



Waterside Karori AFC - Selections

9th to 14th Grade Junior Premier League and Promotion League Team Selection Process

Sunday and Wednesday afternoons - March 2011

This document is to help all involved conduct Selections as smoothly as possible.¹ It covers Karori Selections in 2011. These leagues are of a very high standard and children will travel around the region more to play than in other teams most weeks to play their games. Training is twice a week and children need to be available on both nights. Parental support is a key part of each player's involvement.

Grade Coordinators advise candidates and interested members about Selections ahead of time. There is one main selection session per grade and sometimes a follow up sessions may be run at a time to suit those involved.

The selection is for two teams in each grade, and possibly three in some grades. Only registered players may attend Selections. Each team will have 2 or 3 players more than the number of players (on field) for that age group in the regional competition. Results will be finalised within a few days following the Easter Tournament; with a 9th April final date.

Venue: **to be advised** (probably Ian Galloway or Karori Park).

Research indicates that, at all ability levels, players progress better by playing with and against players of a similar ability level.

At all age groups we are looking for players who show a combination of: specific football skills, general physical ability, enthusiasm to learn and ability to work with others.

We encourage top two teams to train as a squad as frequently as possible. This may not always be possible.

Players, selectors and coaches are at the Selection Event. Parents are supportive on-lookers. The Selection event is managed by the age Grade Coordinator. The Selectors panel observe and assess players. Coaches run the sessions. Selection results are delivered from the Selectors Panel to the head coach at the venue at the end of the Selection event.

¹ There is a need to coordinate venues, times, independent selectors, and gear requirements. Venue to be arranged and advertised two weeks prior.

The preparation involves setting up the fields, obtaining gear, providing print outs of candidates to selectors, tidying up, ensuring players warm up and warm down and are sun smart, liaising with coaches and players.

There is no need to be too hasty in completing last choices on the selection as there can be final decisions made at the KCU Easter Tournament. All candidates are to be advised about their Selection results as soon as possible. The critical decisions are usually around the approximately six to ten players each year at two gaps: between the first and second teams and those at the cusp of joining the second team.

Gear: Grade Coordinators contact Gear Coordinator as needed.

Gear is to be organised by request from the Grade Coordinators. (It is not Gear Coordinator's role to arrange or distribute gear to you)

Bibs, three colours, 12 of each of three colours preferably numbered; three bags of 10+ balls; Cones: about 50 to make up three fields; Agility polls and hurdles as required.

Process

Suggested trial: warm up, technical skills, create one large and two small fields. Run one full-sided game and two small-sided games.

- skill and technical warm-up,
- skill assessment, based on NZF Small Whites assessments,
- small-sided games

Head Coach

Each grade has one head coach and at least three independent selectors who are highly qualified, experienced coaches. Where there is a need the head coach appointments begin with expressions of interest to the 'Karori Football Board'. There is to be just one head coach per age Grade, formally appointed by the Board (aka Coaches Academy Board) with this head coach waiting ready to go and present in person at Selection event. Sometimes two potential head coaches become one only at the Event though this is to be avoided and as late as this can be completed.

Prior knowledge of Players

Knowledge of players from previous season and HPP are to be drawn in and communicated usefully to Selectors ahead of time.

Protocols

The Convenor of Selectors leads the Selectors Panel.

Information is passed from the Selectors Panel to the head coach immediately at end of Selection (ideally Convenor of Selectors to Head Coach in a one-to-one conversation).

Team selections are finalised within one or two days of the trials.

The Selectors are all independent and no bias exists or can be presumed.

The Convenor of Selectors publishes the selection results when it is finalised.

Selectors

1. Liam Dunbar
2. Harrison Essam
3. Steen Videbeck
4. John Masseur (not in Grade 12)
5. Romain Cornand

Trial Venues Dates Times by Grade

Grade 9 – Sunday 6 March; (1pm - 2.30pm); Raroa Park;

Coordinator: Ken Orr.

Selectors: John Masseurs, Liam Dunbar, Romain Cornand

Grade 10 – Wednesday 2 March; (4pm - 5.30pm); Karori Park;

Coordinator: Paul Houliston.

Selectors: Steen Videbeck, Harrison Essam, John Masseurs

Grade 11 – Wednesday 9 March; (5:30pm - 7pm); Karori Park;

Coordinator: John McArdle.

Selectors: John Masseurs, Steen Videbeck, Harrison Essam

Grade 12 – Sunday 13 March; (1pm - 2:30pm); Raroa Park

Coordinator: Graeme Peters.

Selectors: Liam Dunbar, Harrison Essam, Romain Cornand

Grade 13 – Sunday 6 March; (3pm - 4:30pm); Raroa Park;

Coordinator: Don Lewthwaite.

Selectors: John Masseurs, Liam Dunbar, Steen Videbeck

Grade 14 – Sunday 13 March; (3pm – 4:30pm); Raroa Park;

Coordinator: Derek Pope

Selectors: Merrick Keenan, Harrison Essam, Liam Dunbar