

# Three Kings United Soccer



## MESSAGE FROM JUNIOR CHAIRMAN

All Coaches and Managers,

The Junior Club season commenced last Saturday 28 April 2007 and will finish with prize giving on 15 September 2007. From an organisational perspective, the Junior Committee will again do it's very best to make this year enjoyable for all – this will be a long year.

As with all organised competition at a Junior level, we are promoting a combined focus of:

***“scoring goals, having fun, good sportsmanship, and fair play”***

Excerpt taken from Small Sided Format and Playing Rules

The Junior Committee seeks your cooperation by adhering to this approach. The first couple of weeks to the season will be trying for all as we assess how teams are going. Your grade coordinator manages each grade draw – he/she will try and match teams of similar abilities to ensure a competitive outcome. The exception to the grade draw will be the 9<sup>th</sup> grade premier competition, as this continues to be a round robin draw.

Please be mindful that during games, winning is everything for many BUT NOT FOR ALL. If your team is winning by a large margin (you be the judge), think about the opposite team and supporters. Be reasonable on how you would manage the outcome if you are winning handsomely, and be patient if you are the opposite coach. Seek agreement between coaches, where possible, on the way the game could be played.

Simple solutions might be:

- Reducing the number of goals scored by any individual/s. Effectively promote skill and team combinations or,
- Having even team numbers or,
- Scoring goals with the left foot.

Finally, I believe in being competitive and in winning. I also believe in being fair – this is Junior level.

Good luck.

**Jim Puketapu**  
Junior Chairman

P.S. For additional information refer to the TKU website ([www.threekings.org.nz](http://www.threekings.org.nz)) – Junior Section (Small Sided Playing Rules)