

Wellington Floorball
Competition Regulations

Social League &
Wellington Floorball League

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Contact details

Please address all enquiries to admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz.

Important dates

The Social league and the Wellington Floorball League will run year-round, approximately matching the school terms. Dates are published on the Wellington Storm Floorball Club website.

Registration and fees

Registration:

All teams shall register via the registration portal on the Wellington Floorball website. This also applies to returning teams for each term.

Further registration information like fees, etc can also be found on the website.

Payment:

Shall be made to the Wellington Floorball Club Inc bank account, details as follows:

Acct name: Wellington Floorball Club Inc

Bank: Kiwibank, Wellington

Acct number: 38 9017 0795867 00

Full payment of the team fee is to be made before the second round of the competition, otherwise teams won't be able to play their games and will forfeit the results.

Competition Rules

Games shall be conducted according to this document and the International Floorball Federation (IFF) Rules of the Game 2018.

The following IFF rules will not be fully enforced but used as guidelines and applied as much as practical.

- 104 substitution zones
- 201 regular game time, 203 extra time, 204 penalty shots after extra time
- 303, part 1) particular regulations for goalkeepers, 304, part 1) particular regulations for team captains, 305 team staff, 307 secretariat
- 401 players' equipment, part 3), 404 particular team captain's equipment, 407 stick, part 1), 408 referees' equipment, 409 secretariat's equipment

Competition format

General:

- Competition fixtures shall be determined by the Wellington Floorball Club Leagues organising committee (OC), but are generally to consist of a round-robin series followed by playoffs.

Social League:

- Games are 2x15 minutes 'running clock' (not effective time), 2 minute intermission.
- AT exceptional circumstances (injuries, disputes, etc) the referee can order the clock to be stopped and started again when issues have been resolved.
- Maximum of four adult males on the court at one time (i.e. four males/two females, four males/two juniors or some combination thereof), including the goalkeeper.
- Juniors are considered any U16 players. To be U16 in any particular year means being 15 years and younger on 1.1. of the particular year. (e.g. players born in 2000 are considered U16 for the year 2016).
- Players need to be of intermediate school age as a minimum age requirement. Team captains are strongly urged to consider each youth individually as to their readiness (physical development, fitness, hand-eye coordination etc.) before putting them on their team.
- There are two categories in the Social League:
 - Competitive
 - Mates
- Depending on number of teams, there will be different grades in each category. Each grade will generally have 6-9 teams. The split of the grades is administered by the Wellington Floorball Club Leagues organising committee (OC).

- A player can only play for one team per Social category, but can play in both the competitive and the mates category.
- Restrictions for WFL players apply as follow:
 - o Competitive: Max of 5 WFL players per team used in any one game
 - o Mates: Max of 2 WFL players per team used in any one game
- There can be more WFL players as the above numbers in a team, but only the above numbers can play in any one game.
- All players in a WFL team count as WFL player, regardless of age or gender with the following exceptions:
 - o Goalies for WFL teams who play as field players for Social teams.
 - o Field players from WFL teams who play goalies for Social teams.

The restriction is on current WFL players (where 'current' means on the team list for a WFL team in the same term), not licensed players or past WFL players.
- For playoff games, players must have played three (3) games with that team in that term to be eligible to play for that team in a playoff game.
- Promotion and demotion between the grades will be determined by the WFC Leagues OC, and will be based on team performance.

Wellington Floorball League (WFL):

- Games are 3x15 minutes effective time, 4 minute intermissions.
- Open grade (men or women, no restrictions on gender).
- Minimum age of 14. Exemptions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and require an application to the OC.
- All players **must** hold a current Floorball New Zealand (FNZ) player licence.
- Team lists **must** be supplied to the OC before the commencement of the first game of each season for each team. The transfer of players within a term or players playing for multiple WFL teams is not allowed. Players can be added to a team list during a term/season, but they must not already be on a team list for a different WFL team.
- New players are allowed to play one game as non-licensed players. A current license is required for any further games and needs to be taken out/paid for before playing in any further games.
- Ring-in players are allowed to play one game for a team per term, but can not play for different WFL teams in the same term. Ring-in players can also be unlicensed as per rule above.

Refereeing

All games will be assigned referees by the Wellington Floorball Referee Officer.

General rules

- All games are to start at the scheduled time.
- To commence a game, a team must field four players and a goalkeeper.
- If a team is unable to field the required number of players at the scheduled starting time, the game will be defaulted and a 5-0 win recorded for the opposition. (If both teams are unable to field the required number of players, the score shall be recorded as 0-0 and no competition points will be awarded for that game.)
- Warm-up will cease one (1) minute prior to the scheduled start time, or when a referee blows their whistle and calls "Balls off!".

Protests and complaints

Any complaints will be dealt with by the WFC Leagues OC. The decision of the committee is final and binding.

Unacceptable behaviour

The WFC Leagues OC will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour. Everyone participating has the right to play without being subjected to such behaviour, and has an individual responsibility to treat others fairly. Captains/Teams will be held accountable for their failure to take reasonable steps to prevent unacceptable behaviour by a member of their team or supporters. This could result in the loss of points, forfeit or other sanctions imposed by the WFC Leagues OC. Unacceptable behaviour is behaviour that, having regard to all of the circumstances, would be offensive, belittling, abusive, or threatening to another person or adverse to morale, discipline or team cohesion, or otherwise not in the interest of floorball in general.