



2026 Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships — Event Information

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In November 2026, New Zealand will host the Asia-Pacific Fistball Championships for the first time. Men's and women's national teams from New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Samoa will compete at Kākaha Park, Prebbleton, over four days of international competition.

Held only once every four years, the Championships are one of the most significant events on the fistball calendar for our region. This year they also serve as the Oceania qualifying tournament for the 2027 Men's Fistball World Championships in Brazil.

This brief gives an overview of the event and of our Association.



Event at a Glance

Dates	Thursday 12 – Saturday 14 November 2026 (Sunday 15 November weather contingency)
Venue	Kākaha Park, Prebbleton, Canterbury
Competing nations	New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Samoa
Competitions	Men's and Women's Championships, with Youth and Masters divisions also planned
Significance	First time hosted in NZ; Oceania qualifier for the 2027 Men's World Championships
Broadcast	Three courts live-streamed on the NZFA YouTube channel
Official ball partner	Ludwig

About Fistball

Fistball is one of the world's oldest ball sports. Two teams of five face each other across a net on a grass field, playing the ball with the fist or forearm and allowing it to bounce once between touches. The sport is governed internationally by the International Fistball Association and is part of The World Games programme.

About the New Zealand Fistball Association

New Zealand is a small but ambitious fistball nation with a strong international record:

- Host nation of the 2019 Oceania Championships
- Asia-Pacific Champions in 2022 in the Men's, Women's and Masters divisions
- Men's and Women's teams qualified for The World Games 2025
- Under-18 World Championship debut in 2026

At home, the Association has launched a Canterbury–Aoraki Regional League for 2026/27 and is running coaching sessions in schools across both regions.

Supporting the Championships

Hosting an international event is a significant undertaking for a volunteer-run sport, and we would welcome Enviro NZ's involvement in whatever form suits. Financial support would make the greatest difference, and we are equally open to other forms of support, such as in-kind services at the venue. Partners would be recognised through the event, including at the venue, across the live stream and on our digital channels.

We would be glad to talk through any ideas at a time that suits you. Please contact:

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