



Waikato Table Tennis Association

NEWSLETTER

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Coaching



The Association organises a number of coaching sessions for both Juniors (under 18) and seniors that normally run across the 4 terms of the school year. These sessions are subsidised by WkTTA and those wishing to participate must become members of the Association. In addition, there is a charge for the term's coaching and this should be paid up-front or on the first session of each term.

Member forms available at reception or on-line. Fees for 2024 are:

Juniors (under 18) \$40
Seniors \$80
Family \$150

Some sessions may have restrictions on numbers as detailed below and thus you are encouraged to book in advance by on-line payments via 03-1559-0043890-000 to secure a place. Please enter the name of the participant as well as which of the courses they wish to attend.

Due to the stadium being closed whilst the roof was being replaced, the normal 10 weeks in Term 1 have been reduced to the remaining 6 weeks, and coaching fees have been adjusted accordingly.

The invitation only GOLD coaching sessions will now start from Term 2.

Junior Coaching

Four levels of coaching are offered:

Level 1 Entry level (TT Kidz)
For children aged 6-11 years.
Little or no prior playing experience.

This is the first coaching programme we offer for children aged 6-11. After they have acquired some basic skills they will be able to feed into the Bronze coaching sessions.

TT Kidz is an 8 week programme that runs from 10-11am on Saturdays at the Stadium at a cost of \$100. Includes kids kit-pack (T-shirt, Balls, Bag, Beginner Bat).

These sessions **do not** require Association membership.

Further information about TT Kidz can be found here <https://www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz> and registrations are open at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282052>

Term 2 programme will commence Saturday 11th May – registration link will open in March.



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| Level 2 | Basic Level (Bronze)
For those aged 6-8 years.
Assumes some basic skills ideally gained through TT Kidz. | <p>These are held on Monday evening, commencing 4 March, for one hour between 6pm and 7pm.</p> <p>Numbers will be restricted on a first come, first served basis to 8 only, at a cost of \$40 for the remainder of the term.</p> <p>The children must be paid up members of the Association. Please pay in advance or on 4 March.</p> |
| Level 3 | Progressed Level ("Bronze Plus")
For those aged 8-14 years.
Assumes reasonable skills ideally gained through earlier levels | <p>These are held on Monday evening, commencing 4 March, for 1½ hours between 7pm and 8.30pm.</p> <p>Numbers will be restricted on a first come, first served basis to 16 only, at a cost of \$60 for the remaining 6 weeks.</p> <p>The children must be paid up members of the Association. Please pay in advance or on 4 March.</p> <p>Children cannot be registered to both Bronze and Bronze Plus sessions.</p> |
| Level 4 | Silver Squad
The "SILVER" coaching is aimed at juniors over 14 years of age as well as seniors and assumes a reasonable level of table tennis skills. | <p>The sessions will commence on Thursday 7 March from 7.30 to 9pm at a cost of \$60 for the remaining term time.</p> <p>Those attending must be members of the Association and must pay the full coaching and membership fees prior to, or on the evening of the first session.</p> |

Senior Coaching

Adults may register to join the silver squad coaching. The sessions will commence on Thursday 7 March from 7.30 to 9pm at a cost of \$60 for the remaining term time.

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NZ Open Veteran Championship



This competition is being held once again in Taupo over the Easter weekend from Friday 29 March through to Monday 1 April.

Individual entries are via the on-line from on the TTNZ web site. Closing date for these entries is Wednesday 28th February at 11:59pm.

The Association has entered 3 teams and wish to extend the best of luck to those involved:

O40 Mens Paul Whitehead
Hyrum Sunnex
Ray Sheath

O50 Mens Paul Whitehead
Ray Sheath

O40 Womens Monique Neal
Barb Shepp
Julie Adams

Roof Replacement



The main roof is largely replaced and smaller works around the drains and guttering will continue a few more days. We apologise again for the inconvenience caused by the Stadium closure.



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We are grateful for the support we receive from our sponsors and we ask members to support them in return whenever possible.

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