

**RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
THE NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS' RUGBY UNION (NZSRU)
(Version as at 20 May 2019¹)**

**NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS NATIONAL 1st XV CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR THE BARBARIAN CUP 2019
AND
NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL INVITATIONAL CO-EDUCATIONAL
SCHOOLS' 1st XV CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BARBARIAN TROPHY
2019
AND
NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL GIRLS' 1st XV CHAMPIONSHIP 2019
FOR THE HINE POUNAMU TROPHY
(Together referred to as "The Championships")**

For teams participating in the 2019 National Invitational Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship, attention is drawn to the amendment to Rule 1.6

The rationale for this amendment is that the Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship was instituted to allow for what were commonly referred to as "second-tier" 1st XV teams, to have an opportunity to participate in a national rugby championship. However, schools that regularly appear in the National Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship semi-finals and finals are unlikely to be "second-tier" and indeed are taking the opportunity away from such teams, and in certain circumstances will enter the National 1st XV Championship.

1. Composition and Jurisdiction

- 1.1 The Championships are sanctioned by School Sport New Zealand, and are Smoke, Drug and Alcohol-free events
- 1.2 Each Championship is conducted on an invitational basis and there is no obligation for schools to participate. The Championships are open to all secondary schools affiliated to the NZSRU. By accepting the invitation to participate in the Championships, a school agrees to be bound by these Rules.
- 1.3 Each Championship is to be a knockout based competition, involving qualifying school 1st XV's from the following Regions and Provincial Unions:

¹ Please note that the following Rules have been added or amended since the 2018 Championships: The name of the National Invitational Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship; the Chief's Regional Championship Coordinator; and Rules 1.6, 2.6, 3.3, 6.2, 6.5, 8.1 (b) and 8.1 (c).

Blues

Northland, Auckland, North Harbour

Chiefs

Waikato, King Country, Bay of Plenty, Counties, Thames Valley, Taranaki

Hurricanes

Hawkes Bay, Horowhenua-Kapiti, Wanganui, Manawatu, Wairarapa Bush, Wellington, Poverty Bay, East Coast

South Island Schools

Nelson Bays-Marlborough, Canterbury, West Coast, Buller, Mid Canterbury, South Canterbury, North Otago, Otago, Southland

- 1.4 A National Championship Coordinator will be appointed to organise and control the Championships by the NZSRU in conjunction with the host Region, and each Region will appoint a Regional Championship Coordinator.

In 2019, the Coordinators are:

National Championship	Stephen Kissick	principal@rochester-rutherford.org.nz
Blues Region	Brett Kingstone	bkingstone@st-peters.school.nz
Chiefs Region	Bruce Buckton	bbuckton@rbhs.school.nz
Hurricanes Region	Nick Reid	reid@awatapu.school.nz
South Island Schools	Geoff Steyn	G.Steyn@middleton.school.nz

- 1.5 By May 1 in any year, each Region (Blues, Chiefs, Hurricanes and South Island Schools) must submit their qualifying processes for the three Championships to the National Championship Coordinator, who will determine which games are to be played under NZSRU jurisdiction.

The National Championship Coordinator will also determine which of the games determined above are to be played under the control of a Regional Championship Coordinator, and which games are to be played under the control of the National Championship Coordinator.

For the avoidance of doubt, all knockout matches post local 1st XV competitions that are part of the qualifying matches to determine the finalists for the Championships are under the jurisdiction of the NZSRU and will be played in accordance with these Rules.

- 1.6 The Invitational Co-Educational Schools Championship is open to all co-educational secondary schools. Co-Educational is taken as meaning any school that the Ministry of Education deems as Co-Educational from Year 9 (see the website <http://www.tki.org.nz/schools/>)

Co-educational schools wishing to enter the National 1st XV Championship (sometimes referred to as Top Four) must signal their intention to do so, to their Regional Championship Coordinator no later than the last Friday of Week Two in Term Two of the year of the Championship (in 2019, this date is 10 April 2019), or any other prior date as a Region may determine. Teams so entering will no longer be eligible for the National Invitational Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship.

Rule change for 2019 onwards: A 1st XV that participates in the Invitational Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship Semi-Final for a second consecutive year in 2019 or beyond², will be invited to enter the pathway for the National 1st XV Championship (often referred to as "Top Four") per Rule 1.2, for the following (one) year.

- 1.7 Squads will consist of 23 players and up to 4 officials per match. Any team crossing Cook Strait will be entitled to carry a non-playing reserve in case of an emergency. Injured players may be replaced at the team's expense. If the injured player is replaced they may take no further part in the Championship.
- 1.8 For the purpose of clarity: School Sport NZ Eligibility Rules state that no (rugby union) team can have more than two non-domestic players; for the National Championships, this is extended to the named squad of 23 (or 24 for South Island) – **i.e. no squad at the Championship should have more than two non-domestic players.**
- 1.9 All schools taking part in games under NZSRU jurisdiction, per Rule 1.5, are bound to abide by these Championship Rules.
- 1.10 The Principal of each school is responsible for all students, staff, team officials, parents and spectators' matters pertaining to the Championship Rules. The Principal will ensure that:
 - i. All players representing the school meet the eligibility rules of School Sport NZ current at the time of the event and as published on the School Sport NZ website.
 - ii. All teams from the school are supervised at all times including travelling to and from a game or games by a responsible coaching and management team and that all players and officials are aware of their responsibilities and commitments before they attend a game.
 - iii. All students and team officials are aware of and are bound by the Smoke, Drug and Alcohol Free conditions under which all School Sport NZ events are sanctioned.
 - iv. Appropriate permission has been obtained for any player to be drug tested, in any match that Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) determine they will undertake testing during any of the 2019 Championships. Further, a condition of competing in the Championships is the agreement that the team has participated in an education workshop if offered by DFSNZ. Note: DFSNZ has indicated that testing in the 2019 Championships will take place for those competing in the National 1st XV Competition and the National Girls' 1st XV Championship.

² For clarity, this is participation in the National Championship's Semi-Final, rather than in any Regional qualifying game. The count for the "second consecutive year" will begin in 2018.

1.11 A condition of entry into games under NZSRU jurisdiction, as identified under Rule 1.5, is that teams agree to allow televising of their game, if requested, by a NZSRU approved broadcaster

2. Duration, Dates, Venue and the Selection of Participants

2.1 The Semi-Finals and Finals for each Championship will normally take place over a three-day period at a time and venue decided each year by the NZSRU.

2.2 In 2019 the Championship format for the Semi-Finals and Finals will be as follows:

- Ø Thursday 5 September: Teams travel to Palmerston North
- Ø Friday 6 September: Semi-Final matches at the SRI, Massey University
- Ø Friday 6 September: Tournament Dinner (all teams are expected to attend)
- Ø Sunday 8 September: Play-offs for 3rd and 4th; Finals
- Ø Sunday 8 September: Teams depart Palmerston North

2.3 All qualifying games leading to the National Championships (i.e. games determined per Rule 1.5) must be played under NZSRU and School Sport NZ Player Eligibility Rules (see Rules 6.1, 6.2 and 6.5). For the purpose of clarity, NZSRU has determined that players in the National Girls' 1st XV Championship must also conform to School Sport NZ Player Eligibility Rules.

2.4 Each Region will decide how to rank and select its representative 1st XV's by a date determined by the NZSRU. However, each Region has to take the following steps:

- i. Invite the top ranked 1st XV in its Region to participate in a Championship. If the invitation is declined, the next highest ranked team is invited until the invitation is accepted.
- ii. Send written notification to the National Championship Coordinator of who the participating teams will be.

2.5 Regions are to appoint a Regional Championship Coordinator (to be nominated at the NZSRU AGM) who will report to the National Championship Coordinator and whose role within the Region is to:

- Ø ensure eligibility criteria are met
- Ø facilitate a qualifying procedure
- Ø ensure rules are clear as to procedures in cases of ties
- Ø adjudicate on any other matters which may arise, in consultation with the National Championship Coordinator.

2.6 NZSRU owns the following rights in respect of qualifying matches, and the Semi-Final/Final series for the Championships:

- i. the exclusive right to appoint a naming rights sponsor for each of the Championships;
- ii. the exclusive right to licence a broadcaster to access grounds at which a match is covered by these Rules is being played and to film such a match for the purpose of distribution to the public via any technology including TV, digital media and mobile platforms. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not preclude schools or teams participating in such matches from filming the match for internal purposes.

3. Playing Rules

- 3.1 All Games will be played under New Zealand Rugby (NZR) rules as per the Under-19 Domestic Law Variations.
- 3.2 Substitutions may be used as set out under the rugby rules for Under-19 Domestic Law Variations. Up to 22 players may be stripped.
- 3.3 Jersey numbers are to meet accepted standards. The Tournament programme will be an alphabetical listing of players; Management must ensure all players wear their correct jersey number as submitted on the final team sheet to the National Championship Coordinator by a time determined by the Coordinator.
- 3.4 Playing Time will conform to Under-19 requirements, viz. two halves of 35 minutes each way (excluding injury time.)
- 3.5 **Note that the following will apply to the National Girls' 1st XV Championship:**
- Ø The games will be played on a 15-a-side basis
 - Ø Scrums will be contested
 - Ø Lifting will be allowed in lineouts

4. Matches

- 4.1 Each Championship will consist of Semi-Finals (usually on the first day) and Finals (usually on the third day). The draw for the Semi-Finals will be on a rotational basis from year to year, with the regional rotation as follows (the “early” game being decided by a toss of a coin at the NZSRU AGM – in 2019 this has been determined as Blues vs. South Island):
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| Blues vs. South Island | (2019) |
| Blues vs. Hurricanes | (2020) |
| Blues vs. Chiefs | (2021) |
- 4.2 Teams in the Championships will wear their traditional school jerseys carrying the traditional school sponsors. An alternative strip should be carried to avoid a clash of colours; in the event of a clash, and where teams cannot agree on who wears the alternative strip, the matter will be determined by the toss of a coin by the NZSRU President or his nominee.
- 4.3 The Moascar Cup will be put up for competition by the holder, if the holder is participating in the Championship. Therefore, any Championship game is also a mandatory challenge for the Moascar Cup. In the case of a draw at the end of time the Moascar Cup will remain with the holder.
- 4.4 Match Officials for the Championship will be appointed by the NZSRU after consultation with NZR.
- 4.5 The official Championship match ball shall be an adidas one. The Championship Coordinator will ensure that 3 adidas balls are available for every game.

- 4.6 Grounds must conform and be marked out to NZR standards, and must be marked out with ropes and barriers for safety purposes behind which all spectators must stand.
- 4.7 All Coaches, Managers and Substitutes must remain behind the dead ball line during games, except for a maximum of two appointed and identified water carriers/medical personnel (who cannot be the Head Coach). Identification will be by a fluorescent vest supplied by the NZSRU, which must be worn throughout the game. Note that the match referee will be made aware of this rule.
- 4.8 Haka Protocol:
- Ø Teams who wish to perform a haka prior to the match commencing are to inform the referee and the opposition at the coin toss.
 - Ø If both teams wish to perform a haka, and unless a prior agreed is made, the team travelling the least distance to the match venue shall commence their haka first.
 - Ø Teams are to be on the field with sufficient time to perform all pre-match haka and to allow the match to commence at the scheduled time.
 - Ø Teams must assemble behind their own 10m line. The haka must NOT advance across the team's 10m line; if a haka advances it must commence sufficiently distant behind the 10m line so as not to cross it.
 - Ø Referees will deal with breaches of this haka protocol as acts of misconduct for which players can be issued with a warning, sin-binned or ordered off; in the event that multiple players breach protocol, the captain will bear responsibility.
- 4.9 All teams are required to meet the Code of Conduct per **Appendix A**.

Note regarding the SANIX World Youth Invitational Tournament, applicable to the National 1st XV Championship only:

- 4.10 The winner of the National 1st XV Championship will usually be the NZSRU nomination for the Sanix World Youth Invitational Tournament staged in Japan in the following year, subject to invitation by and the approval of the Executive of the NZSRU. If the nomination is not filled, then the next ranked team will be nominated until the nomination is filled. However, no team shall be the NZSRU nomination for more than two consecutive years.

5. Ties

- 5.1 A tie at the end of a Semi-Final match in any Championship will result in the winner being determined as follows in the following sequence:
- (i) The team which has scored the most tries in that game
 - (ii) The team that scored the first try in that game
 - (iii) The team that scored the first points in that game
 - (iv) If the score at the end of the match is 0-0, then the winner shall be decided on the toss of a coin conducted by the Championship Coordinator or his nominee
- 5.2 A tie at the end of a Final match in any Championship will result in the title being shared.

- 5.3 In the case of a tie at the end of a Final match in the National 1st XV Championship, the SANIX nomination will be determined as follows in the following sequence:
- (i) The team which has scored the most tries in that game
 - (ii) The team that scored the first try in that game
 - (iii) The team that scored the first points in that game
 - (iv) If the score at the end of the match is 0-0, then the nomination shall be decided on the toss of a coin conducted by the Championship Coordinator or his nominee

6. Eligibility

- 6.1 All players in games under NZRU jurisdiction, per Rule 1.5, must have current registration on the New Zealand Rugby database
- 6.2 In addition to 6.1, players must also meet the School Sport New Zealand Player Eligibility Rules, as contained in **Appendix B**. For the purpose of clarity, NZSRU has determined that players in the National Girls' 1st XV Championship must also conform to School Sport NZ Player Eligibility Rules. Note that from 2019 onwards, the School Sport NZ Maximum Number of "New To School" players for Rugby is **FIVE** (5)
- 6.3 For all games under NZSRU jurisdiction, per Rule 1.5, a squad list signed off by the school's Principal (**Appendix C**) must be provided to the Regional or National Championship Coordinator at least 72 hours prior to kick-off; the Regional or National Championship Coordinator will then provide a copy to the opposing team's Principal.
- Any changes to the squad list must be notified to the Regional Championship Coordinator or National Championship Coordinator (as appropriate) immediately, and at least one hour prior to kick off; and change must be due to the genuine non-availability of a player or players.
- 6.4 A Managers' Meeting will be held at the Championship, prior to the first games being played, where proof of eligibility for players will be required to be presented; **if eligibility cannot be demonstrated at this meeting by presentation of the documentation listed below, the player cannot take the field. This documentation will be signed off by the National Championship Coordinator on Wednesday 4 September.**

The following are ALL required to be presented at that Meeting:

- a) For the team, a NZSRU Entry Form (**Appendix C**) signed off by the Principal of the team's school, which includes – for each player – their most recent Enrolment Date and their New Zealand Rugby Database Number. Note that "Sporty" Registration Numbers are not acceptable.
- b) For each individual player:
 - A printout of their New Zealand Rugby database record (to verify NZR registration), or a Sport Team Sheet printout including a NZR Registration Database Number.
 - A printout from the student's school SMS database, including their photograph (to enable player identification)

- 6.5 Players must be under 18 years of age on 1 January in the year of the competition. However, teams meeting all other School Sport NZ eligibility criteria may include a maximum of two players who shall be under 19 years of age on 1 January in the year of the competition provided that such players are not classified as either New To School (NTS) or Non Domestic as described in School Sport NZ eligibility regulations. Note: Dispensated U-19 players are not entitled to Primary Caregiver Relocation Exemption from New to School status. Teams also need to be aware of New Zealand Rugby's Policy #09, "Age Bands for Age Grade Rugby".
- 6.6 Bona-fide³ students only will be allowed to participate. All players must be enrolled at the school they represent at the time of participation.

7. Disciplinary Action

- 7.1 Disciplinary Hearings will be conducted according to the NZR Booklet "*Rules for Disciplinary Hearings*" (sometimes referred to as the "Black Book"). Either the local union's Disciplinary Committee will be used, or one especially set up for the Championship. Hearings at the National Championships will be held no later than 24 hours after the completion of the game in question.
- 7.2 Team Managers should note the following:
- Ø If a player is sent off during the Championship, they will not be allowed to take any further part in the Championship until they have appeared before the Disciplinary Committee.
 - Ø A player ruled out of the Championship because of a judicial suspension cannot be replaced unless they are a front row forward
 - Ø If a player is sin binned on more than one occasion during the Championship they cannot play until they have appeared before the Disciplinary Committee
- 7.3 Where Team Officials or other persons are allegedly guilty of misconduct on the playing enclosure they will be dealt with under Part 4 of the NZR Booklet "*Rules for Disciplinary Hearings*" (sometimes referred to as the "Black Book").

8. Funding

- 8.1 The NZRSU will fund the Championships on the following basis:
- (a) Transport to and from the Championship, accommodation for up to three nights, a Championship Dinner and laundry for one set of playing gear while at the Championship
 - (b) The NZSRU reserves the right to limit accommodation to teams playing within 50 kilometers of their school to Friday and Saturday night only.
 - (c) The format in 2019 means accommodation and meals will be provided by NZSRU as follows:

³ The test as to whether a player is a bona-fide student or not is as follows: If the player's school was subject to a Ministry of Education roll audit on the day of participation, and the roll count was based on the Ministry of Education eligibility criteria per a March 1st roll return, the player must be eligible for inclusion on the school's roll as a full-time student on that day (or the last day of Term 4 for events conducted in the Christmas vacation).

- Ø All teams: Accommodation for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, subject to 8.1 (b) above
 - Ø All teams: dinner on Thursday night; breakfast and lunch Friday (the evening meal will be at the Championship Dinner); breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; breakfast and lunch Sunday. Note that a lunch on Thursday will no longer be offered.
- (d) Other costs beyond (a) (b) and (c) above, or beyond the number of players and officials per Rule 1.7 **will be at the individual team's cost, and should be paid for directly and at the time of the Championship.**

8.2 If schools choose transport and/or accommodation other than that provided for by the National Championship Coordinator, they will be required to fund the whole cost themselves.

8.3 Management must stay with their players.

8.4 The NZSRU asks Team Management to recognise that sponsorship makes an important contribution to the costs covered by the NZSRU; and that such sponsorship may impose requirements on the NZSRU, which may in turn may require the team and/or management to meet certain commitments while at the Championship.

8.5 The NZSRU reserves the right to review funding of the Championship each year.

9 Match Alterations and Interpretations.

9.1 If for any reason a match is required to be altered, or there is any dispute as to the meaning or interpretation of these Rules and Regulations or any part thereof, or there is any dispute as to any matter or questions relating to matches but not provided for in these Rules and Regulations, then such alteration, dispute or question shall be directed to the National Championship Coordinator who will refer the matter to the NZSRU and/or NZR as appropriate. Any consequent alteration, resolution or interpretation as made by the National Championship Coordinator will become binding on the parties involved.

10. Game times 2019:

The National 1st XV Championship, National Invitational Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship and Girls National 1st XV Championship will be played at the Massey University Sport and Rugby Institute, Palmerston North

Friday 6 September 2019

Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship – Semifinals

10.30am Blues vs. South Island
11.45am Chiefs vs. Hurricanes

Girls' 1st XV Championship – Semifinals

1.30pm Blues vs. South Island
2.45pm Chiefs vs. Hurricanes

National 1st XV Championship – Semifinals

1.10pm Blues vs. South Island
2.55pm Chiefs vs. Hurricanes

Televised
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Sunday 8 September 2019

Co-Educational Schools' 1st XV Championship – Finals

10.00am Play-off for 3rd and 4th
10.15am Final **Televised**

Girls' 1st XV Championship – Finals

12.00pm Play-off for 3rd and 4th
12.10pm Final **Televised**

National 1st XV Championship – Finals

2.00pm Play-off for 3rd and 4th
2.10pm Final **Televised**

11. Disputes and Appeals Procedures

- 11.1 Where the National Championship Coordinator receives an allegation in writing signed by the Principal of a school that is deemed by the National Championship Coordinator to be of a nature to warrant an investigation and is supported by specific and sufficient information to warrant an investigation, the National Championship Coordinator with agreement from the NZSRU Chair may elect to initiate a Disputes process.

Any such allegation may be lodged at any time prior to the match but at the latest, must be received no more than 24 hours after the completion of the game in question.

- 11.2 In entering a team in any game the Principal attests that all students are eligible to compete and that all criteria are met. If an eligibility dispute is raised with the NZSRU the Principal of the team in question is responsible for providing to the NZSRU the relevant ENROL record(s) for the student(s). The Principal is responsible for attaining the consent of the student(s) or their caregiver to supply the ENROL record to the NZSRU. If an ENROL record is not provided by the Principal the student(s) will be deemed to be ineligible.
- 11.3 In the first instance, the National Championship Coordinator may investigate the allegation and, should they believe the allegation to be substantiated, propose a resolution which may include a formal warning or a sanction as per Rule 11.11 of these Disputes Procedures.
- 11.4 Should:
- i. any party to the allegation not be willing to accept the determination notified by the National Championship Coordinator in Rule 11.3, or
 - ii. the National Championship Coordinator assesses the allegation to be of a more serious nature, the NZSRU Chair may convene a Disputes Panel to consider alleged breaches of the Championship Rules
- 11.5 The Disputes Panel will consist of:
- Ø The NZSRU Chair (or their nominee)
 - Ø A NZSRU Board Member appointed by the Chair from outside of the Region of either team in the game being investigated
 - Ø A member appointed by New Zealand Rugby
 - Ø A suitably qualified member of the legal profession appointed by New Zealand Rugby

- 11.6 The Disputes Panel will investigate the allegation using the following process:
- i. The Principal of the school against which the allegation has been made will be notified in writing of the details of the allegation including the school or organisation bringing the allegation and the details of evidence provided.
 - ii. The Principal receiving notice of the allegation will be asked to provide a written response to the allegation to the Disputes Panel within 24 hours
 - iii. During the investigation, the Disputes Panel or delegated authority may gather additional evidence including interviews with any person or persons likely to provide information relevant to the allegation.
- 11.7 The Disputes Panel may decide:
- Ø no further action is required, or
 - Ø offer to arrange mediation to attempt to resolve the allegation, or
 - Ø decide on any sanctions, if appropriate
- 11.8 The Disputes Panel will inform the Principal of the school facing the allegation and the party bringing the allegation within 24 hours of the decision taken in 11.7 above.
- 11.9 Where a NZRU Disputes Panel is convened to hear an allegation:
- i. The Principals of schools involved and any person/s involved with the allegation will be informed of the time, date and place of the hearing, all evidence collected, and invited to attend or provide further written submissions. The hearing will take place as soon as is practically possible.
 - ii. All written material will be supplied to all parties above at least 48 hours prior to the hearing
- 11.10 At the hearing:
- i. The National Coordinator will present the allegation, the response from the principal of the alleged school and any other evidence.
 - ii. The Disputes Panel chairperson will invite the Principal or any person delegated by the Principal of the school bringing the allegation to speak, followed by the Principal of the school alleged to have breached the rules or any person they have delegated.
 - iii. The panel shall make a decision on the validity of the allegation and any sanctions on the school, team or individual they deem to be appropriate. The panel may defer final decisions to a date no later than 48 hours following the hearing.
- 11.11 Sanctions may include:
- Ø Written warnings, with or without conditions including periods of prescribed supervision, on involvement in future games under NZSRU Jurisdiction
 - Ø Permanent or temporary exclusion of an individual from future games under NZSRU Jurisdiction
 - Ø Temporary exclusion of a school or team from future games under NZSRU Jurisdiction
- 11.12 Any Principal wishing to appeal a decision must do so by informing the NZSRU Chair in writing within 10 days of a decision being formally notified. An appeal can only be made on very limited grounds such as a manifest error of fact or law that would be likely to change the outcome.

- 11.13 The appeal will be considered by an NZSRU Appeals Panel, made up of the full Board of NZSRU, plus a suitably qualified legal person. The appealing Principal and the Principal of any other school party to the allegation may attend and speak to the appeal. To ensure appeals are heard in a timely manner, the appeal hearing may be held by teleconference. The NZSRU Appeals Panel may uphold the original decision and any sanction(s) applied by the Disputes Panel or alter the original decision and sanction(s) in any way. The decision of any such appeal will be binding on all parties.
- 11.14 Any further recourse on an appeal decision must be conducted through the Sports Tribunal

Appendix A: Code of Conduct

Spectators

- To be behind the barriers at all times
- Refrain from using inappropriate language or harassing players or referees
- Respect the referee's decision
- Encourage players to play according to the rules

Officials/Delegates

- To ensure barriers are set up correctly
- Ensure spectators are behind barriers
- Discourage spectators of foul language or referee abuse
- Ensure all teams and competitors are treated fairly and equal

Players/Coaches/Team Management

- To respect the referee's decisions
- Play by the rules
- Don't abuse the referee
- Only the captain should ask the referee questions
- Ensure changing rooms are left in a clean and tidy state
- All Coaches, Managers and Substitutes must remain behind the dead ball line during match play

Appendix B: School Sport New Zealand Eligibility Rules

Reference: <http://www.nzsssc.org.nz/Events-1/Eligibility-Regulations>

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

In 2007 School Sport NZ introduced eligibility regulations for the events it sanctions. These were deemed necessary to recognise the importance of consistency, equity and fair play for participation in National and Island secondary school sporting events and to protect long held school values by:

- ensuring **all** the educational needs of the young person were being considered, not solely their sporting development
- maintaining a level playing field in school sport by preventing the formation of 'super teams' through "loading" a team with imported players.

- protecting schools from being stripped of students they had worked to develop, students who were often leaders in many fields, not solely the sporting arena
- providing a pathway for home grown players to get into and remain in their school's premier teams and not find themselves superseded by short-term imports

1. Student Eligibility

- a) A student eligible to compete in National and Island secondary school events must:
1. be enrolled as a bona fide (Year 9 or above) student at the school of representation and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school for at least four weeks immediately prior to the event.
 2. have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision will be at the Principal's discretion.
 3. be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of the competition (unless specified otherwise for a particular competition).
- b) The school must authenticate a student's birth date. Organising committees may require validation by a birth certificate or passport.
- c) All teams and individuals participating in National or Island events must be declared at the date prescribed by the accredited sporting body.

Notes:

- (i) *In addition to the 4 week requirement, any Non Domestic student must have been enrolled in and have commenced their attendance at the school of representation on or before the first day of the term in which the event or qualifier is held.*
- (ii) *If an allegation challenging the enrolment history of a student(s) as attested by the principal on the signed team entry material is provided in writing to the School Sport NZ CEO by a principal or an School Sport NZ event organiser, the principal of the team in question is responsible for providing to the School Sport NZ CEO the relevant ENROL record(s) for the student(s). The principal is responsible for attaining the consent of the student(s) or their caregiver to supply the ENROL record to School Sport NZ. If an ENROL record is not provided by the principal the student(s) will be deemed to be ineligible.*
- (iii) *Other age divisions below the age of 19 are possible.*
- (iv) *Subject to the limits described in School Team Eligibility (1-6) below, students who otherwise meet the criteria in a) above and who transfer from one school to another are eligible to compete provided they are on the roll of the participating school and have attended classes for at least four weeks immediately prior to the time of the event. (Dispensation for those who transfer within four weeks of the competition is at the discretion of the organising committee).*
- (v) *Organising committees that want to allow Year 7 and 8 students to compete in their events or to compete in separate grade[s] associated with the secondary school event are encouraged to do so as long as this is made clear to all schools and to School Sport NZ when entries are taken. For events that have not been previously notified, in special cases [e.g. to complete a school team], the organising committee may grant dispensation to allow Year 7 and 8 students in secondary school competitions.*
- (vi) *A secondary school [host school] may offer sporting opportunities to students who attend community secondary schools [attached schools] not, by themselves, capable of entering normal secondary school events [e.g. special character schools with a secondary roll lower than 50 in any gender]. The school may enter teams of students from both host and attached schools in national and island events and will not be considered as 'composite schools' provided that*
- all other eligibility rules regarding age and attendance of the students are met*

- the principals of the schools complete a written agreement on the terms that allow students from the 'attached' school[s] to play for a team[s] of the host school, the terms to include agreement that the student[s] from the 'attached' school will be part of the team[s] for the season and not selected only for certain fixtures. At least eight weeks prior to the proposed shared participation, the agreement[s] will be provided to School Sport NZ for its approval and to allow notification to the organising committee which will consider but is not bound to accept the recommendation of School Sport NZ.
 - the principal of the host school accepts responsibility for the team.
 - The team[s] will compete under the name of the 'host school'.
 - Students will be named as representatives of the 'host school'.
 - An attached school will have only one host school [or one girls' school and one boys' school] for any/all of its students who participate in national and island secondary school events; this does not prevent the attached school entering students under its own name in sports where numbers may be viable [e.g. individual sporting codes]
- (vii) School Sport NZ will consider applications from principals for exemptions of Year 13 students with Flexible Partnership Learning Agreements (3/2 dual enrolments) that are completing less than 80% of a course as offered by the school on a case by case basis. The school **MUST** supply a fully completed MoE template Flexible Partnership Learning Agreement and to be eligible for exemption consideration, the student must not be classified as New to School under School Sport NZ eligibility criteria.

2. School Team Eligibility

1. A school team eligible to compete in School Sport NZ sanctioned events must not exceed the quota of students new to the school in the 2 years preceding the first day of the event as specified in the table below. **For clarity, the student's most recent enrolment date at the school must be used.** For the sport listed, teams are limited to a maximum two (2) non domestic students (or one for sports with a quota of one) and any non domestic student must *always* be included in the quota allowed. Domestic students are defined in Note 6 below.

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2. Where the family or primary caregiver of a student has changed address and, **as a consequence of the primary caregivers relocation**, the student could not reasonably have been expected to remain at their previous school, an application for exemption may be submitted to the Regional Sports Director responsible for the region of the new school. The application must be on the official Application for Exemption form available [here](#), be signed by the principal and parent/primary caregiver and have evidence of the address change attached as outlined on the application form. **A MAXIMUM of 2 PCRE's issued in any calendar year may be included in any team that has a School Sport NZ NTS quota.** Any appeal must be lodged in writing with the CEO of School Sport NZ.

3. Schools that allow entry for some students only at some time after Year 9 (e.g. girls in Year 12 and above) and The Correspondence School will not be bound by the numbers permitted here but will be restricted to those maximum numbers for each code when enrolling students who had previously represented another school in that code in a competition listed here. For clarity, a school could not play in its Basketball team more than 3 girls who had previously competed for other school(s) in the 'A' or "AA' Championships or their Premiership qualifiers.

4. Students who have attended a middle school and transfer at the end of the final year level of that middle school will not be considered new to school at their school of first enrolment following middle school.

5. Teams from 'host school/attached school' agreements [see below] that introduce students 'new to either school over the past two years' must include these in the maximum number allowed in a team.
6. Any final decision on the eligibility of a student or team will rest with School Sport NZ.

Notes:

1. *Students who start their attendance at a school in year 9 and below are not included in the maximum permitted numbers here. But see Clause 3. above*
2. *The events listed include all finals' qualifiers.*
3. *Numbers apply to the whole squad registered for the competition or tournament. Quotas for each code are based on the size of the team on the field/court etc. at any one time.*
4. *It is expected that, for consistency, regions that conduct secondary school sports competitions will adopt these criteria and quotas for their 'premier' grades.*
5. *Other sporting codes may apply for inclusion in or an extension to this list of events*
6. *Domestic students are defined as:*
 - a. *a NZ Citizen*
 - b. *the holder of a residence permit*
 - c. *an Australian citizen*
 - d. *a NZ passport holder (e.g. Cook Islands)*
 - e. *a dependent of a work permit holder, refugee, diplomat*
 - f. *Exchange Students on MOE approved Exchange Organiser Programmes*
(www.minedu.govt.nz/EPO)

or whatever definition the Ministry of Education currently applies.

3. Composite Teams

Composite teams will be permitted only if:

- (a) all other eligibility rules regarding age and attendance are met
- (b) the principals of the schools that the students attend agree
- (c) one principal accepts responsibility for the composite team
- (d) the team will be called by a name indicating that more than one school has contributed players
- (e) In the premier level of any sport, the team will be permitted only through the preliminary round and will not be eligible for placing or competition trophies (but may be eligible for awards such as Fair Play and individual trophies.)
- (f) Where appropriate and with the agreement of the event organiser and School Sport NZ, Composite teams may compete for medal places in competitions below the premier level of that School Sport NZ sanctioned event. Where events are either a qualifying event for or incorporate promotion to a higher level School Sport NZ sanctioned event, Composite teams may not progress or be promoted to the higher level event ahead of a team from a single school.
- (g) Composite teams should not be able to enter tournaments when single school teams are on a waiting list.

4. Home Schooled Students:

Team Sports.

- (i) For events below the premier level of an School Sport NZ sport, and where agreement of the event organiser is given, Home-schooled students may be included in the Composite Team of a member school.
- (ii) The member school principal of such teams is responsible for providing to the event organiser current evidence of MoE approval for home schooling for each home schooled student included in the Composite Team.

(iii) All other School Sport NZ regulations relating to Composite Teams will apply to such teams in (i) above, including the principal of the member school taking responsibility for all team members.

(iv) Composite teams made up entirely of home-schooled students, i.e. not part of a member school team, will not be permitted in School Sport NZ sanctioned events.

5. Inducement to Transfer for Sporting Reasons (Poaching)

School Sport NZ does not condone any inducement of students to transfer from one school to another for sporting reasons, other than by way of publicly advertised scholarship. Where a Regional Principals Association advises School Sport NZ in writing that it has investigated and is satisfied that inducement has taken place, School Sport NZ may, in support of the Regional Principals Association, invoke the procedures outlined in the School Sport NZ Integrity Framework and, if proven, impose a penalty which may include exclusion of a student(s), team or other personnel (coach, manager etc) from School Sport NZ sanctioned events.

Appendix C: NZSRU National Championships Official Team List:

All qualifying games leading to the National Championships (i.e. games determined per Rule 1.5) must be played under NZSRU and School Sport NZ Player Eligibility Rules (see Rules 6.1, 6.2 and 6.5) Therefore, all teams playing in games under NZSRU jurisdiction are required to complete the attached form - NZSRU National Championships Official Team List – and forward the list to the Regional or National Championship Coordinator 72 hours prior to kick-off, per Rule 6.3

Please note the requirement that the form is to be signed by the school's Principal. Note also that the form needs to be amended to allow for 23 players, or 24 players in the case of a South Island team.

Where the form indicates "INSERT DATE", the date inserted shall be two years prior to the date of the match the form refers to.

NZSRU RUGBY Official Team List

Match Date
Venue
Opposition



Surname	First Name	Year Level	Date of Birth	NZ Rugby Registration Number	MOST RECENT Date of Enrolment as on MoE ENROL (for all players) <i>(Note 1)</i>	Indicate 'Yes' for all Non Domestic Students <i>(Note 3)</i>	Indicate 'Yes' For all New to School Students and indicate * any who have a PCRE. PCRE approvals must be attached to this form. <i>(Note 2)</i>
					NON DOMESTIC STUDENTS and STUDENTS NEW TO SCHOOL (2 years prior to event)		
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	1. A student enrolled at the school <u>within 2 years of the first day of the event</u> is considered NEW TO SCHOOL. The student's most recent enrolment date must be used and must match MoE ENROL records.						
	The "event" includes all qualifiers. Students who begin at the school in Year 9 are exempt. Please indicate the date for any student whose most recent enrolment date is on or after INSERT DATE						
	2. Please indicate 'Yes' if a student started classes on or after INSERT DATE . Indicate any who are exempt the School Sport NZ 'new to school' quota because						
	a) he is in Year 9 <u>or</u> in the first 12 months above the entry level at a restricted entry school (e.g. girls only from Year 12) and has not competed at this event for his/her previous school or						
	b) the student has been granted a Primary Caregiver Relocation Exemption. (See School Sport NZ website for details. Copy of exemption must be attached)						
	3. a) Domestic students are defined a NZ Citizen, the holder of a residence permit, an Australian citizen, a NZ passport holder (e.g. Cook Islands), a dependent of a work permit holder, refugee, Diplomat or whatever definition the Ministry of Education currently applies.						
	b) Any Non Domestic student must have been enrolled in <u>and</u> have commenced their attendance at the school of representation on or before the first day of the term in which the event or qualifier is held.						
Submitted by					Position		
Contact Details	Day Phone		Mobile		Email		
Principal Attestation	1. I attest that all students listed above are bona-fide fulltime students at this school, fall within the School Sport NZ eligibility criteria and their details as provided are true and correct as on our official school records.				Principal's Name		
					Principal's Signature		
					Date		
2. I agree that all persons associated with this school in the event will be subject to the School Sport NZ Integrity Framework.							
NZSRU Use Checked by					Position		

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