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**Notice of Intent to Enter  
Hurricanes Secondary School Championships  
Male 1st XV Competitions and Female 1st XV Competitions**

Any school wishing to enter their 1st XV in the 2023 Hurricanes Region Qualifiers with the aim of qualifying for the **National Secondary School Championships** must do so no later than **Monday 15th May**, by sending a completed copy of this form to:

- (1) Your provincial unions Secondary School RDO representative, AND
- (2) The competition administrator, Nick Reid (see above contact details).

Schools are reminded that the rules and obligations associated with entering a team in any of the 1st XV competitions are documented in the New Zealand Schools' Rugby Council Rules of Procedure. The School Sport NZ eligibility rules and NZR age grade guidelines apply. In 2023, all the competition semi-finals must be played on or before the 19th of August and the finals on Saturday 26th of August (Female dates may change depending on the number of entries but at the latest will be Wednesday 16th and 23rd of August).

It is also important to note that the winner of the Full 1st XV competitions will have the right to represent the Hurricanes region at the National Finals. In 2023 the National Finals (male and female) will be played in Palmerston North over the period Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd of September (please note this is tournament week in 2022 the National Champs was outside of tournament week).

**Notice to Enter:**

We wish to enter the 2023 Hurricanes Regional qualifier for a chance to compete for the Hurricanes Cup (male) or the Rex Kerr Cup (female) as well as a place at the National 1st XV Finals please circle:

Male 1st XV                      and/or                      Female 1st XV

School ..... Provincial Union .....

School Point of Contact (name).....

Mobile ..... Email .....

I agree to (School) ..... entering this competition and abiding by the competition obligations and rules.

Signed ..... Headmaster/Principal/Rector



# HYRC 1<sup>st</sup> XV Competitions.

## 1<sup>st</sup> XV Full Competition:

The semi-finalists for the Hurricanes 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition shall be drawn from the Wellington Premier 1 (1 position), Hurricanes' Super 8 Schools (2 positions) along with the top Hurricanes CNI School competitions, with a 'challenger' opportunity from those schools that play in none of these.

The Wellington rankings will be based on the result of the Wellington Premier 1 Final.

The Super 8 rankings will be based on a separate Hurricanes' Super 8 table that will be maintained by the Hurricanes' Schools' competition administrator. The two highest ranked Hurricanes based teams at the end of the Super 8 round robin will be ranked 1 and 2 respectively. (Note: where time allows a qualification match between teams ranked two and three is permissible. This decision is made by the HYRC operations committee once entries have been confirmed.) If two teams are tied on competition points, the team who won the round robin match between those teams shall be afforded the higher ranking. If the match was a draw then the HYRC draw protocol will be used to determine the rankings.

If more than two teams are tied on competition points, the teams with the higher points differential in games between the Hurricanes-based schools shall be afforded the higher ranking. In the event that two Hurricanes-based teams contest the Super 8 final, the result of that match will determine the rankings.

The CNI rankings will be based on a separate Hurricanes table that will be maintained by the Hurricanes' Schools' competition administrator. Teams must still enter on the official nomination form. The highest ranked Hurricanes based team at the end of the competition will be allocated the semi final spot. If two teams are tied on competition points, the team who won the round robin match between those teams shall be afforded the higher ranking. If the match was a draw then the HYRC draw protocol will be used to determine the rankings.

If more than two teams are tied on competition points, the teams with the higher points differential in games between the Hurricanes based schools shall be afforded the higher ranking. In the event that two Hurricanes-based teams contest the CNI final, the result of that match will determine the nominee.

Please note for both points tables the following applies: 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss by 7 points or fewer, 1 point for scoring 4 tries or more.

'Challenger' schools – those that play in neither the Wellington Premier 1, Super 8 or CNI competitions - may enter the competition in any year. A cut-off date will be set for 'expression of interest' to the competition administrator (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023).

If there is more than one challenger school, the competition administrator will provide a randomly drawn schedule of matches, date deadlines and match venues by which these schools must play elimination matches to find a 'challenger'.

The challenger team's entry into the semi-final will be determined by the winner of a fixture between them and the CNI nominee. The venue for this match will be determined by a coin toss done by the Hurricanes' Youth Council Operations Committee or the HYRC Chairperson if required due to time restraints.

1. Semi Final Draw - TBC- Random draw for the three 1st placed nominees from Super 8, Wellington and CNI. First two drawn out will be afforded home semi finals. The remaining two teams will then be drawn out to confirm the semi finalists.

As Super 8, Wellington Premier One and CNI competitions are run by independent organisations to the HYRC at times, variations from the School Sport NZ rules may occur. By participating in these competitions Schools understand these are the terms of your qualification. However, for matches under

the control of HYRC School Sport NZ rules must apply.

## **Female Competition:**

In 2023 the HYRC is continue with the new qualification system (2022) for the National finals qualification (and by association for the Rex Kerr Cup). This trial is being supported by NZR and has come from discussions with the Strategic Advisory Group and its Female sub-committee.

The intention is that teams will play a round-robin format, semi-final and finals during term three leading into the national finals. At this stage, games will be played on Wednesdays

### Term Three

Week one Wednesday 19th July

Week two Wednesday 26th July

Week three Wednesday 2nd August

Week four Wednesday 9th August- semi final and placing games

Week five Wednesday 16th August- final and placing games

Week six Wednesday 23rd August- Back up date

Ultimately, the draw will be determined once entries have been confirmed. It is also possible that we look to add a combined or Heartland Province under 18 team entry to complete the draw. A final draw will be produced quickly after the 15th of May entry cutoff to allow planning.

In 2023 the HYRC will support those new 1st XV events being established during tournament week. Therefore at this stage our normal Co-ed and Life members Cups may be on hold in 2023. This will also allow better preparation for those PU under 18 teams.

If a need is still seen come the end of term two the following formats will be used:

## **Co-ed and Life members Competition:**

Semi finalists will be drawn from the following regional based Unions :

1. Whanganui & Manawatū
2. East Coast, Poverty Bay & Hawkes Bay
3. Wairarapa-Bush & Horowhenua-Kapiti
4. Wellington

A Schools' PU is determined by where the players' registration is recorded.

### **Team named first to host the semi final match.**

Final to be played in Palmerston North on the 26th August

Semi-finals to be played on or before the 19th of August

The semi-final draw rotates as below to ensure over a 6 year period home and away is even between the regions.:

2022	EC/PB/HB vs Wai-B/H-K Wellington vs Whanganui/Manawatū
2023	Wellington vs EC/PB/HB Wai-B/H-K vs Whanganui/Manawatū
2024	Whanganui/Manawatū vs Wellington Wai-B/H-K vs EC/PB/HB
2025	EC/PB/HB vs Whanganui/Manawatū Wellington vs Wai-B/H-K

2026 EC/PB/HB vs Wellington  
Whanganui/Manawatū vs Wai-B/H-K

2027 Whanganui/Manawatū vs EC/PB/HB  
Wai-B/H-K Vs Wellington

