



Hawks Cup Junior and Senior Secondary School Competition

AFL New Zealand has produced a Secondary Schools programme called 'Hawks Cup' based on the fundamental movement and ball skills for boys and girls as well as a competition format for Junior (years 9 and 10) and Senior (years 11 - 13) students.

The programme initially provides free introductory sessions and resources presented by qualified AFL New Zealand employees to combine with school curriculum, "in house" competitions or simply introduce a new and dynamic sport to students. The skills of 'Kick, Catch, Pass and Bounce' are perfectly matched to cross reference any number of sports.

AFL has been introduced into the New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council calendar and provides all schools with the opportunity to participate in the Hawks Cup tournaments:

- Senior North Island and South Island Championships on March 31st and April 1st 2012
- Junior North Island and South Island Championships on November 10th and 11th 2012

The "In House" competitions are a great way of leading into selection for your school team and can be tailored to suit each schools needs. The Hawks Cup competition commences initially with localised cluster tournaments scheduled for a single day and organised in an 'after school tournament format' that runs for two hours to ensure both travel and time commitments are minimised.

AFL New Zealand is aware of the time and resource constrictions faced by schools and teachers. All teams that participate in the Hawks Cup will have coaching or management staff allocated from local clubs to provide links between school and community.

The Hawks Cup will provide participants with a link to local clubs as well as a High Performance pathway with opportunities to represent Oceania at Under 16 level and New Zealand at Under 16, Under 20 and Senior Level. Up to three New Zealanders annually will be provided with the opportunity to participate in the Trent Croad Scholarship Programme as part of the HANZ UP! programme.



Kurt Heatherley - receiver of the Trent Croad Scholarship in 2009

AFL New Zealand has targeted;

- 100 schools to participate in the 2012 programme and 150 schools by 2013
- 20% of participants to align with local clubs
- and the identification of talent for both New Zealand Hawks Under 16's, Under 20's and AFL Clubs

AFL New Zealand in developing relationships with SPARC, Regional Sports Trusts, New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council and Hawthorn Football Club, are ensuring the delivery of a quality programme that meets the needs of schools, teachers and participants.

For your free sessions please contact

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More information on School resources, High performance pathways, Tournament dates and Registration can be found at www.aflnz.co.nz and then clicking on the Hawks Cup Logo.

