



2017 Metro & Conference Leagues



The Metro & Conference leagues (13th to 17th grades) will start on Sunday 2nd April. The preference for 14th – 17th Metro and Conference competitions is 10 team divisions with a home and away format. Where 12 teams are entered, this is likely to determine whether mid-week games may be required to complete the season within the allocated dates.

Listed below are the club positions for each grade for the 2017 season. Confirmation and acceptance of these club positions is required by **Monday 27th February 2017** to the relevant Federation.

Following this date, further entries for Conference positions need to be received by **Monday 6th March 2017** to the relevant federation.

For the three vacancies that are known now, entries are being received by **Friday 9th December 2016**. If entries received exceed the number of vacancies, the federations will determine the highest ranked eligible team to take the position.

- 16th Conference – 1 vacancy
- 17th Conference – 2 vacancies

Note: NZ Football has recently completed their Competitions Review which may introduce changes in both format and participant entry for youth competitions as listed above. The Federations will review any such changes as to their effect on the Metro & Conference competitions.

2017 13th Grade – 18 teams (3 groups of 6 for grading - Sunday)

Clubs that competed in the 2016 season in the AFF 12th Premier, AFF 12th Grade Division 1A and NFF SW 12th Division 1 and 2 are able to submit entry requests. There are 18 positions available. If more than 18 clubs apply, the Federations will determine the grading groups and eligible clubs based on their finishing positions in the 2016 season. Federations will also consider entries from clubs who have entered a team in the 13th Grade in the 2016 season, returning to play in the 13th Grade again in 2017.

If Northland FC enter a team, any teams that play an away game in the grading rounds, will be guaranteed a home game against Northland FC in the Championship round.

18 club format in grading – Grading will consist of 5 matches, playing each team once in the group with the top 4 teams of each grading group proceeding through to form the 2017 13th Metro Championship. The remaining six clubs positioned in 5th and 6th place will enter 13th Conference, which is to be formed along with six teams promoted from the AFF & NFF's 13th First Divisions following grading.

* One team per grade, per club in Metro. A Club's second team cannot be promoted to Metro the following year. The position would be offered to the next best-placed eligible team.

A club can have a 13th Metro and a 13th Conference team in the 2017 season. The joint Federations can at their discretion invite a club to enter a second team into the Conference division.

2017 14th Grade Metro – 12 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 13th Metro

1. Onehunga Sports
2. Eastern Suburbs AFC
3. Forrest Hill Milford
4. East Coast Bays
5. Western Springs AFC
6. Bay Olympic
7. Fencibles United AFC
8. Waitemata FC
9. Hibiscus Coast
10. Central United FC
11. Drury United - **relegated to 2017 14th Conference division**
12. Bucklands Beach AFC - **relegated to 2017 14th Conference division**

2017 14th Grade Conference – 12 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 13th Conference

1. East Coast Bays – unable to be promoted
2. Greenhithe - **promoted to 2017 14th Metro**
3. Beachlands Maraetai AFC - **promoted to 2017 14th Metro**
4. North Shore United
5. Northland FC
6. Western Springs AFC
7. Forrest Hill Milford
8. Onehunga Sports
9. Waitakere City FC
10. Ellerslie AFC
11. Oratia United - **relegated to 2017 14th NFF local football**
12. Three Kings United - **relegated to 2017 14th AFF local football**

Winner of AFF 13/1A Championship – Western Springs Espanyol – **promoted to 2017 14th Conference**

Winner of NFF HW 13/1 Championship - East Coast Bays Development - **promoted to 2017 14th Conference**

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The joint Federations can at their discretion invite a club to enter a second team into the Conference.

2017 15th Grade Metro – 12 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 14th Metro

1. North Shore United
2. Manurewa AFC
3. Onehunga Sports
4. Three Kings United
5. Waitakere City FC
6. Eastern Suburbs AFC
7. Fencibles United AFC
8. East Coast Bays
9. Oratia United
10. Western Springs AFC
11. Hibiscus Coast - **relegated to 2017 15th Conference division**
12. Bucklands Beach AFC - **relegated to 2017 15th Conference division**

2017 15th Grade Conference – 10 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 14th Conference

1. Central United FC - **promoted to 2017 15th Metro**
2. Bay Olympic - **promoted to 2017 15th Metro**
3. Northland FC
4. Ellerslie AFC
5. Fencibles United AFC
6. Western Springs AFC
7. North Shore United
8. East Coast Bays
9. Three Kings United – **retained position in 2017 due to BBAFC 2nd team declining promotion**
10. Forrest Hill Milford – **relegated to 2017 15th NFF local football**

Winner of AFF 14/1 Championship – Bucklands Beach AFC – **declined promotion to 2017 15th Conference**

Winner of NFF HW 14/1 Championship – Waitakere City FC - **promoted to 2017 15th Conference**

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The joint Federations can at their discretion invite a club to enter a second team into the Conference division.

2017 16th Grade Metro – 10 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 15th Metro

1. Fencibles United AFC
2. Onehunga Sports
3. East Coast Bays
4. Three Kings United
5. Central United
6. Western Springs AFC
7. Ellerslie AFC
8. Papakura City FC
9. Hibiscus Coast - **relegated to 2017 16th Conference**

2017 16th Grade Conference – 10 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 15th Conference

1. North Shore United - **promoted to 2017 16th Metro**
2. Waitakere City FC - **promoted to 2017 16th Metro**
3. Pukekohe AFC
4. Manurewa AFC
5. Fencibles United AFC
6. East Coast Bays
7. Northland FC
8. Three Kings United
9. Oratia United - **relegated to 2017 16th or 17th NFF local football**
10. Eastern Suburbs AFC - **relegated to 2017 16th AFF local football**

Winner of AFF 15/1 Championship – Ellerslie AFC - **promoted to 2017 16th Conference**

Winner of HW NFF 15/1 Championship – Takapuna AFC - **promoted to 2017 16th Conference**

There is one vacancy available to be applied for in 16th Conference for the 2017 season. **Applications close on Friday 9th December 2016.**

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The joint Federations can at their discretion invite a club to enter a second team into the Conference division.

2017 17th Grade Metro – 10 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 16th Metro

1. Birkenhead United
2. Fencibles United AFC
3. Three Kings United
4. Northland FC
5. Central United FC
6. Lynn-Avon United AFC
7. East Coast Bays
8. Papakura City FC
9. Forrest Hill Milford - **relegated to 2017 17th Conference**

2017 17th Grade Conference – 10 teams home & away (Sunday)

Listed in order of final placing from 2016 season in 16th Conference

1. Waiheke United **-promoted to 2017 17th Metro**
2. Western Springs AFC **-promoted to 2017 17th Metro**
3. Fencibles United AFC
4. Lynn-Avon United AFC
5. Oratia United
6. Eastern Suburbs AFC
7. Bucklands Beach AFC
8. Ellerslie AFC
9. Albany United – **relegated to 2017 NFF local football**

There are two vacancies available to be applied for in 17th Conference for the 2017 season. **Applications close on Friday 9th December 2016.**

* One team per grade, per club in Metro. No positions are held for the following season at the conclusion of the 2017 season in 17th Metro or Conference.

The joint Federations can at their discretion invite a club to enter a second team into the Conference division.