins in the semis/finals team will be disqualified.

All teams may play at any time slot during the season. Every effort is made to even out the number of games played at each time slot, but no guarantee is given.

Players may register in more than one team on the one evening BUT no guarantee is given that games will not clash, but not in same grade.

The registration of ANY player in ANY team is at the discretion of Newcastle Hunter Oztag organisers, especially several A/B grade players playing in lower divisions

MISCONDUCT

Under no circumstances will we tolerate abuse or unruly behaviour toward our referees, players or officials.

Referees do their best; if you think it was a bad decision, just remember they are human not robots and will make mistakes.

As a result of ongoing foul or abusive language towards or referees, players or officials and fighting between players, we the organisers have the right to enforce tougher suspensions without prior notice to delegates or adding to conditions of play. Please see new rules for misconduct.

If you have any major concerns or problems that need our attention, please put in writing and we can address them.

FIGHTING

These rules are available on our website; they are graded from 1 to 5. We are following Australian Oztag policy, no punch policy.

- Prior sin bins and send offs, will affect the length of suspension.
- If you are sin binned or sent off and ref asks for your name and shirt number and you refuse to give correct name, will result in an extra 2 weeks on top of automatic two weeks suspension.
- If you do get sent off and get a suspension, this means you cannot play in any team you are registered in. eg; if you play men's and mixed, you cannot play either till your suspension is finished. So, think before you ACT.
- **A 2 WEEK SUSPENSION ONLY, APPLIES ONLY TO THE TEAM YOU PLAYED IN PRIOR TO SUSPENSION.** (This means if you get sent in a game and given a automatic 2 week suspension then its just for that team, any longer then its both teams)

SEND OFFS AND PERIODS OF TIME (P.O.T)

A referee may send you for a P.O.T., the duration of which is at his discretion. You must remove your tags and hand to the referee and take up a position behind your opponent's goal line.

Any player sent off for the duration of the game will incur one of the following below
The remainder of the game being sufficient penalty, OR

Automatic 2-week suspension or if more severe it will be reviewed by Newcastle Oztag competition Organisers.

2 weeks suspension only include played games not forfeits or byes, washout games.

If you are in any doubt with any of the above, please get your CAPTAIN to check with the referee after the game or with the Competition Organiser.

Players informed by Referee that they will be refereed to the Oztag Organisers will be contacted by them regarding their case. If in doubt about send off circumstances please check with the Competition Organiser before leaving the fields.

UNIFORM

The Associations rules regarding player's uniforms are listed below for your benefit. It is your responsibility as Team Organiser to ensure your team abides by the rules. The Rules state that all players must be correctly attired in the team's uniform. Teams have until round 4 to compile with the below uniform requirements. (Autumn/winter rd 2)

Specifically, this means: -

- All shorts & tights worn must be official OzTag garments or you cannot take the field.
- No league tag shorts.
- No shorts will be loaned out.
- All participating players are to be correctly attired in team uniforms approved by the Association.
- Uniforms consist of upper apparel (shirt or singlet).
- Please put your playing shirt number in when registering online if you know it.
- shorts (or tights for female players)
- Shirts must be able to be tucked into shorts.
- Jumpers and hoodies may be worn under team shirt/singlet, however hoodies must be tucked under shirt/singlet.
- No swapping of shorts/shirts on sideline is allowed
- Incorrect shirt penalties - Up until round 2 games an incorrect shirt is -1 try for each player with an incorrect shirt.
- After round 2 your team will lose 1 point for each incorrect shirt as well as one try per incorrect shirt.
- A Player with the same shirt but NO number to identify them cannot score.
- This means all same colour and design, no different shades of colours. With iron on numbers or screen printed/sublimated. No texture or painted or tape numbers.
- For teams benefit we suggest that all teams have a min of 2 extra shirts/singlets in a regular size incase shirts/singlets get ripped or lost.
- Exception is made to a player if they misplaced their playing top or its torn and can't wear it after rd 2. They will need to get a stamp and won't loose points.

Identification Numbers

- All players are to wear an identifying number, not less than sixteen (16) cm in height, clearly displayed on rear of the upper garment.
- Numbers may be positioned on both sleeves as an alternative means of numbering providing the numbers are not to be less than eight (8) cm in height.
- Iron on or sublimated/screen printed are the only ones accepted.
- If you have no number loss of 1 point after round 1
- Jewellery and Fingernails - Players are not to participate in any match while wearing any item of jewellery that might prove dangerous. Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped.
- Hats are to be worn backward or must have soft peaked hats.
- Sunglasses/safety glasses cannot be worn. Prescription glasses may be worn at your own risk.

Footwear

Shoes without screw-in studs or cleats are to be worn by all players. Light leather or synthetic boots with soft moulded soles are permitted, providing individual studs are no longer than one (1) cm in length, the measurement being taken from the sole of the boot.

No player is allowed on the field without footwear.

Playing barefoot is not permissible.

PLAYING GEAR

Playing gear is available for purchase from the canteen;

\$30 Shorts

\$30 Black Tights

\$45 Sublimated tights

Team shirts are at your own expense.

GAME START

Teams have five (5) minutes before a game is declared a forfeit. A team requires five (5) players to take the field.

Summer comp will be 30 min games in total (15 min halves).

30 mins for winter and autumn comp. (15 min halves)

Newcastle Oztag reserve the right to alter these times as required.

SIGN ON

Sign on sheets will be removed at the start of the second half. Check when signing on for field changes. Signing on, all players must sign on each week at fields with the ref or covid officer, and just the team delegate to get names marked off, no need for every player to go to do this. If you have 9 players play and only 7 sign on you loose two points, this will be enforced.

SCORING SYSTEM

Win 3 Points

Loss 1 Point

Draw 2 Points

Bye 3 Points

Forfeit, the team that forfeits received 0 and the other team receives the win (3 points) for and against zero for team that forfeited and five for other team.

FORFEITS

Teams who forfeit a game without notice will be fined \$25 for the forfeit. This must be paid prior to taking the field before your next game. Teams must notify us before 4pm on day of play or above penalty applies. After three (3) forfeits the team will be dismissed from the competition, NO REFUNDS will be issued. If you are having problems with player numbers please see the committee, we may be able to assist you. Teams who forfeit semi finals will not be eligible for finals or grand finals

ABANDONED GAMES

If a team falls below five (5) players due to injuries or P.O.T's (Period Of Time in sin bin) they may continue the game. If they choose not to continue they will lose the game as a forfeit and receive nil

(0) points. If a team falls below five (5) players because of players dismissed for the remainder of the game the non-offending team shall be declared the winner. The offending team will be given nil (0) points and the non-offending team will be given three (3) points and either a 4-0 win or the score at the cessation of the game, whichever is the greatest advantage to them. If the referee abandons a game the committee will decide the result at a later date.

If a game cannot continue due to a bad injury, the team leading at that time will win the game.

FINALS SERIES

1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd winners to grand final.

DRAW IN FINAL SERIES

If there are drawn games during semi finals or grand finals then the following will apply:

Summer and Winter and Autumn

Teams will go straight to golden point first team to score win the game

GAME RULE CHANGES

1. scorers kick
2. Marker must be at arms length away from the play the ball area, no further.
3. Ball kicked over try line if regathered before touching ground, it will be a try. You cannot slam dunk it.
4. Dummy half baulking to pick up ball once it has been played by the player that has been tagged, Referees have been instructed to call play on, unless there is an unfair advantage to the defending side. So baulking is not allowed.
5. No diving over the top of a player to score a try eg swan dive or harbour bridge dive.
6. Mixed comp only ladies kick off (Newcastle oztag club rule)
7. A penalty tap restart cannot be kicked off foot shoulder height, ball must be held with both hands and taped with foot off the ground
8. Mouse trap play is not allowed
9. a player once tagged cannot play the ball backwards with his/her foot more than 2 metres
10. when tagged on tryline or near tryline, the dummy half must stand upright before being allowed to dive over tryline with out making any contact to defending players. Deceptive behaviour and not in the true spirit of the game.
11. Please see new rules from winter/autumn 2022.

CONDITION OF PLAY CHANGE

Under no circumstances will any representative or A grade quality players be permitted to be added to a lower grade team if they don't commence the season (Hence Rnd 1) with that team.

This is seen as being unfair to the lower grade teams and the grading process.

Nor replacing injured players in a later part of the season, unless the replacement player is determined by the competition committee to be of a similar standard.

This decision by the committee is final and cannot be appealed against. Please ensure you have your team organized by this time to avoid problems.

All teams/players when entering our competition will be at the discretion of Newcastle Oztag. New rule in place in regard to players playing in two teams in same grade, this will be at the discretion of Newcastle Oztag Committee as there is no guarantee to player that teams wont clash and this will see letting both teams down and opposition teams.
Any change in players MUST inform Jo to change registration sheet.

COMPLAINTS

If you have any enquires please see us. All problems can be resolved if they are approached in a rational and calm manner. **ABUSIVE OR FOUL LANGUAGE TO ANY STAFF WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

Complaints are to be directed to Oz-Tag Co-ordinator in the first instance.

FIRST AID

Newcastle OzTag provides a first aid person to attend to injuries. If you need strapping, bandaids etc please bring your own, as first aid supplies are for injuries only on the night This treatment is limited to basic first aid only.

Please note the following:

If there is an injury in your game you must notify us and the referee, we cannot view all games and see all injuries.

If you require treatment at your field get someone to come up to the canteen and we will attend.

If the first aid officer believes an ambulance is required they will ASK the injured person if they would like an ambulance called. If they do not want an ambulance called we generally will not call one as there is a cost for the ambulance that the player is liable for (it is not covered by the OzTag insurance). The exception to this is if the first aid officer believes the player is suffering a life threatening injury/illness.

INSURANCE FORMS

Insurance forms must be completed correctly by all players and handed in at registration. It is critical that these forms are completed otherwise player's claims for injuries may be refused. Players should look at carrying their own insurance, as the OzTAG Player Insurance Policy is limited.

We cannot accept forms if there are mistakes which are crossed out. You must fill in form correctly. **IMPORTANT:** Please make sure you make a copy of your registration forms so you have correct information for the next season.

Your team can now purchase top up loss of income cover for \$110 (inc GST) per team. The standard insurance covers you for death (including permanent disability) and non-Medicare medicals (ie: Physio, dental etc), IT DOES NOT INCLUDE LOSS OF INCOME COVER. You can purchase this cover by completing the form available from website.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING A CLAIM

The injured player must report any injury sustained whilst playing the game of Oztag to game officials or referee immediately.

Please go to our website for all information. newcastle.oztag.com.au

COVID 19

- We have assigned Covid 19 officers walking around with sanitiser and can answer any questions you may have. They will also be there to move you on if loitering or doing the wrong thing
- Please see our info board and abide by our rules for our competition to be safe for all players and staff.
- Game times and fields will be on draw, no need to come to canteen. Go straight to field. We will advise if any field changes.
- Juniors team organisers to collect boards from canteen.
- Reminder that all players need to sanitise their hands before game starts
- Don't share water bottles.
- Reminder to get to games not any early then 15 mins before your game start time. Do not enter field sidelines until teams have left from previous games.
- Please stay in car until current game as finished and wait for those players to leave.
- Winter/autumn please be mindful when arriving to turn car lights out.
- Players; no high fives/handshakes/spitting.
- Reserves on sideline to maintain social distancing.
- Please vacate venue immediately after your game. Do not loiter in a group.
- Players playing in another time slot later need to return to car and wait.
- If you require playing shorts/tights you can purchase at canteen, but we still do only have cash sales

JUNIOR COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Registrations

- All teams in U10s and above must have 9 players paid for before the commencement of the competition to be considered in the draw.
- All teams in U6 and U8 must have 7 players paid for before the commencement of the competition to be considered in the draw.
- Registrations must be completed online only.
- Active kids vouchers are accepted, however we cannot refund these vouchers.

Uniform

- Shorts and tights are \$30 each and must be official Oztag shorts/tights.
- We do not loan out loan shorts/tights.
- Team shirts are to be organised by the team organiser and all players must have one by round 2 of competition.
- No shirt - no play.
- Shirts must be the same colour, have an iron on number on the back large enough for the referee to see. No Texta or tape numbers will be accepted.

Divisions

- Boys and Girls divisions only. No mixed
- A girl is welcome to play in a boys team.

Other conditions

- No fill in players are allowed.
- If your team cannot field a team for the afternoon please contact us to forfeit.
- If your team is caught borrowing other players from other teams when the game is not classed as a forfeit your team will receive a written warning and the next infringement the team will be removed from the competition with no refunds.