



## Twizel Sports Development Board

Back in 2016 a dedicated group of volunteers worked diligently to establish a board aimed at promoting the development of sport and recreation in Twizel. After extensive consultation with the community and Sport Canterbury the **Twizel Sports Development Board** was launched.

Operating under the brand name **Sport Twizel**, the board is committed to working closely with Club Members, the Community Board, the Mackenzie District Council, Twizel Area School, and other stakeholders to foster and develop sport in Twizel. We are a non-profit and an Incorporated Society, which will further strengthen our ability to support local sports initiatives.

### Why Join Sport Twizel?

We currently have 20 plus member Clubs and we encourage all local sports groups to join together with Sport Twizel in our aim to strengthen sport in the community. By becoming a Club Member, your organization will be part of a collective effort to enhance the sporting landscape in Twizel.

### What Can Sport Twizel Do for Your Club?

Sport Twizel is dedicated to initiating and supporting projects that benefit multiple sporting groups.

Some of our current initiatives over the years have included:

- **Town Soccer and Rugby Pitches:** We launched a community project to re-sow and maintain cricket, soccer and rugby pitches, ensuring they are in top condition for our athletes.
- **Twizel Sporting Calendar:** An annual sporting calendar has been created and distributed to all clubs, providing a comprehensive overview of local sporting events.
- **Sport Twizel Website:** We have developed a website that serves as a hub for all things Sport Twizel. Each Member Club has a dedicated page to showcase their activities, contacts, and updates to the community.
- **Sport Twizel Facebook Page:** This page serves as a forum for club members to share reminders and information about current events.

### Future Projects

Looking ahead, Sport Twizel plans to undertake several key initiatives, including:

- **Funding Support:** We aim to provide administrative support to clubs applying for financial funding. Navigating funding streams can be complex, and we hope to offer guidance to streamline this process.
- **Facility Review:** We plan to assess the current use of local facilities to ensure they are being fully utilized. The possibility of a shared facility is also under consideration.
- **Communication:** Sport Twizel will explore opportunities for consistent and regular advertising of all sports and sports events, potentially through a dedicated section in local publications.
- **Training:** We hope to offer support and training for club personnel in areas such as funding applications, office holder workshops, and coaching seminars.
- **Pathways:** Facilitating pathways from school sports to club and community sports will be a priority for Sport Twizel.
- **One Voice:** Sport Twizel will represent the collective voice of local sports groups when liaising with local councils and funding organizations.

### How Can Your Club Contribute to Sport Twizel?

Attached is an application form providing your club with the opportunity to join Sport Twizel. Sport Twizel's Constitution document lays out the purpose and objectives of the organisation along with a set of Rules governing everything we do from membership to meetings. There is a \$25 annual



club membership fee, payable at the time of application and annually thereafter. This fee supports the ongoing administration costs of running an Incorporated Society. We are also actively seeking funding from local bodies to further support our initiatives.

### **How is Sport Twizel Structured?**

Each Club Member will nominate a representative who will have a vote at the Annual General Meeting, where board members will be elected to govern Sport Twizel. The board will consist of seven members: five elected members and two appointed members. These individuals will be responsible for carrying out the objectives of Sport Twizel, including:

- Promoting the development and organization of sport in Twizel.
- Overseeing the redevelopment of sporting, recreational, family, and community facilities in and around Twizel.
- Securing funding and resources for the benefit of our member clubs and the wider community.
- Advancing and protecting the interests of our members.

One of Sport Twizel's key objectives is to support and help existing sports clubs in Twizel with strategic planning, keeping future needs in mind. We hope your club will support this initiative by becoming a Club Member, and we look forward to working with you to enhance the sporting community in Twizel.

If you are interested in joining the board or know someone who would be an excellent representative, please send an email to [sport@sporttwizel.co.nz](mailto:sport@sporttwizel.co.nz) for further information.

**Yours sincerely,**

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