

<< Email to Ruahine AFC families sent Wed 18 March in response to Covid-19 >>

Hi there Ruahine AFC families

First and foremost, the **2020 Ruahine AFC Football Season Registrations are still open...** *and we'd love you to join us again!*

It's certainly shaping up to be an interesting year, and as we head to the start of the football season... we sincerely hope that you're hanging in there ok. What's more important than anything is the well-being of you and your family, and while our Ruahine AFC community might be a little different this year, you're still a part of us and our footballing whanau.

It seems that every hour that goes by there's a new development in the face of Covid-19, and unfortunately NZ Football is also currently facing the same dilemma. While we are very much still in the midst of pushing forward, taking registrations, and expectantly looking forward towards the scheduled start of the season, there is definitely some uncertainty about the season ahead. At this point-in-time the decision by NZ Football is that all planned football activities like our grading day must be put on hold, while we wait for further developments.

The Ruahine AFC Committee would like to reinforce at this time that **registrations will remain open, and we'd continue to encourage anyone who would like to join us to sign-up sooner than later** (note: you don't need to pay yet until we have confirmation that the season is going ahead). *In fact it's really important that you register as soon as possible so we can have all our planning and preparations for the season start in place.*

If the 2020 football season does not proceed as hoped, we will fully refund any registration fees that have been paid. In a like manner we've told all those who have already registered that if they're no longer comfortable for their children to participate regardless of the outcome for the 2020 season, we absolutely respect this and will withdraw their registration now.

It's times like these that we really need to look out for each other. And while we might refrain from shaking someone's hand, or giving someone a hug... we can still experience community as it should be and look out for the well-being of others around us. I'm sure we can all find a way to do this.

Just to re-cap... grading day (for 9-13th grades) has been postponed for the time being. We will be in contact again soon as further information comes to hand, but if you have any queries please feel free to email us.

Take care

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