

# UNDER 18 PROVINCIAL RUGBY

## Trustbank Central Secondary School Shield



### PART A – 2023 EVENT FORMAT

#### 1. The Annual 2023 Event

- a. In 2023, the Annual Competition for the Trustbank Secondary School Shield has been suspended for one year, owing to the logistical difficulties created by weather events in the East Coast and Poverty Bay regions.
- b. Instead, teams will play a series of fixtures, which are aimed to provide all participating Provincial Unions with an opportunity to play competitively.
- c. Participating teams are: East Coast RFU; Centurions RFC (Wellington RFU); Horowhenua-Kapiti RFU; Manawatu RFU; Poverty Bay RFU; Saracens RFC (Hawkes Bay); Wairarapa-Bush RFU; Whanganui RFU; Wellington Maori RFU; and Wellington Samoa RFU.

#### 2. Draw

- a. For 2023, the draw is as follows:

<b>02-09-23</b>	Poverty Bay v Whanganui	Napier
	Hawkes Bay v Wellington Centurions	Napier
	Horowhenua-Kapiti v Wairarapa Bush	Levin
	Wellington Maori v Wellington Samoan	Wellington
<b>09-09-23</b>	Poverty Bay v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Napier
	Whanganui v Hawkes Bay	Whanganui
	Wairarapa Bush v Wellington Maori	Masterton
	Wellington Centurions v Wellington Samoan	Wellington
<b>16-09-23</b>	East Coast v Poverty Bay	TBC
	Hawkes Bay v Wellington Samoan	Palmerston North
	Manawatu v Wellington Maori	Palmerston North
	Whanganui v Horowhenua-Kapiti	Whanganui
	Wellington Centurions v Wairarapa Bush	Wellington
<b>23-09-23</b>	Hawkes Bay v Manawatu	Napier
	Wairarapa Bush v Whanganui	Masterton

- b. For 2024 (and subsequent years) the Draw will be determined based on the discussion and agreement of the Council's Operations Committee, with consideration to the prior year results, number of participating teams and the economics and logistics of inter-provincial fixtures.

#### 3. Player Eligibility

- a. In order to play in the 2023 Event, players must be under 18 as at 1 January of the year of the 2023 Event; and be a registered player in the Union the player was selected for, or a bona fide resident of the Union selected for.

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#### 4. Squad Size/Player Numbers

- a. The maximum number of players in each team is to be 22 for each game. The usual NZRU DSL variations associated with the requirement for a minimum of five front row players for each game and the rules for substitution are to apply.

#### 5. Replacement of Players

- a. Different players can play in each of the 2023 Event rounds, but the players must come from the participating Provincial Union.
- b. A player named in one squad at the commencement of the 2023 Event cannot play for another team in the 2023 Event.

#### 6. Jersey Numbers

- a. Players must play in the numbered jersey recorded on the official Team Sheet.

#### 7. Playing Time

- a. All games will be played in two halves of 35 minutes, each excluding injury time.
  - b. There will be no extra time for draws.
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### **PART B – EVENT ADMINISTRATION**

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#### 1. 2023 Event Administrator

- a. In order to ensure all the administration associated with the 2023 Event is completed in a timely and thorough manner, the Council will appoint a 2023 Event Administrator.
- b. Specifically, the 2023 Event Administrator is responsible for:
  - i. promulgation of the 2023 Event Draw by 10 April<sup>1</sup>;
  - ii. collecting all match Team Sheets;
  - iii. confirming all players are eligible to compete in the 2023 Event;
  - iv. maintaining the 2023 Event Results Table;

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<sup>1</sup> Or such other date as otherwise confirmed by the Operations Committee.

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- v. completing a check that all players listed on Team Sheets are also listed on the all Provincial Union Schedules confirming that their players are eligible to participate in the 2023 Event;
- vi. promulgating 2023 Event results to all participating Provincial Union Offices within two working days of a fixture;
- vii. producing Administration Instructions for the 2023 Event as needed;
- viii. collating all 2023 Event Referee Reports (i.e. any sin bin (yellow card) or sending off (red card) and Provincial Union Disciplinary Committee findings;
- ix. distributing all Referee Reports and Provincial Union Disciplinary Committee findings to applicable Unions;
- x. advising all Unions of any breach of 2023 Event Eligibility Rules; and
- xi. on receipt of a protest from a 2023 Event Team, forwarding all relevant documentation to the Council's Operations Committee.

### 2. Judicial Procedures

- a. The following rules are to be followed in relation to Judicial Proceedings associated with 2023 Event matches.
  - i. All games are played under the judicial rules of the Host Provincial Union.
  - ii. That is, should an offence be committed which requires a judicial hearing, it will be convened and heard by the Host Union's Disciplinary Committee.
  - iii. It is the responsibility of the Host Union to notify the Team Manager of the visiting team, prior to the game, of local judicial procedures.
  - iv. If a player is sent off (i.e., receives a red card), then that player cannot play any other 2023 Event match until he has served the mandatory stand down period as prescribed in the Host Union's judicial procedures or has come before the Host Union's Disciplinary Committee.
  - v. The 2023 Event Administrator will need to liaise with the Provincial Union Disciplinary/Judicial bodies so that any offences that require to be referred to the Disciplinary Committee can be dealt with quickly and with the minimum of fuss and effort.

### 3. Statement On Conditions Of Entry

- a. Provincial Unions will undertake that all participating players in the 2023 Event (or their parents) receive the following Conditions of Entry.

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*The Hurricanes YRC acknowledges that the playing of Rugby Union carries with it some risks of injury. Some are inherent in the nature of rugby as a contact sport.*

*There are some risk management actions that the Hurricanes YRC can manage such as the quality of refereeing, the standard of coaching, the education of players around correct technique, the standard of the grounds and information to players about physical preparation before taking the field.*

*There are others that we do not control such as the laws of the game and the personal approach of players towards playing the game. Our vision is to oversee a game that everyone can play safely and to do everything we can to allow those who participate in our 2023 Events and tournaments to be safe.*

*For your part, we understand that your Provincial Union has discussed these factors with you, and you agree to participate on this basis.*

#### 4. COVID & Community Rugby

- a. This 2023 Event is a "Community Rugby event" as defined by New Zealand Rugby. The Council adopts New Zealand Rugby's guidelines for this event as may be determined from time to time.
- b. In all other respects, participants will be required to comply with any other COVID or public health regulations (if in force) or other policies which may be determined by the Council as applicable for the duration of this event.

#### 5. Proof of Age/Eligibility

- a. The following procedures are to be adhered to.
  - i. The PU or Team Manager are to submit no later than ten (10) days before the first 2023 Event game an 'initial or draft' Hurricanes YRC 2023 Event Declaration of Age Schedule detailing the full names, birth date and NZRU Player ID number to the Series Administrator. The 'final' version of this should be provided to the Series Administrator no later than three (3) days before the first match for final checking.
  - ii. Any player who is added to the game day team sheet who has not been verified on the 'final' Age Declaration Schedule by the Series Administrator will not be checked for eligibility until after the fixture has been played thus putting any points gained in jeopardy if they are found to be ineligible.
  - iii. The Schedule is signed by the Team Manager and a Provincial Union Official.
  - iv. Team Managers are to retain copies of the source document and be prepared to submit them to the 2023 Event Administrator on request. Suitable evidence of eligibility would be a Birth Certificate, Driver's License, or Passport.

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- v. Should players not on the original schedule subsequently join a team, then the Team Manager is to forward an additional schedule detailing the full name of the player, birth date and the NZRU Player ID number to the 2023 Event Administrator before the player plays a 2023 Event match. This Schedule is to be signed by the Team Manager and a Provincial Union Official, or a representative authorised to take statutory declarations.
  - vi. Team Managers are to give a copy of the schedule confirming the age of their players to the opposing Team Manager prior to match commencement.
  - vii. Penalty for Breaches. Any team that does not submit the required Schedules within the stated timeframes or plays an Ineligible Player will have all points deducted for matches in which they failed to produce a Schedule or played an ineligible player. In such cases the opposition are to be awarded five 2023 Event Points.
6. Medical Consent Forms
- a. A Hurricanes YRC Medical Consent form for each player is to be signed and retained by the Team Manager prior to any 2023 Event game.
7. Team and Results Sheet
- a. A Hurricane YRC Team and Results Sheet must be submitted to the Referee at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of each game.
  - b. A duplicate copy is to be kept by the Team Manager, who at the end of the game is to fill in all the required details, get the Referee's signature and comments, then forward to the 2023 Event Administrator.
  - c. The Team Sheet must be received by the 2023 Event Administrator within **48 hours** of the finish of all 2023 Event matches.
8. Costs
- a. All costs associated with each team such as transport, clothing, medical support, training venue hireage, playing equipment, training equipment, meals, after-match hosting expenses and alike, are the responsibility of each teams Union.
  - b. The Hurricanes YRC will meet the following costs.
    - i. Where a venue is selected for 2023 Event Teams which is not within the Provincial Union boundaries of either team, the Council will meet the cost of hiring that venue subject to the approval of the Operations Committee.
9. Balls
- a. Each team is asked to supply balls which conform to the Rules of the Game.
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### 10. Player of the 2023 Event

- a. The Player of the 2023 Event is to be determined via a 3, 2, 1 Player of the Day points system, awarded for both teams in every 2023 Event match.
- b. The process to be followed is that after a match, each Team Management is to award 3 points to their player who was that team's best player, 2 points for the player they deem to be the second-best player and 1 point for the player they deem to be the third-best player in that particular match.
- c. The Player of the Day points are to be annotated on the matches Hurricanes YRC Team and Results Sheet. It is the responsibility of the 2023 Event Administrator to then collate all the Player of the Day points for each team, in each match.
- d. The Player of the 2023 Event is to be that player who has the highest total player of the day points that are awarded for all round robin 2023 Event matches. In the event that two or more players have the same total Player of the Day points, then the Trophy will be shared.

### 11. Protests/Appeals

- a. Should any Provincial Union wish to lodge a protest, then written details of the protest are to be forwarded to the Council Administrator. The Council Administrator within 24 hours of receipt of the protest is to forward all relevant documentation to the Hurricanes YRC Executive Committee for resolution.
- b. Any Appeal against a ruling made by the Hurricanes YRC Executive Committee is to be heard by an Appeals Committee formed by the Hurricanes YRC. The finding of the Hurricanes YRC Appeals Committee is final.

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