

# Invitation / Official Zero Bulletin of IFA 2023 FISTBALL U18 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW ZEALAND

## Summary To-dos Member Federations

| INFO   | DEADLINE  | TO BE SENT TO  |
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| Team registration (please note a registration without payment is not valid)  | <b>As soon as possible</b><br><b>Latest: 15 August 2022</b> | Register on <a href="http://www.fistball.org">www.fistball.org</a>                                 |
| Payment of the deposit of € 200 per team (each € 200 per women and men team) | <b>One week after team registration</b>                     | IFA bank account<br>IBAN: AT41 2032 0321 0039 5106<br>BIC: ASPKAT2LXXX<br>Sparkasse Oberösterreich |

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## 1. INVITATION

International Fistball Association (IFA) and New Zealand Fistball Association (NZFA) have the honor to invite all IFA members around the world to participate in the

### IFA 2023 Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships New Zealand

which will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, from

**4 – 7 January 2023**

## 2. ORGANIZERS

The Organizers of the IFA 2023 Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships New Zealand are the International Fistball Association (IFA) and New Zealand Fistball Association (NZFA).

## 3. PARTICIPATION, TEAMS AND QUOTA

The IFA 2023 Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships New Zealand are open to all Federations affiliated to IFA as members, each of which can nominate one team. The players for the U18 competition have to be born in **year 2004 or later**.

The maximum quota is 16 teams in each competition. If more than 16 teams register for the event qualifiers according to quota for the Regional Associations have to be played.

Only Member federations that have fulfilled their financial liabilities to IFA will be admitted to the competitions.

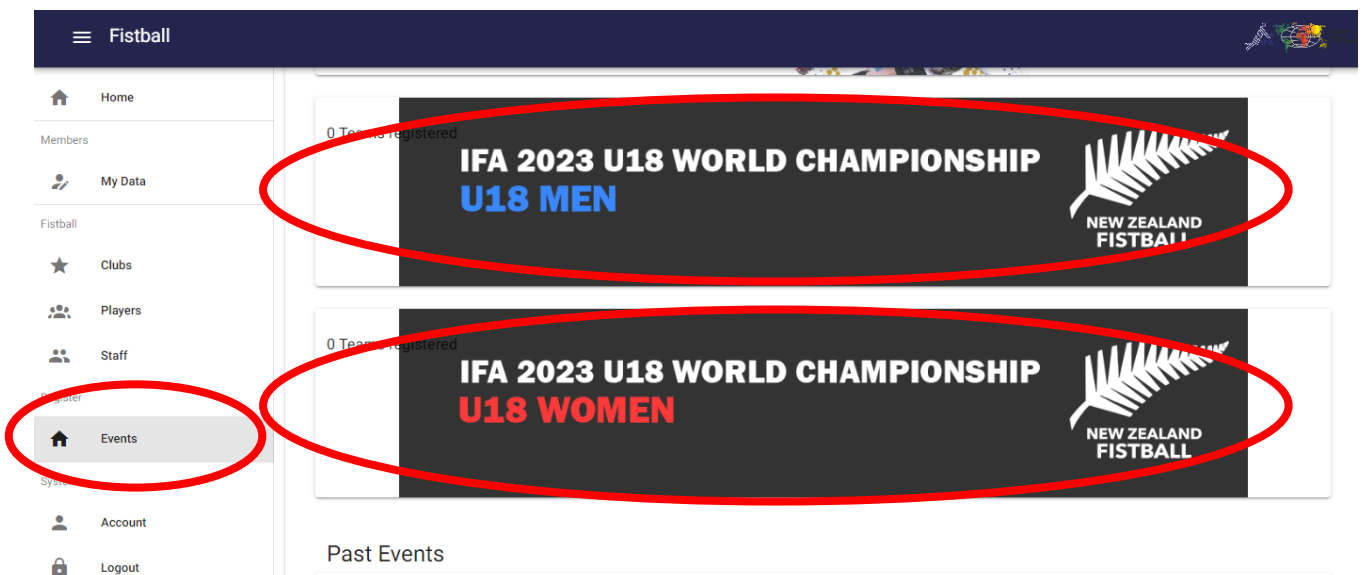
Each team has to consist of up to ten players and up to 3 officials. Additionally, every Federation is allowed to nominate 1 Head of Delegation, who may also be one of the team officials.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PARTICIPATION / TEAM REGISTRATION

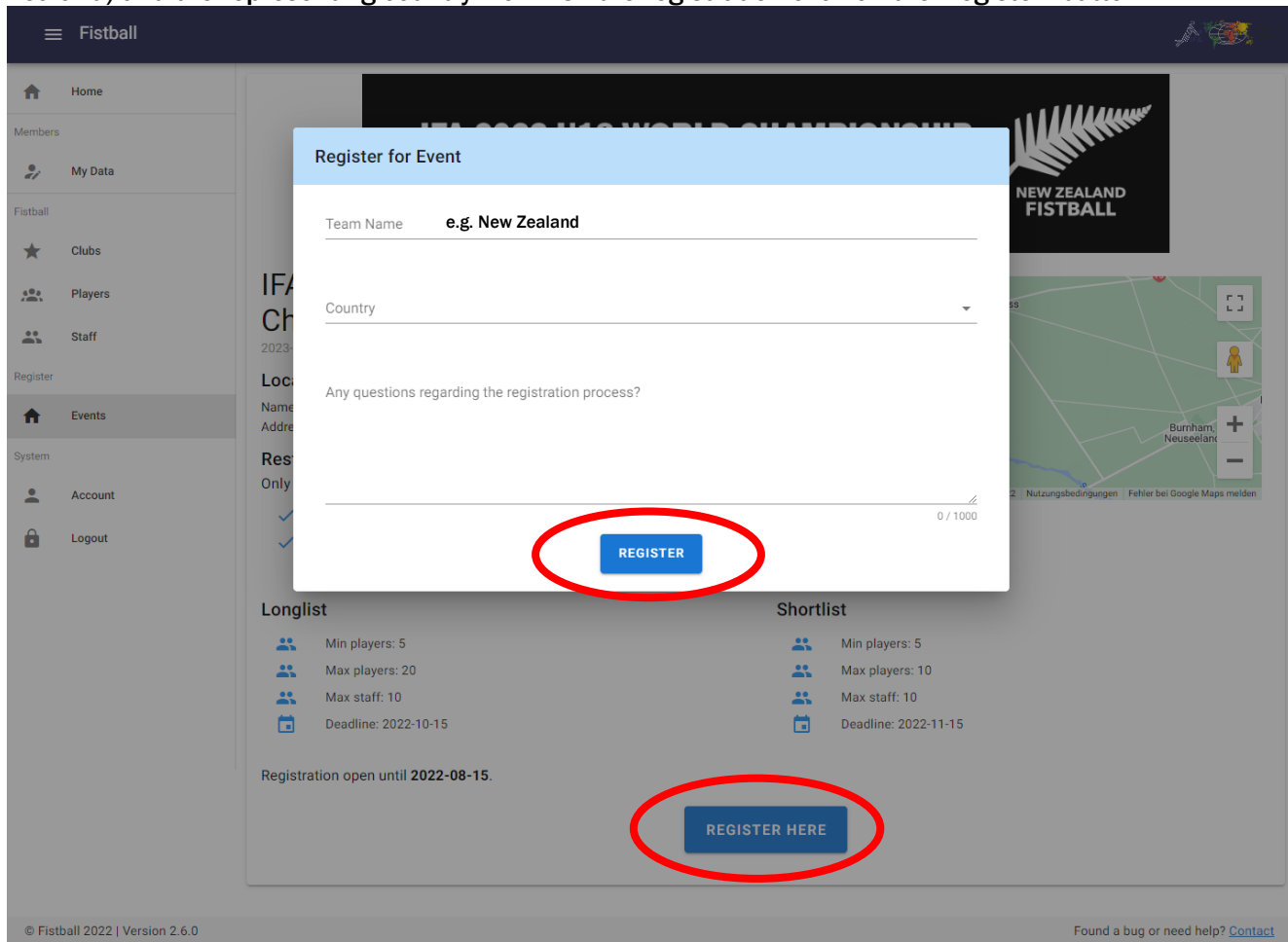
Please register your national team here latest by **15 August 2022, 24:00 CET**: [www.fistball.org](http://www.fistball.org)

### How to register:

1. Register on [www.fistball.org](http://www.fistball.org) or if you already have an user account just login with your user
2. Click in the Menu on "Events"
3. Choose the right Event for your team:
  - a. click on U18 World Championship – U18 Male Competition or
  - b. click on U18 World Championship – U18 Female Competition



4. Click on the big blue “Register here” Button to register your team with the team name (e.g. New Zealand) and the representing country. To finish the registration click on the “register” button.



5. The IFA team has to confirm your registration. As soon the confirmation is done, you'll receive a confirmation mail and you can add all other necessary data like long list, team logo, team photo, journey information etc (Details and deadlines provided in the next Bulletin).

## 5. REGULATIONS

The IFA Competition Rules (IFCR) and the IFA Regulations World Championships form the basis for the event.

## 6. MATCH DAYS AND WELCOME BANQUET

The World Championships take place from Wednesday 4 January 2023 to Saturday 7 January 2023. They end with the victory ceremony for all teams on Saturday 7 January 2023.

The World Championship starts with the welcome dinner on Tuesday 3 January 2023. The organizers plan a player's party on Saturday 7 January after the victory ceremony.

Furthermore, NZFA hosts a New Year's Eve party for all delegations on 31 December. Details will be provided in the next Bulletin.

**U18 Schedule:**

| <b>Day</b>           | <b>U18 overall schedule</b>  |
|----------------------|--|
| Saturday 31 December | New Year's Eve party   |
| Sunday 1 January     | Official Arrival Day non-continental teams                                   |
| Monday 2 January     | Official Arrival Day continental teams                                       |
| Tuesday 3 January    | Training day<br>Technical Meeting<br>Welcome Dinner                          |
| Wednesday 4 January  | 1st competition day  |
| Thursday 5 January   | 2nd competition day  |
| Friday 6 January     | 3rd competition day  |
| Saturday 7 January   | 4th competition day: Placement Matches<br>Victory Ceremony<br>Player's Party |
| Sunday 8 January     | Departure day  |

## **7. ACCOMMODATION, BOARD AND LODGING**

The competing teams will have to bear their own travelling expenses, accommodation and full board (except welcome dinner) for all team members.

- **Breakfast** will be provided in the official team accommodation,
- **Lunch** will be provided at the playing fields
- **Dinner** will be provided in the official team accommodation.

It is planned to have a joint accommodation for all participating teams to spend some time together in the evening as well.

Detailed information to the team catering will follow within the next Bulletins.

### **Accommodation Tupuānuku :**

The organizing committee is currently in the process of securing the following venue for all athletes and officials. If supporters wish to stay in the same venue it will be at a first in, first served basis.

The University of Canterbury's largest new accommodation build to date, Tupuānuku offers 504 fully-furnished student rooms in 2021 with a focus on culture and lifestyle. Located amongst other halls of residence, the location on Homestead Lane (adjacent to the Ilam Homestead and gardens) is a short 5 minute walk to main campus facilities. The layout consists of long corridors divided into smaller colour-coded neighbourhoods or kāhui.

Tupuānuku includes:

- Single rooms (approx 11-13m<sup>2</sup>) x 375 with shared bathroom (1:4 ratio)
- Single ensuite rooms (approx 14-15m<sup>2</sup>) x 100 (own bathroom)
- Single accessible rooms (approx 16-18m<sup>2</sup>) x 29 (own bathroom)
- Rooms contain king single bed, desk, chair, bookshelves, and double wardrobe with lockable drawer

More information: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/tupuanuku/>

**Price:**

At this stage the University has not announced their prices for Summer 2023. As soon as this is available teams will be able to book through NZFA.

**Location:**

The accommodation is 20km from the venue (approx. 20-25 min by car)

## 8. VENUE

It's planned the U18 World Championships will be held at Foster Park, Rolleston, with facilities available at Selwyn Sports Centre.

70 Broadlands Drive

Rolleston 7614

New Zealand

Lunch will be provided at the SSC, as well as an athletes area and change/shower facilities between games. Directly across the road is an aquatic centre, which will also be available for use.

There are 2-3 match courts (depends on the number of participating teams) and 2-3 warm-up courts.



## 9. TRANSPORTATION

Transport will be provided for teams to/from the airport on arrival and departure days, as well as to/from the venue to accommodation each day.

Public transport is also available for supporters. Buses run every half hour from the city centre of Christchurch to Rolleston each day.

It takes approximately 20-25 minutes by car from the accommodation to the venue

## 10. DEPOSIT

At the team registration, the transfer to the account of the International Fistball Association (IFA) of a deposit of EUR 200 per team (each EUR 200 per women and men team) is required. The deposit is used to finance the costs for team catering. At the final invoice and full payment of the team catering in the beginning of the IFA 2023 Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships the deposit will be deducted from the total amount.

Bank information:

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Payment has to be done free of charge for IFA.

## 11. VISA INFORMATION

For a short period visit in New Zealand you must request an NZeTA before you travel if you

- travel on a passport from a country on the list of visa waiver countries and territories, and
- are visiting for up to 3 months — or, if you are a British citizen, up to 6 months.

A list of visa waiver countries can be found on the website of Immigration New Zealand:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta#https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/general-information/visa-waiver-countries/slider>

Visas are issued by the mission responsible for the area in which the applicant has his/her ordinary residence or domicile.

Nationals being in need for Visa to enter New Zealand are required to contact the respective New Zealand embassy or consular section being responsible for your country.

Participants being in need for Visa are requested to register online as mentioned above prior to the deadlines given.

The Organizing Committee will upon request send invitation letters to the respective Federation.

The Organizers would like to underline that Visa procedures are the responsibility of the applying person/s. In any case but in particular in the case of late registration or failing respective procedures the Organizers are not responsible for the participant's visas. The Organizers however will be glad to assist when questions on Visa procedures should apply.

The Organizers would also like to stress strongly that no visas will be issued at the New Zealand passport control and all documentation has to be prepared beforehand.

## 12. COVID RESTRICTIONS AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

The border reopens latest in October 2022 and normal visa processing resumes for all categories, including visitor and student visas, unless the visa is closed or paused.

The New Zealand government reopened its borders in July.

Currently, to enter New Zealand you must meet the following requirements:

- You do not need proof of a negative COVID-19 test to enter New Zealand.
- Most travellers need to be vaccinated and take 2 rapid antigen tests (RATs) after arriving in New Zealand.
- If you transit through New Zealand, you do not need to be vaccinated or complete the New Zealand Traveller Declaration.

Further information what you need to do to enter New Zealand: <https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/travel-to-new-zealand/preparing-to-travel-to-new-zealand/>

This is information on the current situation in New Zealand regarding to COVID19: <https://covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights/life-at-orange/>

We keep you updated about the latest COVID19 restrictions within the next Bulletins.

**As COVID19 situation could change very quickly and New Zealand had very strict entry regulations in the past, IFA recommends concluding a cancellation insurance for your journey.**

## 13. IFA FISTBALL ACADEMY

Within the framework of the IFA 2023 Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships New Zealand IFA will organize an IFA Fistball Academy for teachers and trainers as full day training program. The aim is to provide every participant a basis knowledge of training and the Rules of the Game.

The number of participants is limited. The participants have to bear a small attendance fee, travel costs to Christchurch and hosting.

The final date and further details will be provided as soon as possible.

## 14. IFA YOUTH CONGRESS

The IFA Youth and Sports Commission is planning to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> IFA Youth Congress within the framework of the U18 World Championships. The aim of the IFA Youth Congress is to discuss and share the ideas of youth concepts from the IFA member federation to increase the youth appeal of Fistball. Details are provided in due time.

## 15. SOCIAL MEDIA

We would be glad if the participating clubs use the hashtag #FistballU18WC and #wearefistball to inform the spectators about every activity within the context of the IFA 2023 Fistball U18 World Championships.

## 16. CONTACT INFORMATION / IMPRINT

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