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## 2021 Premier Competition • Key Dates

\*\*All dates are subject to change due to Covid-19 Alert Levels in New Zealand  
**Date**

23 July	<b>Transfer Period Closes</b> – Player Movement Form needs to be filed with the NZRU for any player who is on the list of ‘Captured Players’ and wants to change Provincial Unions
23 July	<b>Cut-Off Date</b> – Final day for non-captured players to move Provincial Unions or be cleared into New Zealand from overseas and still be considered as a ‘Local Player’
27 July	<b>Naming of Premier Competition Squad</b> – Final day for Premier Competition Unions to notify the NZRU of their squads of at least 26 players, by 4pm
6 August	<b>Premier Competition Commences</b>
Five Games	<b>Overseas or Returning New Zealand Players (excluding Front Row Players)</b> – Must have been named in a Playing 23 before the Provincial Union has played five Premier Competition games
Five Games	<b>Loan Players (excluding Front Row Players)</b> – Loan Arrangement Form must be filed with the NZRU before the Provincial Union has played five Premier Competition games
Ten Games	<b>Front Row Loan Players</b> – Loan Arrangement Form must be filed with the NZRU before the Provincial Union has played ten Premier Competition games (with exception of 4.1(f)(iii))
Ten Games	<b>Front Row Overseas or Returning New Zealand Players</b> – must have been named in the Playing 23
22/23 October	<b>Premier Competition Finals</b>

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## 2021 Heartland Championship • Key Dates

Date	
4 June	<b>Cut-Off Date</b> – Final day for players to move Provincial Unions or be cleared into New Zealand from overseas and still be considered as a ‘Local Player’
6 August	<b>Pre-Season Statutory Declaration</b> – Squad lists and Pre-Season Statutory Declarations must be sent to the NZRU by 4pm
21 August	<b>Heartland Championship Commences</b>
19 September	<b>End of Week 5</b> – Players of Origin, Loan, Overseas and Returning New Zealand Players must have been named in a Playing 22
23 and 24 October	<b>Heartland Championship Finals</b>

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## **Player Eligibility**

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**Player Eligibility • 2021**

**World Rugby International Eligibility Form  
(opposite)**

**SCHEDULE 1.      DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER TO PLAY FOR THE SENIOR FIFTEEN-A-SIDE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM, THE NEXT SENIOR FIFTEEN-A-SIDE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OR THE SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SEVENS TEAM OF A UNION**

**DECLARATION OF PLAYER**

I, ..... (Name) of .....  
..... (Address)

confirm that, I have read and understand the criteria for eligibility set out in Regulation 8 of the World Rugby Regulations Relating to the Game (World Rugby Regulations) and I hereby declare that I am eligible to play for ..... Union because:

Tick applicable box(es)

- I was born in the country for which fifteen-a-side senior National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team, or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play; or
- One of my parents or grandparent was born in the country for which senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play; or
- I have completed sixty<sup>8</sup> consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing in the country for which senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play; or
- I have completed ten cumulative years of Residence preceding the time of playing in the country for which senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play

AND

- I have not played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or, having reached the age of twenty, the senior National Representative Sevens Team of any other Union and I have not participated in the Olympic Games or Rugby World Cup Sevens as a member of the National Representative Sevens Team of any other Union.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The sixty-month residency requirement comes into effect after the cut-off date of December 31, 2020. The residency requirement up to and including December 31, 2020 is "thirty-six consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing".

<sup>9</sup> If a Player has played for another Union's senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or senior National Representative Sevens team, this must be stated on this declaration form. For the avoidance of doubt, Players would only be eligible to play for a second Union if they can demonstrate that they allowed 36 consecutive months to elapse before they played for a second Union and that they played for that second Union before 1 January 2000 or where they have been cleared by the Regulations Committee pursuant to a transfer for the purposes of an Olympic Event (and in respect of representing the new Union at fifteen-a-side or any other version of the Game, have complied with the Regulation 8.12). Any such Players should submit in writing the circumstances of such participation on a separate sheet.

I have attached to this declaration relevant documentation<sup>10</sup> to prove my eligibility to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of .....

Union and I understand and accept that if I am found to have played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of a Union without satisfying the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8 of the World Rugby Regulations, and/or to have provided inaccurate information in this declaration then I and the Union concerned will be subject to sanctions.

Player's signature: .....

Date: .....

#### DECLARATION OF UNION

I, ..... (Name) the .....  
of ..... (Position and Union)

hereby declare that the ..... Union has made all such necessary enquiries in relation to the above Player's eligibility to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior Sevens National Representative Team of the Union. I further declare that the Union is satisfied that the information provided by the Player in his declaration is correct, that the documentation in support of the Player's declaration is valid and that the Player is eligible to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team

of ..... Union. I understand and accept that if a Player plays for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team Union or the senior National Representative Sevens Team without satisfying the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8 of the World Rugby Regulations and/or the Union has provided inaccurate information in this declaration then the Union will be subject to the fixed penalty sanctions set out in Regulation 8.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

<sup>10</sup> Players ARE expected to provide valid copy birth certificates or other relevant formal documentation in support of their declaration. Players may be requested to provide additional documentation as appropriate in support of their eligibility to play for a senior National Representative Team or the next senior National Representative Team of a Union.

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## Player Eligibility Regulations

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Part 1 • Definitions

1 DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless the context requires or indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

**“Borrowing Provincial Union”** means the Provincial Union to which a Player is loaned pursuant to a Loan Arrangement;

**“Collective Agreement”** means the Collective Agreement entered into by the NZRU and the RPC as updated from time to time;

**“Contract Year”** means the calendar year (commencing on 1 January and concluding on 31 December) and may be defined with reference to a particular year (e.g. Contract Year 2021);

**“Current Provincial Union”** means the Provincial Union from which a player is made available under a Player of Origin Agreement;

**“Employment Services”** means Playing Services, Promotional Services and Media Interviews and associated travel as those terms are defined in the Collective Agreement;

**“Heartland Championship”** means the Heartland Championship as provided for under the NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations;

**“Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date”** means the first Friday of June of the current Contract Year;

**“Heartland Championship Union”** means a Provincial Union competing in the Heartland Championship;

**“Lending Provincial Union”** means the Provincial Union from which a Player is loaned pursuant to a Loan Arrangement;

**“Local Player”** has the meaning set out in clauses 3 and 8;

**“Loan Arrangement”** means the form set out in Schedule 1;

**“Loan Player”** has the meaning set out in clauses 4 and 9;

**“Non-Mandatory Challenge”** means a non-mandatory challenge match as provided for under the NZRU Ranfurly Shield Regulations;

**“NZRU”** means the New Zealand Rugby Union Incorporated;

**“NZRU Induction Programme”** means the Induction programme as provided for in clause 118 of the Collective Agreement;

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**“Original Provincial Union”** means the Provincial Union to which a Player is made available under a Player of Origin Agreement;

**“Overseas Player”** has the meaning set out in clauses 6 and 11;

**“Played”** means to have taken the field in a rugby union match;

**“Player”** means a rugby union player;

**“Player of Origin”** means the form set out in clause 12;

**“Player of Origin Agreement”** has the meaning set out in Schedule 2;

**“Playing 23”** means the fifteen selected players plus a maximum of eight reserves as recorded on the team sheet provided to the NZRU for any Premier Competition match and for any Ranfurly Shield match. For the avoidance of doubt, all players recorded on the team sheet must be present at the match;

**“Playing 22”** means the fifteen selected players plus a maximum of seven reserves as recorded on the team sheet provided to the NZRU for any Heartland Championship match. For the avoidance of doubt, all players recorded on the team sheet must be present at the match;

**“Premier Competition”** means the Premier Competition as provided for under the NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations;

**“Premier Competition Cut-Off Date”** means the date two weeks before the commencement date of the Premier Competition of the current Contract Year;

**“Premier Competition Union”** means a Provincial Union competing in the Premier Competition;

**“Pre-Season Squad Information”** means the information to be provided by a Heartland Championship Union in respect of at least 26 Players that the Provincial Union intends to select in its Heartland Championship team for the Contract Year, in the form as advised by the NZRU to Provincial Unions from time to time;

**“Pre-Season Statutory Declaration”** means the Statutory Declaration to be completed by the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of each Heartland Championship Union in relation to, and to be provided with, the Pre-Season Squad Information in the form advised by the NZRU to Provincial Unions from time to time;

**“Provincial Union”** means an Affiliated Union as defined in the NZRU Constitution;

**“Provincial Union Contract”** means the contract set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Provincial Union Development Contract”** means the contract set out in the Collective Agreement;

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**“Provincial Union Term”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Provincial Union Development Term”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Ranfurly Shield”** means the Ranfurly Shield as provided for under the NZRU Ranfurly Shield Regulations;

**“Registered”** means, in relation to a player:

- having completed the NZRU Senior Player Registration Form for that Contract Year; or
- having an approved online Senior Player registration recorded in the Sportsground Online Rugby Registration system for that Contract Year; or
- having an active registration in the National Rugby Database for that Contract Year;

**“Returning New Zealand Player”** has the meaning set out in clauses 5 or 10;

**“RPC”** means the Rugby Players Collective Inc;

**“Super Rugby Competition”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement.

## Part 2 • Premier Competition

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This Part governs which Players can play in the Premier Competition or for a Premier Competition Union in the Ranfurly Shield.
- 2.2 The Playing 23 of any Premier Competition Union for the Premier Competition and the Ranfurly Shield shall consist only of Players who are:
- (a) Local Players in accordance with clause 3;
  - (b) Loan Players in accordance with clause 4;
  - (c) Returning New Zealand Players in accordance with clause 5;
  - (d) Overseas Players in accordance with clause 6;

provided that the combined number of Loan Players and Overseas Players does not exceed six (or four in a Non-Mandatory Challenge against a Heartland Championship Union).

- 2.3 A Player must become a party to a Provincial Union Contract or a Provincial Union Development Contract, in order to participate in the Premier Competition.
- 2.4 A Player must have completed the NZRU Induction Programme in order to participate in the Premier Competition.
- 2.5 In accordance with World Rugby Guidelines (formerly the International Rugby Board) (World Rugby), a Player must be at least 18 years of age as at the day of the first match in the Premier Competition in order to participate in the Premier Competition. Further, any Provincial Union wishing to select a Player who is 18 years of age as at the day of the first match in the Premier Competition as part of the Playing 23 for a Premier Competition match must obtain prior written approval from the NZRU. NZRU High Performance will issue protocols on an annual basis that it will then assess the Player against in consultation with the Provincial Union and the Player. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether it is in the best welfare and development interests of the Player to play as an 18 year old in the Premier Competition.

### 3 LOCAL PLAYERS

- 3.1 “Local Player” means a Player who:
- (a) is Registered with a club competing in a competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union;
  - (b) has not been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union or national union after the Premier

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Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team);

- (c) is not captured by another Provincial Union pursuant to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*; and
  - (d) has completed a World Rugby Clearance from any other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* by the Premier Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team).
- 3.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 3.1(d), a World Rugby Clearance received by the NZRU on the Premier Competition Cut-Off Date by 11:59pm and approved by the NZRU as soon as practicable thereafter shall be deemed to be approved on the Premier Competition Cut-Off Date for the purposes of these Regulations.
- 3.3 A Player Registered with a club competing in a club competition under the joint control and jurisdiction of two or more Provincial Unions shall be a Local Player for the Provincial Union within whose Provincial Union boundaries the club the Player is Registered with is located.

## **4 LOAN PLAYERS**

4.1 “**Loan Player**” means a Player who:

- (a) is Registered on the Premier Competition Cut-Off Date with a club competing in a competition conducted outside the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union; or
- (b) has Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union after the date set out in (a) above; or
- (c) is captured by another Provincial Union pursuant to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*;

provided that Player is party to a Loan Arrangement as follows:

- (d) The terms of the Loan Arrangement for that Loan Player are recorded in writing in the form set out in Schedule 1 and are not inconsistent with the Collective Agreement, including:
  - (i) the Loan Arrangement must be for a specified term, which may not exceed the Player’s Provincial Union Term or Provincial Union Development Term (as the case may be);
  - (ii) the Loan Arrangement details any circumstances under which the Loan may be terminated;

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- (iii) the Loan Arrangement may not place any constraint upon the way a Player provides Employment Services to the Borrowing Provincial Union (for example, by requiring the Player not to play against the Lending Provincial Union).
  - (e) the Loan Arrangement is signed by the Lending Provincial Union, the Borrowing Provincial Union and the Loan Player and is provided to the NZRU prior to the Loan Player being included in the Playing 23 for the Borrowing Provincial Union; and
  - (f) the Loan Arrangement is entered into in accordance with the following time frames:
    - (i) for a front row player, the Loan Arrangement is entered into before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played ten games in the current Premier Competition; or
    - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, the Loan Arrangement is entered into before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played five games in the current Premier Competition; or
    - (iii) In the event that a front row player is injured in Round 10 or a Semi-Final, a Loan Arrangement may be entered into to replace the injured front row player to allow that Loan Player to play in the Semi Final and/or Final, provided that the Provincial Union proves to the satisfaction of the NZRU that an additional front row Loan Player is necessary. Such decision will be at the sole discretion of the NZRU and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances where, for example, the ability of the Provincial Union to name a Playing 23 which can safely compete in the match is compromised by injuries to otherwise eligible players in that position.
- 4.2 (a) There is no limit upon the number of Players which a Provincial Union may lend or borrow but the Playing 23 of any Premier Competition Union may not include more than six Loan Players, provided that the combined number of Overseas Players and Loan Players does not exceed six. For the avoidance of doubt, any additional front row Loan Player included in a Semi Finals or Final in accordance with clause 4.1(f)(iii) above shall be included within the maximum of six.
- (b) Notwithstanding Regulation 4.2(a), the Playing 23 of a Premier Competition Union playing in a Non-Mandatory challenge against a Heartland Championship Union may not include more than four loan players, provided that the combined number of Overseas and Loan Players does not exceed four.
- 4.3 A Player who is not a party to a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union Development Contract may enter into a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial

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Union Development Contract at any time. For the avoidance of doubt, a Lending Provincial Union must agree to a loan where that Player is not subject to a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union Development Contract with that Lending Provincial Union.

4.4 A Loan Player can only play for the Lending Provincial Union after the loan start date if:

- (a) another Lending Provincial Union Player in a similar position is injured; and
- (b) the Loan Player agrees (whether agreed in the terms of the Loan Arrangement or at the time the other Player is injured);

in which case the Loan Player must be named in the next Playing 23 for the Lending Provincial Union; or

- (c) the Loan end date as specified on the Loan Arrangement has passed.

4.5 Under no circumstances can a Loan Player be:

- (a) selected in the Playing 23 for both the Lending and Borrowing Provincial Unions in the same week of the Premier Competition; or
- (b) loaned on more than one occasion during the current Premier Competition.

## **5 RETURNING NEW ZEALAND PLAYERS**

5.1 "Returning New Zealand Player" means a Player who:

- (a) is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand; and
- (b) has been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another national union after the Premier Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team); and
- (c) is not captured by another Provincial Union pursuant to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*;

provided that:

- (d) the Returning New Zealand Player has completed a World Rugby Clearance from the other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* and is Registered with a club competing in a club competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23;

- (e) the Returning New Zealand Player has not Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union prior to being Registered (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national team or touring team); and
- (f) the Returning New Zealand player becomes a member of a Playing 23 of that Provincial Union in accordance with the following time frames:
  - (i) for a front row player before the Provincial Union has played ten games in the current Premier Competition; or
  - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played five games in the current Premier Competition; and
- (g) the Provincial Union has proven to the satisfaction of the NZRU that the Returning New Zealand Player is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand pursuant to *World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility to Play for National Representative Teams* as at the start of the current Premier Competition and the NZRU has confirmed this in writing before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23.

## 6 OVERSEAS PLAYERS

6.1 “**Overseas Player**” means a Player who has been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another national union after the Premier Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team).

provided that:

- (a) the Overseas Player has completed a World Rugby Clearance from the other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* and is Registered with a club competing in a club competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23; and
  - (b) the Overseas Player becomes a member of the Playing 23 of the Provincial Union in accordance with the following time frames:
    - (i) for a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played ten games in the current Premier Competition; or
    - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played five games in the current Premier Competition; and
- 6.2 (a) The Playing 23 of any Premier Competition Union must not include more than two Overseas Players, provided that the combined number of Overseas Players and Loan Players does not exceed six.

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- (b) Notwithstanding Regulation 6.2(a), the combined number of Overseas and Loan Players in the Playing 23 of a Premier Competition Union playing in a Non-Mandatory Challenge against a Heartland Championship Union must not exceed four.

## Part 3 • Heartland Championship

### 7 INTRODUCTION

- 7.1 This Part governs which Players can play in the Heartland Championship or for a Heartland Championship Union in the Ranfurly Shield.
- 7.2 The Playing 22 of any Heartland Championship Union for the Heartland Championship and the Playing 23 for the Ranfurly Shield shall consist only of Players who are:
- (a) Local Players in accordance with clause 8;
  - (b) Loan Players in accordance with clause 9;
  - (c) Returning New Zealand Players in accordance with clause 10;
  - (d) Overseas Players in accordance with clause 11;
  - (e) Players of Origin in accordance with clause 12.
- 7.3 By 4pm on the Friday two weeks before the Heartland Championship commences, each Heartland Championship Union will provide the NZRU with:
- (a) its Pre-Season Squad Information; and
  - (b) its Pre-Season Statutory Declaration.

For the avoidance of doubt, the information provided must be complete, and must not be false or misleading.

- 7.4 Before a Player is eligible to participate in the Heartland Championship the Provincial Union must advise the NZRU in writing, either as part of the Pre-Season Squad Information or otherwise, that it is satisfied that the player is eligible to participate in the Heartland Championship for that Provincial Union.
- 7.5 In accordance with World Rugby Guidelines a Player must be at least 18 years of age as at the date of the first match of the Heartland Championship in order to participate in the Heartland Championship. Further, any Provincial Union wishing to select a Player who is 18 years of age and remains eligible for the New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby team as at the day of the first match in the Heartland Championship as part of the Playing 22 for a Heartland Championship match (or a member of a Playing 23 for a Ranfurly Shield match) must obtain prior written approval from the NZRU. NZRU High Performance will assess the Players overall workload, taking into account all school, provincial and national representative rugby commitments the Player has performed during the year, in consultation with the Provincial Union and the Player. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether it is in the best welfare and development interests of the Player to play as an 18 year old in the Heartland Championship.

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- 7.6 A Player that has been named in a Playing 23 in the current Premier Competition is not eligible to play in the current Heartland Championship, whether pursuant to a Loan Arrangement, a Player of Origin Agreement, or otherwise.
- 7.7 Notwithstanding Regulation 7.6, a Player is eligible to play in the current Heartland Championship where the Player:
- (a) is the subject of a Loan Arrangement or a Player of Origin Agreement between a Heartland Championship Union and a Premier Competition Union; and
  - (b) has been named in a Playing 22 in the current Heartland Championship; and
  - (c) subsequently is recalled to his Premier Competition Union following an injury to a player in a similar position, and is named in the Playing 23 of that Premier Competition Union; and
  - (d) subsequently returns to the Heartland Championship Union pursuant to the original Loan Arrangement or Player of Origin Agreement.

## **8 LOCAL PLAYERS**

8.1 “**Local Player**” means a Player who:

- (a) is Registered with a club competing in a competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union; and
- (b) has not been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union or national union after the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team); and
- (c) if not eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand, arrived in New Zealand on or before the first Friday of June and has resided in New Zealand since arrival; and
- (d) has completed a World Rugby Clearance from any other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* by the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team).

8.2 Notwithstanding Regulation 8.1(d), a World Rugby Clearance received by the NZRU on the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date by 11:59pm and approved by the NZRU as soon as practicable thereafter shall be deemed to be approved on the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date for the purposes of these Regulations.

8.3 A Player Registered with a club competing in a club competition under the joint control and jurisdiction of two or more Provincial Unions shall be a Local Player for

the Provincial Union within whose Provincial Union boundaries the club the Player is Registered with is located.

## 9 LOAN PLAYERS

9.1 "Loan Player" means a Player who:

- (a) is Registered on Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date with a club competing in a competition conducted outside the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union; or
- (b) has Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union after the date set out in (a) above; or
- (c) is captured by another Provincial Union pursuant to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*;

provided that Player is party to a Loan Arrangement as follows:

- (d) the terms of the Loan Arrangement for that Loan Player are recorded in writing in the form set out in Schedule 1;
- (e) the Loan Arrangement is signed by the Lending Provincial Union, the Borrowing Provincial Union and the Loan Player and is provided to the NZRU prior to the Loan Player being included in the Playing 22 for the Borrowing Provincial Union; and
- (f) the Loan Player becomes a member of a Playing 22 for the Borrowing Provincial Union before the conclusion of Week Five of the current Heartland Championship.

9.2 There is no limit upon the number of Players that a Provincial Union may lend or borrow but the Playing 22 of any Heartland Championship Union may not include more than three Loan Players and one Player of Origin, and the combined number of Overseas Players and Loan Players must not exceed three.

9.3 A Loan Player can only play for the Lending Provincial Union after having played for the Borrowing Provincial Union if:

- (a) another Lending Provincial Union Player in a similar position is injured; and
- (b) the Loan Player agrees (whether agreed in the terms of the Loan Arrangement or at the time the other Player is injured);

in which case the Loan Player must be selected in the next Playing 22 for the Lending Provincial Union.

## 10 RETURNING NEW ZEALAND PLAYERS

10.1 "Returning New Zealand Player" means a Player who:

- (a) is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand; and
- (b) has been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another national union after Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team); and
- (c) is not captured by another Provincial Union pursuant to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*;

provided that:

- (d) the Returning New Zealand Player has completed a World Rugby Clearance from the other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* and is Registered with a club competing in a club competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 22;
- (e) the Returning New Zealand Player has not Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to a Provincial Union prior to being Registered (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national team or touring team); and
- (f) the Returning New Zealand Player becomes a member of a Playing 22 of the Provincial Union before the conclusion of Week Five of the current Heartland Championship; and
- (f) the Provincial Union has proven to the satisfaction of the NZRU that the Returning New Zealand Player is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand pursuant to *World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility to Play for National Representative Teams* as at the start of the current Heartland Championship Competition and the NZRU has confirmed this in writing before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 22.

## 11 OVERSEAS PLAYERS

11.1 "Overseas Player" means a Player who:

- (a) is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand and has been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another national union after the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team); or

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- (b) is not eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand and arrived in New Zealand after the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date.

provided that:

- (c) the Overseas Player has completed a World Rugby Clearance from the other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* and is Registered with a club competing in a club competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 22; and
- (d) the Overseas Player becomes a member of the Playing 22 of the Provincial Union before the conclusion of Week Five of the current Heartland Championship.

11.2 The Playing 22 (or the Playing 23 for a Ranfurly Shield match) of any Heartland Championship Union must not include more than one Overseas Player, and the combined number of Overseas Players and Loan Players must not exceed three.

## **12 PLAYER OF ORIGIN**

12.1 “**Player of Origin**” means a Player who:

- (a) is Registered on the Heartland Championship Cut-Off Date with a club competing in a competition conducted outside the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union; or
- (b) has Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union after the date set out in (a) above; or
- (c) is captured by another Provincial Union pursuant to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*; and
- (d) during at least three years in which the player was aged 9-18 years (inclusive), played rugby for either a club or school based in that Provincial Union

provided that Player is party to a Player of Origin Agreement as follows:

- (e) the Agreement is signed by the Original Provincial Union, the Current Provincial Union and the Player of Origin and is provided to the NZRU prior to the Player of Origin being named in the Playing 22 for the Original Provincial Union; and
- (f) the Player of Origin is named in a Playing 22 of the Original Provincial Union before the conclusion of Week Five of the current Heartland Championship.

provided that a Playing 22 (or the Playing 23 for a Ranfurly Shield match) may contain only one Player of Origin.

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12.2 A Player of Origin can only play for the Current Provincial Union after having played for the Original Provincial Union in the same season if:

- (a) another Current Provincial Union Player in a similar position is injured; and
- (b) the Player of Origin agrees (whether agreed in the terms of the Player of Origin Arrangement or at the time the other Player is injured);

in which case the Player of Origin must be named in the next Playing 22 for the Current Provincial Union.

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**13 CHANGES TO REGULATIONS**

13.1 These Regulations have been developed pursuant to the Collective Agreement.

13.2 In the event the NZRU wishes to make amendments to these Regulations it must comply with the following process:

- (a) in the first instance, the NZRU must meet with the RPC and attempt to obtain its agreement to any amendment;
- (b) if the RPC withholds agreement, the NZRU may proceed to make the amendment (provided that, in that event the RPC may seek to rely upon the problem resolution provisions of the Collective Agreement).

**14 BREACH OF REGULATIONS**

14.1 Any breach of these Regulations by a Provincial Union will be dealt with by the NZRU in accordance with clause 14 of the *NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations*.

14.2 Prior to reaching a conclusion that there has been a breach of these Regulations, the NZRU will notify the RPC of the nature of the alleged breach and provide the RPC with access to any information and an opportunity to have input into the investigation of any alleged breach, including any submissions RPC wish to make about penalty.

## LOAN ARRANGEMENT FORM

### Parties

Player Name: ..... Player ID:.....

Lending Provincial Union: .....

Borrowing Provincial Union: .....

### Loan Period

Loan Start Date: .....

Loan Expiry Date: .....

### Terms of Loan

I DO/DO NOT (*circle one*) wish to return to my Lending Provincial Union in the event of an injury to another Lending Provincial Union Player in a similar position.

**Other Terms:** (*please list any additional terms here, use the reverse if necessary*)

### Consents and Confirmations

.....  
(*Signature of Player*)                      (*Date*)

Name of Lending Provincial Union: .....

.....  
(*Signature of Authorised Person from the Lending Provincial Union*)

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Name of Borrowing Provincial Union: .....

.....  
(*Signature of Authorised Person from the Borrowing Provincial Union*)

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

**PLAYER OF ORIGIN AGREEMENT FORM**

**Parties**

Player Name: ..... Player ID:.....

Current Provincial Union: .....

Original Provincial Union: .....

**Period**

Start Date: .....

Expiry Date: .....

**Terms**

I DO/DO NOT (*circle one*) wish to return to my Current Provincial Union in the event of an injury to another Current Provincial Union Player in a similar position.

**Other Terms:** (*please list any additional terms here, use the reverse if necessary*)

**Consents and Confirmations**

.....  
(*Signature of Player*)                      (*Date*)

Name of Current Provincial Union: .....

.....  
(*Signature of Authorised Person from the Current Provincial Union*)

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Name of Original Provincial Union: .....

.....  
(*Signature of Authorised Person from the Original Provincial Union*)

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

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## 2020/2021 Captured Players

The following is a list of all 2020/2021 Captured Players in alphabetical order by surname. This list includes both Premier Competition Captured Players and Heartland Championship Captured Players. The list provides a player's status for 2020. It does not give any information about their contractual status for 2021.

**The Transfer Period will remain open until 23 July 2021 for players wishing to play in the 2021 Premier Competition.**

Any player on this list must transfer in accordance with the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations* if he wishes to be eligible to play for a Provincial Union different to the one listed.

To understand the process for transferring players please refer to the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*.

## 2021 CAPTURED PLAYERS

Abel	Robert	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Aboagye	Puru	Northland	Academy
Abraham	Matiu	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Adams	Jarred	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ah Kiong	Latrell	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Ah Kuoi	Naitoa	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Ah Wong	Nigel	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Ahio	Sione	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ainley	Alex	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Akana	Semisi	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Akauola-Laula	John	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Alaalatoa	Michael	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Alaimalo	Charles	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Alaimalo	Solomen	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Allan	Harrison	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Allen	Liam	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Allen	Juston	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Alosio	Tomasi	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Amato	Anthony	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Anderson	Tuturangi	Taranaki	Academy
Aoake	Tomas	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Aoina	Jonah	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Apa	Nathaniel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Aperahama	Caleb	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Apikotoa	Joe	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Apineru	Iona	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Apisai	Leni	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Apoua	Chris	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ardron	Tyler	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Armstrong	Brad	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Armstrong	Fraser	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Arnold	Bryan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Arona	Ilai	Northland	Academy
Arscott	James	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Arty	Anthony	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Asi	Jericho	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Aso	Vince	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Asomua	Suetena	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Atkins	Paddy	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Atkins	Mark	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Aukusitino	Sagele	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Aumua	Levi	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Aumua	Asafo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Aumua-Peseta	Ben	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Bailey	Cameron	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Bainivalu	Etonia	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract

Baker	Kurt	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Baker	Tomi	Northland	Academy
Baker	Hamuera	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Balchin	Marcus	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Balme	Josh	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Banks	Kade	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Bardoul	Seamus	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Bari	Manasa	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Barlow	Niwa	Taranaki	Academy
Barnes	Nick	King Country	Heartland Championship
Barnett	Declan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Barrett	Jordie	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Barrett	Beauden	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Barrett	Scott	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Barry	Mitchell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Bartlett	Verdon	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Baxter	Daniel	King Country	Heartland Championship
Beech	Eden	Tasman	Academy
Bell	Henry	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben-Nicholas	Teariki	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Bentley	Matt	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Berridge	Cole	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Best	Jack	Buller	Heartland Championship
Bishop	Pera	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Black	Otere	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Blackadder	Ethan	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Blackburn	Tyler	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Blackwell	James	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Blake	Hugh	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Blyde	Cole	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Blyth	Tom	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Bogileka	Josaia	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Bokser	Joshua	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Bolingford	Willy	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Bolton	James	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Bonnar	Ben	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Booth	Jamie	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Boshier	Lachlan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Boshier	Kaylum	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Boughton	Reece	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Boult	Adam	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Bower	George	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Boyed	Chad	Northland	Academy
Boyle	Harrison	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Boyle-Tiatia	Manaaki	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Bracewell	Isaac	Wellington	Academy

Brash	Adam	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Breuer	Chris	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Brewis	Finlay	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Brial	Joe	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Briant	Mason	Buller	Heartland Championship
Bridge	George	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Brighthouse	Donald	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Brooking	Manahi	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Broughton	Nikora	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Broughton	Logan	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Brown	James	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Brown	Mitchell	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Brown	Taya	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Brown	John	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Brown	Troy	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Budd	Kaydin	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Burke	Fergus	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Burr	Hamilton	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Bush	Lewis	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Byrnes	Jarod	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Caird	Sam	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Calvert	Josh	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron	Brett	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron	Scott	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Cameron	Jock	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Campbell	Luke	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Campbell	Brendon	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Cane	Sam	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Cann-Vaana	Gil	Northland	Academy
Carmichael	Carl	King Country	Heartland Championship
Carrizo	Nicholas	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Carroll	Aaron	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Carter	Leroy	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Casey	Joseph	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Casey	Garrett	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Cashmore	Lucas	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Caucu	Nete	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Chapman	Louie	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Chesney	Dylan	North Harbour	Academy
Chisholm	Luke	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Choat	Adrian	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Chrisp	Campbell	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Christie	Tom	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Christie	Finlay	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Church	Cameron	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cirikidaveta	Te Ahiwaru	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract

Clapcott	Douglas	King Country	Heartland Championship
Clare	Craig	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Clark	Levi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Clark	Josh	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Clarke	Caleb	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cobb	Joel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cobb	Robert	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Coghlan	Jacob	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Coleman	Jade	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Coles	Dane	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Collier	Pryor	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Collins	Joseph	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Collins	Michael	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Collins	Connor	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Collins	Braedyn	North Harbour	Academy
Coltman	Liam	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Conway	Fraser	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Cook	Jacob	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Cook-Savage	Tepaea	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Coombes-Fabling	Liam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cooper	John	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cooper	Sam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cottam	Samuel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Cottrell	Wiremu	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Coulson	Brad	King Country	Heartland Championship
Counsell	Mario	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Coventry	Caleb	Tasman	Academy
Cowley	Pelefofoga	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Cowley	Xavier	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Cowley-Tuioti	Gerard	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Coxon	Ryan	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Cridge	Geoff	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Crooks	Zane	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Crosland	Regan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Crosswell	Elyjah	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Crosswell	Nick	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Crosswell	Mitchell	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Crowley	Logan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cruden	Stewart	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Cullen	Shilo	King Country	Heartland Championship
Culver	Griffin	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Cunningham	Hemopo	Taranaki	Academy
Cunningham	Whakataki	King Country	Heartland Championship
Curry	Scott	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Dalzell	Hamish	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Dampney	Jon	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship

Darling	Ralph	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Darry	Samuel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Davidson	Theo	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Davies	Laman	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Davies	Cameron	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Davis	Daniel	West Coast	Heartland Championship
De Groot	Ethan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
De Kock	Petrus	Buller	Heartland Championship
De La Feunte	Sergio	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Delany	Caleb	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Derenalagi	Aporosa	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Devereux	Lachlan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Devery	Jacob	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Devery	Louis	Buller	Heartland Championship
Devine	Dominic	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickinson	Rhys	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickson	Samuel	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickson	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickson	Lance	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Dixon	Ashley	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Dobbyn	Matthew	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Donaldson	Luke	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Donaldson	Zachary	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Donlan	Jackson	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Douglas	Whetu	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Doyle	Jack	Northland	Academy
Dromgool	Brandon	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Drummond	Mitchell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Duff	Eric	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Duff	Mathew	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Duffie	Matthew	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Dunshea	Mitchell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Dunshea	Lyndon	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Dunster	Cruise	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dunster	Karney	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dyer	Gregory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Dyer	George	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Eade	Scott	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Earland	Henry	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Easton	Lance	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Edwards	Tom	Canterbury	Academy
Edwards	Colt	Northland	Academy
Edwards	Kody	Otago	Academy
Edwards	Joseph	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Eklund	Kurt	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ekuasi	Vaiolini	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract

Elekana	Patrick	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Elia	Patrick	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ellis	Anthony	Buller	Heartland Championship
Elton	Charles	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Emerson	Mason	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Emery	Levi	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Crichton	Hinkly	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Enari	Ereatara	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ennor	Braydon	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Esile	Fono	Northland	Academy
Evans	Corey	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Gareth	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Bryn	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Tate	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Eves	Chris	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Faaee	Hsed	North Harbour	Academy
Fa'agase	Sef	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Fa'amoe-loane	Javaan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fa'avae	Christian	Taranaki	Academy
Fabish	Tiaki	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fahamokioa	Tolu	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Faiane	Tinoai	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Faiane	Wiseguy	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fainganuku	Leicester	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Fainganuku	Lotima	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Faitotoa	Maea	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Fakatava	Folau	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fakatava	Tokomaata	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Falcon	Tiaan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Faletagoai	Johnny	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Faletagoai	Crusader	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Farrell	Timothy	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Featherstone	Rhodes	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Felise	Kalin	North Harbour	Academy
Fepulea'i	Marco	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ferguson	Leroy	Otago	Academy
Ferguson	Jarrold	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Fetu	Matt	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Fidow	Alex	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Fifita	Sione	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Fifita	Walter	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fifita	Vaea	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Fihaki	Chay	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fikken	Shane	Otago	Academy
Filimone	Taniela	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Finau	Inga	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract

Finau	Sampini	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Fineanganofu	Penisoni	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Fischli	Samuel	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Fisher	Matty	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Fitzgerald	Michael	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Flanders	Devan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fletcher	Angus	Canterbury	Academy
Florence	Tom	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Flutey	Logan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Flutey	Tristan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Fodie	Bram	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Foliaki	Nikolai	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Fomai	Neria	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fonotia	Kieron	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Foord	Daniel	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Foote	Peter	Buller	Heartland Championship
Foote	Lachlan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Forbes	Cole	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Fosita	Latiume	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Foster	Brady	Northland	Academy
Fotheringham	Ben	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fotu	Melino	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Fotualii	Kahn	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Foxley	Nick	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Fox-Matamua	Taina	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Fraine	Max	Tasman	Academy
Frans	Chlayton	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fransen	Daniel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Frizell	Shannon	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Fuataga	Olve	Buller	Heartland Championship
Fuatai	Faasiu	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Fukofuka	Bill	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fuls	Philip	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Funaki	Taufa	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Apikakaleia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Setefano	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Kelepi	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Fusitua	Joshua	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gabriel	Chris	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Gallagher	Zachary	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Gallien	Dylan	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Galloway	Johnny	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Gammie	Sam	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Garden-Bachop	Connor	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Garden-Bachop	Jackson	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Gardiner	Dom	Canterbury	Academy

Gardiner-Toi	Hems	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Gasca	Clement	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Gascoigne	Josh	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Gatland	Bryn	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Gavigan	Joseph	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Gawler	Chris	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Geldenhuis	Ross	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Gent - Standen	Kristian	Taranaki	Academy
Gibson	Blake	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gibson	Mitchell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Gilbert	Sam	Canterbury	Academy
Gimblett	Josh	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Gjaltema	Lewis	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Goerke	Julian	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Going	Kalani	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Goldsmith	Lorne	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Goodger	James	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Goodhue	Joshua	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Goodhue	Elias	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Goosen	Wes	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Gordon	Bailey	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Grace	Cullen	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Graham - Williams	Matthew	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Grant	William	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gray	Jack	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gray	Shae	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Green	Jayden	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Green	Vincent	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Greenslade	Jake	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Gregory	Scott	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Grey	Reece	Taranaki	Academy
Grindlay	Meihana	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Grogan	Nick	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Grogan	Willy	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Grooby	Jack	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Groom	Matt	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Gualter	Will	Canterbury	Academy
Haerewa	Benny	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Haerewa	Hone	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Haira	Tipene	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Hakaraia	Gabriel	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Hala	Kalione	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Halafihi	Vainikolo	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Halaifonua	Pita	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Hala'ufia	Christopher	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hall	Adrian	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract

Hall	Bryn	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hallam-Eames	Liam	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hallett	Troy	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Halliday	Jarrold	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Halls	Lukas	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Hammington	Kayne	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hape	Trent	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Harding	Nick	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Harford	Alex	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Harkin	Callum	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Harmon	Billy	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Harmon	Levi	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Harris	Nathan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Harrison	Credence	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Harrison jones	Quinn	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hart	Campbell	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Hati	Bernie	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Haugh	Taylor	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hauiti-Parapara	Kemara	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Havili	William	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Havili	David	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hawkins	Daniel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hay-Horton	Peter Travis	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Hayton	Cameron	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Hayward	Joshua	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Hebenton-Prendeville	Logan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Heighton	Jack	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hemara	James	King Country	Heartland Championship
Hemi	Chris	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Hemi	Cody	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Henare	Himiona	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Henare	Charlie	King Country	Heartland Championship
Henry	Brett	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Henry	Jack	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Henwood	Sam	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Herbert	Kohan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Herewini	Kingi	Northland	Academy
Hetet	Haereiti	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Hewitson	Ben	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Heywood	Tom	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Hickey	Simon	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hickey	Jonathan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Hicks	Maxwell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Higgins	Kienan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Hiini	Kirwin	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Hill	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract

Hill	Tamanui	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Hill	Manawa	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Hilton-Jones	Oliver	Northland	Academy
Hintz	Joel	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Hodgman	Alexander	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hoeata	Jarrad	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Hoeata	Findlamor	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Hoefl	Michael	Counties Manukau	Academy
Hohaia	Blake	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohaia	Mason	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohneek	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hokianga	Damarus	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Holani	Sione	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Hollinshead	Dan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Hollinshead	Jackson	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Holmes	Jake	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Holo	Zyon	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hona	Troy	Northland	Academy
Hopkins	Josh	Taranaki	Academy
Horrocks	Lindsay	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Houkamau	Ken	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Howden	Tk	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Howden	Brenton	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Howley	Liam	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hucker	Cameron	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Hudson	Bryn	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Hughes	Leigh	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Hughes	Tom	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Hughes	Max	Canterbury	Academy
Hughes	Jamie	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Hunt	Dillon	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hunt	Mitchell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hurley-Langton	Shamus	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Hyatt	Daniel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Hyland	Jordan	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ika	John	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Ikani	Jeff	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Ili	Stacey	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Inch	Luca	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Inisi	Lotu	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Inisi	Fine	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Akira	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Rieko	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Joshua	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Tuuga	Auckland	Academy
Iose	Brayden	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract

Iosefa-Scott	Josh	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Iosua	Faalele	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Jackson	Ricky	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jackson	Brogan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jacobs	Riaihe	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobs	Chey	Counties Manukau	Academy
Jacobson	Kane	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobson	Mitchell	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobson	Luke	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacomb	Josh	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jager	Oliver	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
James	Matthew	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jansen	Sean	Otago	Academy
Jeffries	Bradly	King Country	Heartland Championship
Jenkins	Corey	Buller	Heartland Championship
Jobe	Rihari	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Johnson	Adam	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Johnston	Joe	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnstone	Colin	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jones	Niko	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan	Jack	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan	Will	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Judd	Richard	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Jury	Scott	Taranaki	Academy
Kaa	Tahu	Canterbury	Academy
Kafatolu	Mateaki	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaifa	Josh	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Kakala	Siu	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Kake	Kian	Northland	Academy
Kalapu	Samuel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaloudigibeci	Mitieli	Buller	Heartland Championship
Kapeli	Zane	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Karaitiana	Carlos	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Karpik	Mitchell	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Katia	Inia	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Katoa	Tuitonga	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Kauika-petersen	Bruce	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kautai	Sosefo	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Kawau	Johnathan	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Kearns	Tyler	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kei Fotofili	Fred	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Kendrick	Nathan	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Kereru-Symes	Kianu	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Kernohan	Rikki	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Kerr	Baden	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
King	Tane	Northland	Academy

King	Anton	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Kingan	Lachlan	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Kingi-Taukamo	Treyah	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Kirifi	Du'Plessis	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kirkwood	William	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Kitson	Maine	North Harbour	Academy
Klein	Shilo	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Knapp	Grayson	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Knewstubb	Andrew	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Knight	Adam	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Knubley	Daniel	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Kolinisau	Melikisua	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Kooman	Brad	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Koro	Dennis	Counties Manukau	Academy
Koroi	Vilimoni	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Koroitamana	Seta	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Kubunavanua	Samu	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Kuka	Amo	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Kumeroa	Benet	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kuridrani	Kirisi	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Laapo	Mairenga	Taranaki	Academy
Lafituanai	Harry	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Lahmert	Warwick	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Lahmert	Aaron	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Lalomilo	Lalomilo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Lam	Alexander	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lam	Brody	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lam	Ben	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Lamborn	Tony	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lane	Sam	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Lane	Josh	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Langi	Tevita	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Langilangi	Ataata	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Langton	Shamus	Wellington	Academy
Lansdown	Matthew	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lansdown	Guy	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lasaqa	Peni	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Lasenby	Scott	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Latu	Paula	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Latu	Penikolo	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Latu	Tevita	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Latu	Moliton	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Latu	Kamipeli	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Laubscher	Tyler	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Laulala	Luteru	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Laulala	Nepo	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

Laumape	Ngani	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Laursen	Micheal	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Lavaka	Solomone	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Lawn	Tim	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Lay	James	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lay	Jordan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Lea	Michael	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lea	Kilipati	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Leach	Stuart	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Leaf	Jacob	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Lean	Alex	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Leasuas	Daymon	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Leatagaga	Kalavini	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Le'aupepe	Kane	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Leavasa	Potu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Leaver	Mase	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Leckner	Dylan	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Lee	Kieran	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Leef	Eric	North Harbour	Academy
Leef	Caleb	North Harbour	Academy
Leger	Orbyn	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Leilua	Pisi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Leituala	Giovanni	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Leleisaiou	Paulo	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Lemalu	Junior	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Lentjes	James	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Leo	Moses	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Leopold	Ryan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Lepa	Jeff	Buller	Heartland Championship
Letoga	Matt	Canterbury	Academy
Levien	Harrison	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lewaivi Saukuru	Semesa	Counties Manukau	Academy
Lewis	Oliver	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Lewis	Saul	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Lewis	Keegan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Li	Luatangi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Liebezeit	Sam	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Lienert-Brown	Daniel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Lienert-Brown	Anton	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lindenmuth	Ezekiel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Lindsay	Angus	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Lio-Willie	Christian	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Little	James	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Lochore	Frank	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Lokotui	Fotu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Lolo	Don	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract

Lolohea	Vili	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Lomax	Tyrel	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Long	Jason	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Long	Ethan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Lopas	Ben	Canterbury	Academy
Lord	Josh	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Lott	George	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Love	Ruben	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Love	Korey	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Lowe	Jonah	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Maafu	Malupo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Mabbett-Sowerby	Chulainn	King Country	Heartland Championship
Macdonald	Quentin	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Macilai	Jone	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mackay	Jareth	Buller	Heartland Championship
Mackenzie	Will	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mackenzie	Hamish	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mackintosh	Jamie	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
MacRae	Jesse	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Madams	Sam	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Madden	Sam	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mafileo	Tevita	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Mafileo	Sione	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mafile'o	Darius	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Mahe	Paula	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Maile	Siua	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Maka	Sofai	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Maka	Donald	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Makalio	Andrew	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Makene	Caleb	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Malaulau	Isaiah	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Malimali	Peniasi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Malneek	Robbie	Buller	Heartland Championship
Malolua	Clinton	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Maloney	Iosefa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Malu	Chance	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Manaena	Niko	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manako	Phillip	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manase	Thor	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Manawatu	Timoti	Buller	Heartland Championship
Manson	Michael	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Manu	Tumua	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manu	Isileli	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manu	Tavake (Nasi)	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Manuel	David	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Mapu	Iakopo	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract

Maraku	Josiah	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Marshall	James	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Marshall	Pita	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Martin	Matiaha	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Elijah	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Thomas	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Craven	Northland	Academy
Martin	William	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Masoe	Lemi	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Mason	Te Atawhai	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Mata'afa	Michael	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Mataele	Manasa	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mataiciwa	Jona	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Mataira	Donovan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Matalaweru	Joeli	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Matenga	Samuel	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Matich	Matthew	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mato	Mo	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Mau	Saula	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Mau	Laulea	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Maupese	Leopino	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Mau'u	Jonah	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Maxwell	Te Teira	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
May	Benjamin	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Mayanavanua	Temo	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mayhew	Nicholas	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mayhew	Richard	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
McAlister	Brodie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
McAtamney	Josh	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
McAtamney	Matt	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
McCahon	Sam	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McClure	Sean	West Coast	Heartland Championship
McClutchie	Lincoln	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcdowall	Slade	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
McElroy	Teague	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
McErlean	David	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
McFadzean	Lachlan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
McFarlane	Jordan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
McGahan	Tamarau	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
McGarvey-Black	Ngarohi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
McGuire	Matekaeroa	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
McIntyre	Glen	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McIntyre	Lance	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McKay	Joshua	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
McKay	Zach	Canterbury	Academy
Mckee	Michael	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract

Mckenzie	Jock	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mckenzie	Matthew	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
McKenzie	Damian	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
McKinley	Scott	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
McLean	Andrew	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
McLeod	Dallas	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
McLeod	Connor	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
McLeod	Devon	Southland	Academy
McLeod	Saracen	West Coast	Heartland Championship
McNab	Ryan	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
McNamara	Samuel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcnaughten	Brad	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcnicol	Sam	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
McQuinlan	Ethan	Otago	Academy
McVerry	Connor	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McWhannell	Laghlán	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Mead	Ryan	North Harbour	Academy
Medlicott	Miles	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Meihana	Tipene	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Meki	David	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mellow	Scott	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Melvin	Jed	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Messam	Liam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Metcher	Tim	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Mewett	Keepa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Michaels	Hayden	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Middleton	Angus	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Mikaele-Tu'u	Marino	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Mikaele-Tu'u	Antonio	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Millar	Arana	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Miller	Mitchell	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Miller	Isaiah	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Mills	Burns	Canterbury	Academy
Miln	Coby	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Milner-Skudder	Nehe	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Milnes	Anton	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Milo-Harris	Lisati	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Misa	Cassius	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Misa	Steven	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Misiloi	Sione	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Mita	Kaha	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Mitchell	Liam	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell	Connor	Taranaki	Academy
Mitchell	Logan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Mitchell	Jared	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Moananu	Ioane	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

Mocevakaca	Leweni	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Atunaisa	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Samiuela	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Sekope	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Clarence	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Molia	Sione	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Momoedonu	Raikabula	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Moody	Joseph	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Moody	Cullen	Canterbury	Academy
MooMoo	Falaniko	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Moorby	Joshua	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Moore	Gannon	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Morgan	Fletcher	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Morgan	Aidan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Morgan-Parata	Campbell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Morris-Lome	Aleki	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Motuga	Alamanda	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Motuliki	Bobby	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Mo'unga	Richard	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mua	Jeriah	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Mudu	Maleli	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Mudzekenyedzi	Brandon	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Muir	Shaun	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Muir	Nick	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Muli	Kakau	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Munro	Eric	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Murray	Heremaia	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Murray	Blair	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Myers	Jason	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Nabainivalu	Penijamini	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Nabakeke	Timoci	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Nabura	Tavita	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Naholo	Kiniviliame	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Naitokani	Michael	Canterbury	Academy
Nalder	Maxwell	Tasman	Academy
Nally	Jack	Southland	Academy
Namoa	Lemeki	Auckland	Academy
Nanai-Seturo	Etene	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nankivell	Alex	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Nankivell	Hugo	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Narawa	Emoni	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Nareki	Jona	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Naufahu	Damien	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nel	Dylan	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Neli	Peter	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Newbold	Will	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship

Newell	Fletcher	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ngakuru	Mahonri	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Ngatai	Quintony	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ngatai-Tafau	Leo	Counties Manukau	Academy
Nginingini	Duke	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nginingini	Siaosi	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nicole	Amanaki	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nimmo	Anuru	Northland	Academy
Niuia	Raymond	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Noanoa	Toru	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Nock	Samuel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nonu	Alfred	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nordqvist	Kody	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Norris	Jacob	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Norris	Oliver	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Northcott-Hill	Brayton	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Numia	Xavier	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Nu'u	Raymond	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Connor	Brendon	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Connor	Kane	Bay of Plenty	Academy
O'Donnell	Conan	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Donnell	Kylem	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Donnell	Declan	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ofa	Simione	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ofa	Tevita	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Gorman	Reegan	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Olsen	Jordan	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Olsen	Rocky	Taranaki	Academy
O'Malley	Timothy	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Neill	Reuben	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Reilly	James	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Ormond	Lewis	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Osborne	Patrick	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Osika Kaufononga	Osika	Southland	Academy
Owens	Manawa	King Country	Heartland Championship
Packman	Howard	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Paea	Manu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Paea	Fatongia	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Paea	Fetuli	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Page	Jared	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Paia'aua	Willie	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Pakau-Wallace	Mason	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Pakoti	Elijah-James	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Palaae	Ropati	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Palesoo	Tuuaga	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Papalii	Dalton	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

Papali'i	Abraham	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Pape	Sean	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Parata	Campbell	Tasman	Academy
Parata	Kahutia	Buller	Heartland Championship
Paringatai	Tiwana	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Parker	Simon	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Parkes	Sam	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Parkinson	Paripari	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Parkinson	Oliver	Auckland	Academy
Parsons	Tom	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Parsons	James	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Pascoe	Karl	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Patafilo	Pepesana	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Paterson	Alex	Buller	Heartland Championship
Pati	Patrick	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Pauga	Benji	Counties Manukau	Academy
Paul	Reon	Wellington	Academy
Paulin	Ben	Southland	Academy
Paulo	Teofilo	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Payne	Jacob	Southland	Academy
Pearce	Dan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Peita	Terrell	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Pepe	Jermaine	Otago	Academy
Perelini	Noah	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Perenara	TJ	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Perofeta	Stephen	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Peters	Nathanial	Taranaki	Academy
Petersen	Raneira	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Pickering	Daryl	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Pierce	Jacob	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Pinkerton	Jamin	King Country	Heartland Championship
Pleasants-Tate	Gregory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Plummer	Harry	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Plummer	Hugo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Plumtree	Taine	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Poi	Morgan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Poihipi	Rameka	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Pokai	Josaih	Taranaki	Academy
Polataivao	Dwayne	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Pole	Abraham	Otago	Academy
Poliko	Arese	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Poloniati	Semisi (James)	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Polwart	Liam	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Pomare	Sidney	Northland	Academy
Pongi	Terry	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ponini	Lewis	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract

Pope	Regan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Porteous	Corbin	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Porter	Javarne	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Potroz	Jayson	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Praat	Robin	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Preston	Glenn	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Price	Brock	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Pride	Noah	Northland	Academy
Priest	Alex	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Priest	Tim	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
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Prinsep	Blair	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Proctor	Billy	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Proffit	Jared	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Proffit	Trent	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
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Qoro	Albert	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Rakete	Raymond	Northland	Academy
Rakete-Stones	Pouri	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Raleigh	Matt	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Ramage	Kieran	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Ranga	Brett	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Ranger	Rene	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rangihuna	Nathan	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Raoren	Tiaontin	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
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Rauca	Joeli	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Ravudra	Iliesa	Buller	Heartland Championship
Rayasi	Salesi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rayasi	Fritz	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Read	Kieran	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Reece	Sevuloni	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Reedy	Morgan	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Reeves	Ethine	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Regan	Jack	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Rei	Codey	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Reihana	Rivez	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Reihana	Evaan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Renata	Marcel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract

Renata	Trent	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Renton	Jay	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Renton	Hugh	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Reti	Trent	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Reti	Ethan	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
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Richards-Coxhead	Hakaraia	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Richardson	Chris	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Richardson	Jack	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Riedlinger-Kapa	Waimana	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rikki	Wyntah	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Ririnui	Zac	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Ririnui	Nirai	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Robertson	Jason	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Robertson	Jack	North Harbour	Academy
Robins	Joe	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robinson	Tom	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robinson	Taine	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Robinson	Cameron	King Country	Heartland Championship
Robinson	Ethan	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Roders-Holden	Tyler	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Roe	Xavier	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Rogers	Louis	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Rogers	Ngapuhi	Northland	Academy
Rogers	Blake	Wellington	Academy
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Rona	Daniel	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
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Roots	James	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
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Ross	Aidan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ross	Isaac	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Ross	Dan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Ross	Adaam	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Rowland	Cameron	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Rowlands	Liam	King Country	Heartland Championship
Royal	Joseph	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Ruru	Jonathan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Russ	Jake	Otago	Academy
Russell	Cam	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
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Ryan	Mitchell	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
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Samuela	Rylee	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuels	Tokohau	Buller	Heartland Championship
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Saukuru	Petaia	Buller	Heartland Championship
Saunders	Zac	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Savai'inaea	Lima	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Savea	Ardie	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
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Scott	Mitchell	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
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Seed	Ethan	Taranaki	Academy
Segner	Anton	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
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Shalfoon	Antonio	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Shaw	Sam	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Shaw-Tait	Sage	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Shield	Humphrey	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
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Sidney	Bj	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Sinclair	Cory	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
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Smith	Craig	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Fletcher	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Angelo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Sam	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Zac	Counties Manukau	Academy
Smith	Adam	Taranaki	Academy

Smith	Robbie	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Smith	Kelvin	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Smith	Joel	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Smith	Andrew	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Snelgrove	Toby	North Harbour	Academy
Snooks	Kalani	Northland	Academy
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Stewart	Ryan	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
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Stowers -Smith	Kynan	Canterbury	Academy
Strachan	Nick	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Straker	Jack	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Sturgess	Sam	North Otago	Heartland Championship
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Sullivan	Zarn	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sullivan	Bailyn	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sutton	Jacob	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Sweetman	Sean	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sykes Martin	Kershawl	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract

Symington	Gene	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tagavaaitau	Jaxon	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Tahitahi	D'Angelo	Northland	Academy
Tahiwi-MacMillan	Christian	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
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Takarangi	Rāniera	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tamou	Kane	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
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Tapa	Semisi	Canterbury	Academy
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Tatupu	Samuel	North Otago	Heartland Championship
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Taylor	Corey	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Taylor	Ryan	Southland	Academy
Taylor	Dylan	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
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Te Hiwi	Isaac	Otago	Academy
Te Kani	Jesse	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Moana	Hoani	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Te Puni	Te Ariki	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract

Te Rakau	Peter	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Te Ropiha James Hemi	Chris	Bay of Plenty	Academy
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Tekii	Terongo	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
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Tele'a	Tanielu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Terekia	Rikki	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Tetai	Kyle	Buller	Heartland Championship
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Thompson	James	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Thompson	Tyrone	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Thompson	Leo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Thompson-Dunn	Jordan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Thomson	Adam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Thomson	Nicolas	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Thornalley	Tom	Tasman	Academy
Thrupp	Alex	King Country	Heartland Championship
Thwaites	Jeffrey	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tiatia	Chase	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tikoisoloomone	Vereniki	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Timu	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Tipping	Zayn	King Country	Heartland Championship
Tisdall	Hayden	North Otago	Heartland Championship
To'a	Sione	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Toala	Danny	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tofa	James	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
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Togiatama	Zuriel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
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Toia	Apitone	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Toia	Brooklin	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Tokolahi	Siate	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tolai	Luteru	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Toma	Te Aihe	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tomkinson	Patelesio	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Tomlinson	Joshua	West Coast	Heartland Championship

Tonga	Inoke	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tongatea	Rodney	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Torrance	Micaiah	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tosi	Viliani	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Trainor	Jordan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tremain	William	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Trevathan	Jared	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tua	Tamati	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tudreu	Newton	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tufuga	Presley	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tufuga	Max	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tuiatua	Jeremiah	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Tuiloma	Kalolo	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuimauga	Tietie	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tupaea	Quinn	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tupaea-Thomsen	Larenz	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupai-Ui	Jordan	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Tupe	Joe	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupou	Sitiveni	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Turner	Zane	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Turner	Stephan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Tusitala	Danny	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tutauha	Roman	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Tu'ungafasi	Ofa	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
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Tu'uta	Nathaneal	Counties Manukau	Academy
Udy-Johns	Liam	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Ula	Tevita	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Uluakiahoia	Levi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ululakepa	Kaliopasi	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Uluinakauvadra	Saimoni	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract

Ulutoa	Isaako	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Umaga-Jensen	Thomas	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Umaga-Jensen	Peter	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Urquhart	Graham	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Va'a	Sase	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Va'afusuaga	Jesse	Otago	Academy
Va'ai	Tupou	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaatausili	Nathan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Vahaakolo	Freedom	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Vai	Kitiona	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaipulu	Tuukalikali	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaka	Apetone	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaka	Sepa	Otago	Academy
Vakatini	Leandro	Auckland	Academy
van den Hoven	Stan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Van Der Mei	Tseard	Northland	Academy
Van Vliet	Johan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Van Vliet	Jasyn	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Van Vugt	Rory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Varley	Oliver	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Ve'a	Julian	North Harbour	Academy
Vella	Nathan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Vete	Sean	North Harbour	Academy
Viane	Andrew	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Vikena	Soane	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Visinia	Lolagi	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
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Voaski	Sisa	King Country	Heartland Championship
Vocea	Matthew	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Vosaki	Ratu	King Country	Heartland Championship
Waa	Namatahi	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Waaka	Beaudein	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Wainui	Sean	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Waitai	TJ	Northland	Academy
Waite	Daniel	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Waite	Shaan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Waitokia	Terangatira	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Walden	Teihorangi	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Walden	Joshua	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Walding-Karaitiana	Joseph	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Walker	Jayden	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Walker-leawere	Isaia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Walsh	Joseph	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Walsh	Zach	Buller	Heartland Championship
Walters	Ted	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Walters-Hansen	Sage	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract

Ward	Jacob	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Wardlaw	Baden	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ware	Regan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Webber	Joseph	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Weber	Brad	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Webster-Nonu	Ethan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Wells	Michael	Buller	Heartland Championship
Werthmuller	Ben	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Whaanga	Matt	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Whale	Dane	Wanganui	Heartland Championship
Wharerau	Hunter	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Whetton	Jack	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
White	Fawn	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Whitlock	Samuel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Whitman	Keelan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Wiggans	Jackson	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wiki-Quest	Leo	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wild	Drew	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Williams	Tamaiti	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Williams	Cole	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Williams	Curtis	Southland	Academy
Williamson	Adam	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Willis	Scott	Buller	Heartland Championship
Willy	Zack	Northland	Academy
Wilson	Bryn	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Wilson	Liam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Wilson	Brent	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Wilson-Bishop	James	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Winter	Logan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Winterburn	Joel	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Wissink	Blake	Northland	Academy
Witehira	Rahiri	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Withy	Sean	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Woller	Taituha	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Woodmass	Campbell	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Woodmass	Tainui	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Woodmass	Sonny	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Woolliams	Mickey	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Woonton	Alex	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Wrampling	Gideon	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	Fletcher	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	Ross	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	Mathew	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	William	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Wye	Samuel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wyness	Benjamin	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract

Wyrill	Adrian	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Yates	Flyn	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Zimmerman	Thomas	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship

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Part 1 • Definitions

1 DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless the context requires or indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

**“Captured Union”** has the meaning set out in clause 4.1;

**“Collective Agreement”** means the Collective Agreement entered into by the NZRU and the RPC as updated from time to time;

**“Contract Year”** means the calendar year (commencing on 1 January and concluding on 31 December) and may be defined with reference to a particular year (e.g. Contract Year 2021);

**“Development Compensation Fee”** means the payment a Transferring Union may be required to make to a Player’s Captured Union pursuant to these Regulations;

**“Heartland Championship Captured Player”** has the meaning set out in clause 6.1;

**“Heartland Championship”** means the Heartland Championship as provided for under the NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations.

**“Heartland Championship Union”** means a Provincial Union competing in the Heartland Championship;

**“Home Super Rugby Franchise”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“NZRU”** means the New Zealand Rugby Union Incorporated;

**“Player”** means a rugby union player who is a Premier Competition Captured Player or a Heartland Championship Captured Player;

**“Playing 23”** means the fifteen selected players plus eight reserves as recorded on the team sheet provided to the NZRU for any Premier Competition match;

**“Playing 22”** means the fifteen selected players plus seven reserves as recorded on the team sheet provided to the NZRU for any Heartland Championship match;

**“Premier Competition Captured Player”** has the meaning set out in clause 5.1;

**“Premier Competition”** means the Premier Competition as provided for under the NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations;

**“Premier Competition Union”** means a Provincial Union competing in the Premier Competition;

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**“Provincial Union”** means an Affiliated Union as defined in the NZRU Constitution;

**“Provincial Union Contract”** means the contract set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Provincial Union Development Contract”** means the contract set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Provincial Union Term”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Provincial Union Development Term”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Registered”** means, in relation to a player:

- having completed the NZRU Senior Player Registration Form for that Contract Year; or
- having an approved online Senior Player registration recorded in the Sportsground Online Rugby Registration system; or
- having an active registration in the National Rugby Database for that Contract Year;

**“RPC”** means the Rugby Players Collective Inc;

**“Super Rugby Competition”** has the meaning set out in the Collective Agreement;

**“Super Rugby Eligibility Date”** is a date specified by the NZRU in agreement with the RPC (with such agreement to be reached no later than the end of August in each Contract Year);

**“Transfer”** is the process by which a Player alters his Provincial Union by moving from his Captured Union to the Transferring Union pursuant to these Regulations;

**“Transfer Period”** is the period beginning 1 October in one Contract Year to two weeks before the commencement date of the Premier Competition in the immediately following Contract Year;

**“Transferring Union”** in relation to a particular Player means the Provincial Union to which that Player wishes to transfer;

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### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 These Regulations govern the process by which a Player alters their Provincial Union.
- 2.2 The Transfer of any Player wishing to be eligible to play for a Provincial Union other than the Player's Captured Union must take place in accordance with these Regulations.
- 2.3 There is no restriction upon the number of Players that may Transfer from, or to, any Provincial Union.

### 3 TRANSFER PERIOD

- 3.1 The Transfer of a Player wishing to play in the Premier Competition must occur in the **Transfer Period**.
- 3.2 If the Transfer of a Player is agreed in writing and notified to the NZRU prior to the Super Rugby Eligibility Date (even if it is to take effect at a later date in the Transfer Period) the Player's Transferring Union will be taken into account for the purpose of determining his Home Franchise for the following Super Rugby Competition.
- 3.3 A Player may Transfer only once in the Transfer Period.

### 4 CAPTURED UNION

- 4.1 A Premier Competition Captured Player or a Heartland Championship Captured Player shall be deemed to be captured by the Provincial Union in which he is currently Registered. This Provincial Union will be the Player's **Captured Union** until otherwise determined pursuant to these Regulations.
- 4.2 A Player is not eligible to be selected for the Playing 22 or 23 as applicable of a Provincial Union, other than his Captured Union, for the Premier Competition immediately following the Transfer Period during which the Player becomes a Premier Competition Captured Player or Heartland Championship Captured Player unless the Player has transferred in accordance with these Regulations, or has been loaned in accordance with the *NZRU Player Eligibility Regulations*.

### 5 TRANSFER OF PREMIER COMPETITION CAPTURED PLAYERS

- 5.1 **A Premier Competition Captured Player** is a player who is:
  - (a) party to a Provincial Union Contract or a Provincial Union Development Contract at any time during the Transfer Period; or

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- (b) enrolled in one of the 14 Regional Rugby Academies and Registered with a club affiliated to a Premier Competition Union during the Contract Year in which the Transfer Period commences; or
  - (c) Registered with a club affiliated to a Premier Competition Union and is either:
    - (i) named in any New Zealand Under 20 representative squad announced during the Contract Year in which the Transfer Period commenced; or
    - (ii) named in any New Zealand Under 20 representative squad announced during the Transfer Period.
- 5.2 A Player who is a party to a Provincial Union Contract (or Provincial Union Development Contract) may only Transfer following the expiry of that Player's Provincial Union Term (or Provincial Union Development Term, as the case may be) or earlier termination of these contracts. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player is not in breach of any employment obligation by entering into discussions during his Provincial Union Term or Provincial Union Development Term concerning employment arrangements which are proposed for a period after the expiry of that Term.
- 5.3 A Player who is not a party to a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union Development Contract may enter into a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union Development Contract at any time.
- 5.4 A Premier Competition Captured Player may Transfer to another Premier Competition Union during the Transfer Period using the Player Movement Form attached as Schedule 1.
- 5.5 A Premier Competition Captured Player may Transfer to a Heartland Championship Union without using the Player Movement Form. Such Transfer will be completed by registering in the Heartland Championship Union.
- 5.6 No Development Compensation Fee is payable where a Premier Competition Captured Player Transfers.

**6 TRANSFER OF HEARTLAND CHAMPIONSHIP CAPTURED PLAYERS**

- 6.1 A **Heartland Championship Captured Player** is a player who is:
- (a) Registered with a club affiliated to a Heartland Championship Union and is selected in the Playing 22 of that Heartland Championship Union on one or more occasions during the Heartland Championship taking place at the time the Transfer Period commences; or
  - (b) Registered with a club affiliated to a Heartland Championship Union and is either:

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- (i) named in any New Zealand Under 20 representative squad announced during the Contract Year in which the Transfer Period commences; or
  - (ii) named in any New Zealand Under 20 representative squad announced during the Transfer Period; or
- (c) Registered with a club affiliated to a Heartland Championship Union and is either:
- (i) named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools representative squad announced during the Contract Year in which the Transfer Period commences; or
  - (ii) named in any New Zealand Secondary Schools representative squad announced during the Transfer Period.
- 6.2 A Heartland Championship Captured Player may Transfer to a Premier Competition Union during the Transfer Period using the Player Movement Form attached as Schedule 2. A Heartland Championship Captured Player may Transfer to a Heartland Championship Union without using the Player Movement Form. Such Transfer will be completed by registering in the Heartland Championship Union.
- 6.3 A Player who is a party to an agreement with a Heartland Championship Union may only Transfer following the expiry of that agreement.
- 6.4 A Development Compensation Fee may be payable where a Heartland Championship Captured Player Transfers to a Premier Competition Union. The maximum Development Compensation Fee in these circumstances is as follows:

<b>Category of Player</b>	<b>Maximum Development Compensation Fee</b>
<b>"Heartland Championship"</b> as defined in 6.1(a)	\$15,000
<b>"New Zealand Under 20"</b> as defined in 6.1 (b)	\$15,000
<b>"New Zealand Secondary Schools"</b> as defined in 6.1 (c)	\$10,000

- 6.5 Where a Heartland Championship Captured Player wishes to Transfer to a Premier Competition Union there are two alternatives available to the Transferring Union:
- (a) The Transferring Union may agree a Development Compensation Fee with the Captured Union to be paid at the time the Transfer takes place during the Transfer Period; or
  - (b) The Transferring Union may agree at the time of the Transfer to pay the Captured Union a Development Compensation Fee for that Heartland Championship Captured Player in the event that the Transferring Union contracts that Player on a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union

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Development Contract during the Contract Year in which the Transfer Period finishes. For the avoidance of doubt:

- (i) the amount of such Development Compensation Fee need not be determined at the time of the Transfer; and
- (ii) the Development Compensation Fee will be payable at the time the Player enters into a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union Development Contract.

In the event the Transferring Union cannot agree the amount of the Development Compensation Fee with the Captured Union, the Transferring Union may refer the matter to the CEO of the NZRU. Upon referral, the CEO will establish a panel of senior management to determine the amount of the Development Compensation Fee taking into account the submissions of the Captured Union and Transferring Union and any other interested stakeholder, the number of years that the player has been registered to the Captured Union, the costs incurred in developing the player, the financial capacity of the Transferring Union to pay, and any other relevant factors.

6.6 In the event a Transferring Union fails to pay to the Captured Union any agreed Development Compensation Fee the NZRU may deduct the amount from the next NZRU grant due to be paid to the Transferring Union.

6.7 The NZRU shall within 10 working days of deducting it from any NZRU grant, pay the full amount to the Captured Union.

## **7 NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER**

7.1 No Transfer of a Player to a Premier Competition Union will be recognised by the NZRU unless a Player Movement Form as set out in Schedule 1 or 2 has been submitted to the NZRU.

7.2 All Player Movement Forms must be submitted to the NZRU prior to the end of the Transfer Period.

7.3 At the end of the Transfer Period the NZRU shall notify all Provincial Unions of all Transfers to Premier Competition Unions that occurred during the Transfer Period. Any Player will no longer be captured by his Captured Union and shall be entitled to be selected and play for the Playing 22/23 of the Transferring Union from the transfer date noted on the Player Movement Form submitted to the NZRU or on the date that the transfer is acknowledged by the NZRU, whichever is the later.

**Part 3 • General**

**8 CHANGES TO REGULATIONS**

- 8.1 These Regulations have been developed pursuant to the Collective Agreement.
- 8.2 In the event the NZRU wishes to make amendments to these Regulations it must comply with the following process:
- (a) in the first instance, the NZRU must meet with the RPC and attempt to obtain its agreement to any amendment;
  - (b) if the RPC withholds agreement, the NZRU may proceed to make the amendment (provided that, in that event the RPC may seek to rely upon the problem resolution provisions of the Collective Agreement).

**9 BREACH OF REGULATIONS**

- 9.1 Any breach of these Regulations by a Provincial Union will be dealt with by the NZRU in accordance with clause 14 of the NZRU *Domestic Competition Regulations*.
- 9.2 Prior to reaching a conclusion that there has been a breach of these Regulations, the NZRU will notify the RPC of the nature of the alleged breach and provide the RPC with access to any information and an opportunity to have input into the investigation of any alleged breach, including any submissions RPC wish to make about penalty.

**SCHEDULE 1**

**PLAYER MOVEMENT FORM • PREMIER COMPETITION CAPTURED PLAYER**

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**1. Player Details** *(Player to complete)*

Name: .....  
*(First name/s) (Surname) (Player ID)*

(a) Captured Union (Union transferring from): .....

(b) Transferring Union (Union transferring to): .....

Status during the Transfer Period (tick relevant option/s):

This Transfer will take effect from: .....  
*(Transfer Date)*

Provincial Union or Provincial Union Development Contract

Rugby Academy Member

New Zealand Under 20 Representative

.....  
*(Signature of Player) (Date)*

**2. Details of Transfer** *(Provincial Unions to complete)*

We, the Provincial Unions specified below, agree that the above named Player will Transfer in accordance with the NZRU Player Movement Regulations. From the Transfer Date the Player will be eligible to play for the Transferring Union in the Premier Competition or Heartland Championship. If this form is agreed by all parties and notified to the NZRU before the Super Rugby Eligibility Date this Transfer will be taken into account for the Super Rugby Selection Process, regardless of the Transfer Date.

Name of Captured Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Captured Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Name of Transferring Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Transferring Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

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**SCHEDULE 2**

**PLAYER MOVEMENT FORM • HEARTLAND CHAMPIONSHIP CAPTURED PLAYER**

1. Player Details *(Player to complete)*

Name: .....  
*(First name/s)* *(Surname)* *(Player ID)*

(a) Captured Union (Union transferring from): .....

(b) Transferring Union (Union transferring to): .....

Status during the Transfer Period (tick relevant option/s):

**Maximum Development Compensation  
Fee**

Heartland Championship Provincial Union Rep	\$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand Under 20 Representative	\$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative	\$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

This Transfer will take effect from: .....  
*(Transfer Date)*

.....  
*(Signature of Player)* *(Date)*

2. Details of Transfer *(Provincial Unions to complete)*

We, the Provincial Unions specified below, agree that the above named Player will Transfer in accordance with the NZRU Player Movement Regulations. From the Transfer Date the Player will be eligible to play for the Transferring Union in the Premier Competition. If this form is agreed by all parties and notified to the NZRU before the Super Rugby Eligibility Date this Transfer will be taken into account for the Super Rugby Selection Process, regardless of the Transfer Date.

Name of Captured Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Captured Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Name of Transferring Union: .....

Either: *(Delete if not applicable)*

In accordance with clause 6.5(a), the Transferring Union agrees to pay ..... by way of a Development Compensation Fee at the time of the Transfer of this Player.

Or:

In accordance with clause 6.5(b), the Transferring Union agrees to pay a Development Compensation Fee in the event that the Transferring Union contracts that Player on a Provincial Union Contract or Provincial Union Development Contract during the Contract Year in which the Transfer Period finishes.

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Transferring Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

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## Domestic Competition Regulations

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## 1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these Regulations, unless the context requires or indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

**“Board”** means the Board of the NZRU;

**“Competition Manual(s)”** means the manual(s) published by the NZRU from time to time relating to the operation of the Domestic Competition(s);

**“Finals Round”** has the meaning set out in clauses 15-17 of Appendix 1 and clauses 11-12 of Appendix 2;

**“NZRU Fixture”** has the meaning set out in the NZRU Regulations Relating to the Definition of an NZRU Fixture, the Order of Precedence and First Class Fixtures;

**“Home Union”** has the meaning set out in clause 5.3;

**“Home Match”** means a match to be played at the venue specified in the Provincial Union’s application for participation in the Domestic Competitions;

**“NZRU”** means the New Zealand Rugby Union Incorporated;

**“Playing Uniform”** means rugby jerseys, shorts, tracksuits, socks, boots, boot studs, laces, headgear, mouth guards, mitts, visible undergarments, protectors, elastic bandages and any other type of "strapping", used for the purposes of participating in, or preparing for, any rugby match, including as a substitute;

**“Provincial Union”** means an Affiliated Union as defined in the NZRU Constitution;

**“Visiting Union”** has the meaning set out in clause 6.1.

**“Women’s Competition”** means the national women’s domestic inter-provincial competition known as the Farah Palmer Cup.

## 2 COMPOSITION

2.1 The domestic interprovincial competitions are conducted by the NZRU on an invitation basis and there is no obligation for a Provincial Union to participate.

2.2 In the event that a Provincial Union’s application to participate in the domestic competitions (“Domestic Competitions”) is accepted by the NZRU, it is a condition of continued participation in the Domestic Competitions that the Provincial Union comply with the terms of their application and the Participation Agreement as far as that relates to participation in the Domestic Competitions.

2.3 The following Domestic Competitions will be played:

- a. Premier Competition;
- b. Heartland Championship; and
- c. Women's Competition.

### **3 FORMAT**

- 3.1 The Premier Competition will be played in the format set out in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.
- 3.2 The Heartland Championship will be played in the format set out in Appendix 2 to these Regulations.
- 3.3 The Women's Competition will be played in the format set out in Appendix 3 to these Regulations.

### **4 SCHEDULING AND CANCELLATION**

- 4.1 The NZRU will set the dates, venues and times for all Domestic Competition matches.
- 4.2 The NZRU has the right to appoint a match as the main curtain-raiser for any Domestic Competition match.
- 4.3 All Domestic Competition matches during the Premier Competition, Heartland Championship and Women's Competition are NZRU Fixtures.
- 4.4 Subject to clause 4.6, each Provincial Union participating in the Domestic Competition must play all matches that it is scheduled to play as directed by the NZRU pursuant to clause 4.1.
- 4.5 Subject to clause 4.6, if:
  - a. A Domestic Competition match is not played on its scheduled day; and
  - b. In the opinion of the NZRU, a valid reason exists for that Domestic Competition match not being played on that day;

the NZRU shall, in consultation with the Provincial Unions who were to have participated in the match and with the cooperation of those Provincial Unions, arrange for the match to be rescheduled on an alternative date (which is to be as soon as reasonably possible after the originally scheduled date) and, if required by the NZRU at an alternative venue.

- 4.6 If a Domestic Competition match is not played on its scheduled day and, in the opinion of the NZRU, no valid reason exists for that match not being played on that day, the NZRU may, in its discretion:

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- a. Determine that one or both of the Provincial Unions who were to have participated in the match was responsible for the match not being played on that day; and
  - b. Impose any of the penalties set out in clause 14 of these Regulations on that Provincial Union or Unions.
- 4.7 If a Domestic Competition match is not played on its scheduled day, the NZRU may direct that the match is cancelled if:
- a. The result of that match would have no effect on determining the semifinalists (if relevant), or the finalists of that Competition; and
  - b. both of the Provincial Unions who would have participated in the match agree to the match being cancelled; and
  - c. If (a) and (b) occur, the points for the match will be shared on the basis of two points to each team.
- 4.8 All Provincial Unions are required to ensure that all travel arrangements made for its Domestic Competition team allow for the arrival of the team with sufficient time to ensure that Domestic Competition matches are played at the scheduled date, time and venue.
- 4.9 All Provincial Unions are required to ensure that they have a home venue that meets the "Minimum Standards" as set out in the Competition Manual available for the entire period of the Domestic Competition including any Finals Round. In the event that a Provincial Union advises the NZRU that it does not have a home venue available for a Home Match scheduled in accordance with clause 4.1 to the satisfaction of the NZRU the match will be moved at the NZRU's discretion to:
- a. the home venue of the Visiting Union participating in the match; or
  - b. an alternative neutral venue as determined by the NZRU.

## **5 REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- 5.1 The NZRU will appoint referees for all matches in the Domestic Competitions, unless otherwise directed in the Competition Manual.
- 5.2 The NZRU will appoint both assistant referees and the television match official for all Finals Round matches, unless otherwise directed in the Competition Manual.
- 5.3 The Provincial Union for whom the Domestic Competition match is a Home Match ("the Home Union") will appoint two suitably qualified and experienced referees as assistant referees for Round Robin matches and shall identify one of those assistant referees as the reserve referee for that match.

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- 5.4 The Home Union will appoint other match officials as may be directed by the NZRU as per the Competition Manual.

### **6 FUNDING**

- 6.1 The NZRU will provide travel for the team of the Provincial Union for whom the Domestic Competition match is not a Home Match ("the Visiting Union") as follows:

- a. Except as provided for in (c) below, air travel for the Visiting Union from the most appropriate departure airport (as determined by the NZRU in consultation with the Visiting Union) to the most appropriate airport close to the venue of the match.
- b. Coach transport to and from:
  - i. The home base departure point, where the airport is outside the home base city or town.
  - ii. The arrival point, where the match is to be played outside the environs of the arrival city or town.
- c. Where (in the opinion of the NZRU) air travel is impractical, coach transport from the home base to the venue. Guidelines will be provided in the Competition Manual.

- 6.2 All other expenses associated with the Visiting Union's participation in all Domestic Competitions matches are the responsibility of the Visiting Union, subject to the express provisions of these Regulations and Appendices.

- 6.3 Gate charges for all matches will be determined at the discretion of the Home Union.

### **7 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

- 7.1 Each Union will allocate complimentary tickets to the following with the number to be prescribed from time to time in the Competition Manual:

- a. To the Visiting Union.
- b. To the NZRU for distribution to the NZRU's sponsors and officials or other persons nominated by the NZRU.

### **8 MATCH BALLS**

- 8.1 Only balls manufactured or supplied by the NZRU's official supplier of rugby footballs are to be used for Domestic Competition matches.

## **9 PLAYING STRIP COLOUR CLASHES**

9.1 Where the NZRU determines a colour clash will arise in a Domestic Competition match, the team that will be required to play in an alternative strip will be determined as follows:

- a. in accordance with any approval of colours given by the CEO in terms of sub clause 20.2 of the NZRU Constitution; and
- b. if not determined by (a) above, then the Visiting Team will play in its alternative strip.

## **10 ADVERTISING ON PLAYER UNIFORMS**

10.1 Any advertising, sponsor or manufacturer marks on Playing Uniforms must comply with:

Directions made by the NZRU (in accordance with World Rugby Regulations), with respect to size, location and number of marks.

10.2 Provincial Unions are required to affix the Domestic Competition logo, as provided by the NZRU, to the centre bottom of the right hand sleeve of their team's playing jersey including any alternate jersey. Each Provincial Union will provide the NZRU with an example of its Team's playing jersey each year for promotional and display purposes.

## **11 TEAM NUMBERING**

11.1 All playing jerseys must be numbered according to generally accepted Rugby practice and in particular in the manner provided in Regulation 15.1 of the World Rugby Regulations Relating to the Game.

## **12 TEAM NAMING**

12.1 Provincial Unions are required to announce publicly 24 hours prior to the kick-off of any Domestic Competition match the 15 players who will start that match and their respective positions together with the seven replacements/substitutes.

## **13 EXPERIMENTAL LAW VARIATION OR INNOVATION**

13.1 Any temporary innovation or experimental variation, (including, for example, the length of the game, a fan engagement initiative or other game innovation introduced into a Domestic Competition following consultation with the Provincial Unions), may be included in the Competition Manual and, unless in direct conflict with a provision in these Regulations, will be deemed to be enforceable during the Domestic Competition to which the relevant Competition Manual applies.

## **14 PENALTY**

- 14.1 If satisfied that an administrative error or an oversight has occurred that may cause or has caused a breach of these Regulations, or may result or has resulted in unfair consequences that are contrary to the purpose of one or more provisions of the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*, the *NZRU Player Eligibility Regulations* or the *NZRU Player Eligibility Regulations for the Women's Competition*, NZRU Management can, at its discretion, take the necessary steps to remedy the error or oversight or avoid the unfair consequences without the need to refer the matter to the Board if the implications of the breach or unfair consequences are or would be manifestly disproportionate or unfair in light of the conduct in question.
- 14.2 Subject to clause 14.1, the Board has jurisdiction to determine whether or not there has been any breach of these Regulations, the *NZRU Player Movement Regulations*, the *NZRU Player Eligibility Regulations*, or the *NZRU Player Eligibility Regulations for the Women's Competition*. For the avoidance of doubt, any breach of the *NZRU Salary Cap Regulations* will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *NZRU Salary Cap Regulations* and not these Regulations.
- 14.3 Where the Board considers a breach of the Regulations referred to in clause 14.2 has occurred it may impose any penalty as, in its discretion it considers appropriate, including one or more of the following:
- a. A financial penalty (which may, in the case of a Provincial Union in breach of clause 4.6, be paid in whole or in part to the Provincial Union whose team were available to play);
  - b. A deduction in points awarded to a Provincial Union on the points table for the Domestic Competition; and/or
  - c. Where the Board considers that there are exceptional circumstances and that a fair result requires a reallocation of points, any points deducted from a Provincial Union may be awarded to another Provincial Union or Provincial Unions on the points table for the Domestic Competition;
  - d. The awarding of points to the Provincial Union not at fault;
  - e. Expulsion from the Domestic Competition.
- 14.4 Any breach of the relevant Competition Manual shall, at the sole discretion of the NZRU, be treated in the same manner as if it is a breach of these Regulations and dealt with in accordance with this clause 14.

## **15 DISPUTES AND INTERPRETATION**

- 15.1 Subject to Rule 10 of the NZRU Constitution, any dispute as to:
- a. The meaning or interpretation of these Regulations; or

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- b. As to any matter or questions relating to matches played as part of the Domestic Competition but not provided for in these Regulations will be determined by the NZRU.

## Appendix 1 • Regulations Relating Solely to the Premier Competition

### ENTRY

1. Entry to the Premier Competition is at the discretion of the Board.
2. Continued participation in the Premier Competition is at the discretion of the Board acting reasonably and is subject to on-going compliance with the terms of application and the Participation Agreement as far as it relates to the Domestic Competition.
3. The Premier Competition will contain up to 14 Provincial Unions as determined by the Board.

### FORMAT

4. The Premier Competition will be played as the Premiership and Championship.
5. Each Team plays ten competition matches prior to semi-finals and/ or finals. The Premiership and the Championship will play:
  - a. The Round Robin as set out in clauses 7-9 of this Appendix; followed by
  - b. The Finals Round as set out in clauses 14-16 of this Appendix.

### SEEDING

6. The seedings for the Premier Competition will be allocated in accordance with this clause, and clauses 21 and 22:

1 <sup>st</sup> seed	The winner of the final of the Premiership in the immediately preceding year.
2 <sup>nd</sup> seed	The loser of the final of the Premiership in the immediately preceding year.
3 <sup>rd</sup> seed	The losing semifinalist in the Premiership in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the higher aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin of the losing semifinalists. If no semifinals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Provincial Unions, the Union that finished with the highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.
4 <sup>th</sup> seed	The losing semifinalist in the Premiership in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the lower aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin of the losing semifinalists. If no semifinals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Provincial Unions, the Union that finished with the next highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.

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- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> seeds      The remaining Provincial Unions that played in the Premiership in the immediately preceding year (other than the Provincial Union with the lowest aggregate number of competition points), ranked according to their aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin in that year.
- 7<sup>th</sup> seed                The winner of the Championship final in the immediately preceding year.
- 8<sup>th</sup> seed                The Provincial Union that played in the Premiership in the immediately preceding year that had the lowest number of aggregate points.
- 9<sup>th</sup> seed                The loser of the final of the Championship in the immediately preceding year.
- 10<sup>th</sup> seed               The losing semifinalist in the Championship in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the higher aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin of the losing semifinalists. If no semifinals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Provincial Unions, the Union that finished with the highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin
- 11<sup>th</sup> seed               The losing semifinalist in the Championship in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the lower aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin of the losing semifinalists. If no semifinals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Provincial Unions, the Union that finished with the next highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> seeds      The remaining Provincial Unions that played in the Championship in the immediately preceding year, ranked according to their aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin in that year.
- a.      In the event that two or more Provincial Unions have the same number of competition points, that tie will be broken in accordance with clause 11 of this Appendix.
- b.      The teams seeded 1st-7th will be in the Premiership, seeded 1st-7th respectively. The teams seeded 8th-14th will be in the Championship, seeded 8th-14th respectively.

### **ROUND ROBIN**

7.      The Round Robin will consist of each Provincial Union playing:
- a.      Six matches against the other teams in the Premiership for Premiership teams, and six matches against the teams in the Championship for Championship teams (round robin matches), of which three matches will be home and three will be away matches; and

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- b. Four matches against teams from the Premiership for Championship teams, and four matches against teams in the Championship for Premiership teams (crossover matches), of which two matches will be home and two will be away matches.
8. The NZRU will be responsible for determining the draw for the Round Robin including the order of matches and the allocation of home and away matches.
  9. The way in which the crossover matches will be determined is as follows:
    - a. For the other four crossover matches, there will be a selection process in which there will be four rounds of picks that take place as follows:
      - i. In the first round of picks matches are selected by Premiership teams in reverse order of seeding (i.e. the lowest seeded Premiership Team has first pick, the second lowest seeded Premiership team has second pick, and so on) these matches will be played as home matches for the Championship teams.
      - ii. In the second round of picks matches are selected by Championship Teams in reverse order of seeding (i.e. the lowest seeded Championship Team has first pick, the second lowest seeded Championship Team has second pick, and so on). These matches will be played as home matches for the Championship Teams;
      - iii. In the third round of picks matches are selected by Premiership Teams in order of seeding (i.e. the first seeded Premiership Team has first pick, the second seeded Premiership Team has second pick, and so on). These matches will be played as home matches for the Premiership Teams;
      - iv. In the fourth round of picks matches are selected by Championship Teams in order of seeding (i.e. the highest seeded Championship Team has first pick, the second highest seeded Championship Team has second pick, and so on). These matches will be played as home matches for the Premiership Teams;
    - b. in making any selection:
      - i. a Team may not select a Team that it will already play (for example, as a result of a pick made by another Team in a previous round); and
      - ii. where the process necessarily results in the situation described in the previous paragraph, the previous two picks in that round will be ruled void, and must be made again (and must be made differently).
    - c. the above selections will be made, on a sequential basis, on the same day at an event dedicated for this purpose.

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10. All matches in the Round Robin carry full competition points.

## TIES DURING OR AT CONCLUSION OF ROUND ROBIN

11. In the event that two or more Premiership teams or two or more Championship teams have the same number of competition points the positions of the Provincial Unions will be determined in accordance with the following criteria, which will be applied in the order in which they appear below until the tie is broken:
  - a. Where any two Provincial Unions are tied:
    - i. The winner of any Round Robin match played between the two Provincial Unions in that year will have the higher position.
    - ii. The Provincial Union which has the higher points difference in the Round Robin will have the higher position.
  - b. Where three or more Provincial Unions are tied:
    - i. if all tied Provincial Unions have played each other the tied Provincial Union with the most competition points in that year against the other tied Provincial Unions shall have the higher position.
    - ii. if all tied Provincial Unions have not played against the other tied Provincial Unions, the tied Provincial Union which has the higher points difference in the Round Robin will have the higher position.
  - c. If a tie cannot be broken by the criteria set out in subclauses (a) and (b) of this clause:
    - i. The Provincial Union that scored the most tries in the Round Robin shall have the higher position.
    - ii. The Provincial Union that scored the most points in the Round Robin shall have the higher position.
    - iii. The toss of a coin will be used.

## FINALS RANKING

12. The four Provincial Unions in the Premiership and the four teams in the Championship with the highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin will proceed to the Finals Round. In the event that two or more Provincial Unions in the Premiership or two or more teams in the Championship have the same number of competition points, that tie will be broken in accordance with clause 11 of this Appendix. The remaining 6 Provincial Unions will take no further part in the Premier Competition.

13. The four Provincial Unions in the Premiership and the four teams in the Championship with the highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin will be allocated a Finals Ranking from 1 to 4, as follows:

#### **Finals Rankings**

1. Provincial Union with the highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin; and
- 2-4 Provincial Unions with the next-highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin in descending order from 2 to 4.

#### **FINALS ROUND**

14. Based on the Finals Rankings for the Premiership and the Championship, the semi-finals will be played as follows:
  - a. 1 plays 4;
  - b. 2 plays 3;
15. The winning semi-finalists in the Premiership will play each other in the Premiership final. The winning semi-finalists in the Championship will play each other in the Championship final.
16. The winning finalist in the Premiership will be awarded the Premier Competition trophy. The winning finalist in the Championship will be promoted to the Premiership for the following year.

#### **VENUES FOR FINALS ROUND**

17. The venue for all Finals Round matches will be the home venue of the Provincial Union with the higher Finals Ranking of the two teams participating in that match. This is subject to the NZRU having the right to change the venue if circumstances necessitate it.

#### **TIES IN FINALS ROUND**

18. In the event that teams are tied at the end of a semi-final or final match, the winner will be determined by the following criteria, which shall be applied in the order in which they appear until a result is determined:
  - a. The winner following a further ten (10) minutes of extra time each way.
  - b. The team scoring the most tries in the match (including extra time).
  - c. The winner of any Round Robin match played in that year between the two teams.

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- d. The team having the higher points difference at the end of the Round Robin.
- e. The team that scored the most tries in the Round Robin.
- f. The team that scored the most points in the Round Robin.
- g. The team with the higher Finals Ranking.

### **FINALS PAYMENT**

- 19. The Visiting Union for a semi-final or final match of either the Premiership or the Championship will be entitled to receive payment of actual and reasonable costs from the Home Union with the maximum amounts to be determined by the NZRU from time to time and set out in the Competition Manual.
- 20. The NZRU reserves the right to audit the ticket receipts of Home Unions for all Finals Round matches and the Unions must provide the NZRU with access to all relevant records and such assistance as the NZRU may reasonably require for this purpose.

### **PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

- 21. The winner of the Championship final will be automatically promoted to the Premiership for the following year and will be the seventh seed.
- 22. The Provincial Union in the Premiership with the lowest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin will be automatically relegated to the Championship for the following year and will be the eighth seed. In the event that two or more Provincial Unions in the Premiership have the same number of competition points, that tie will be broken in accordance with clause 11 of this Appendix.

## **Appendix 2 • Regulations Relating Solely to the Heartland Championship**

### **ENTRY**

1. Entry to the Heartland Championship is at the discretion of the NZRU.
2. Continued participation in the Heartland Championship is at the discretion of the NZRU acting reasonably and is subject to on-going compliance with the terms of application and the Participation Agreement as far as it relates to the Domestic Competitions.
3. The Heartland Championship will contain up to 12 Provincial Unions as determined by the Board.

### **MEADS CUP AND LOCHORE CUP**

4. The Meads Cup and the Lochore Cup will be contested in the Heartland Championship.
5. If the holder of either the Meads Cup or the Lochore Cup is not a participant in the Heartland Championship, that Cup will be returned to the NZRU.

### **FORMAT**

6. The Heartland Championship will be played over ten weeks:
  - a. In one round of pool play ("Round Robin"); followed by
  - b. Semifinals and finals ("the Finals Rounds") in the Meads Cup and the Lochore Cup.

### **ROUND ROBIN**

7. The Round Robin will consist of each Provincial Union playing eight matches, four of which will be home matches and four will be away matches
8. The NZRU will be responsible for determining the draw for the Round Robin including the order of matches and the allocation of home and away matches.

### **STATUS OF MATCHES**

9. All matches in the Round Robin carry full competition points.

### **TIES DURING OR AT CONCLUSION OF ROUND ROBIN**

10. In the event that two or more Provincial Unions in the Heartland Championship have the same number of competition points, the positions of the Provincial Unions will be determined in accordance with the following criteria, which will be applied in

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the order in which they appear below until a result as to the positions of the relevant Provincial Unions is determined:

- a. Where any two Provincial Unions are tied:
  - i. The winner of any Round Robin match played between the two Provincial Unions in that year will have the higher position.
  - ii. The Provincial Union which has the higher points difference in the Round Robin will have the higher position.
- b. Where three or more Provincial Unions are tied:
  - i. if all tied Provincial Unions have played each other the tied Provincial Union with the most competition points in that year against the other tied Provincial Unions shall have the higher position.
  - ii. if all tied Provincial Unions have not played against the other tied Provincial Unions, the tied Provincial Union which has the higher points difference in the Round Robin will have the higher position.
- c. If a tie cannot be broken by the criteria set out in subclauses (a) and (b) of this clause:
  - i. The Provincial Union that scored the most tries in the Round Robin shall have the higher position.
  - ii. The Provincial Union that scored the most points in the Round Robin shall have the higher position.
  - iii. The toss of a coin will be used.

### **FINALS ROUND**

11. The four Provincial Unions with the highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin will proceed to the Meads Cup Finals.
12. The four Provincial Unions with the fifth highest to the eighth highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin will proceed to the Lochore Cup Finals.

### **MEADS CUP FINALS**

13. The semifinals in the Meads Cup will be played as follows:
  - a. The Provincial Union in the Meads Cup semifinals with the highest number of competition points in the Round Robin will play the Provincial Union in the Meads Cup semifinals with the lowest number of competition points in the Round Robin; and

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- b. The Provincial Union in the Meads Cup semifinals with the second-highest number of competition points in the Round Robin will play the Provincial Union in the Meads Cup semifinals with the second-lowest number of competition in the Round Robin.
14. The winning semifinalists will play each other in the Meads Cup final. The winning finalist will be awarded the Meads Cup.

### **LOCHORE CUP FINALS**

15. The semifinals in the Lochore Cup will be played as follows:
  - a. The Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semifinals with the highest number of competition points in the Round Robin will play the Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semifinals with the lowest number of competition points in the Round Robin.
  - b. The Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semifinals with the second-highest number of competition points in the Round Robin will play the Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semifinals with the second-lowest number of competition points in the Round Robin.
16. The winning semifinalists will play each other in the Lochore Cup final. The winning finalist will be awarded the Lochore Cup.

### **VENUES FOR FINALS ROUND**

17. The venue for all Finals Round matches will be the home venue of the Provincial Union with the higher number of competition points in the Round Robin of the two teams participating in that match. Ties will be broken in accordance with clause 10 of this Appendix.

### **TIES IN FINALS PLAY**

18. In the event that teams are tied at the end of a semifinal or final match, the winner will be determined by the following criteria, which shall be applied in the order in which they appear until a result is determined:
  - a. The winner following a further ten (10) minutes of extra time each way.
  - b. The team scoring the most tries in the match (including extra time).
  - c. The winner of any Round Robin match played in that year between the two teams.
  - d. The team having the higher points difference in the Round Robin.
  - e. The team that scored the most tries in the Round Robin.

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- f. The team that scored the most points in the Round Robin.
- g. The team with the higher number of competition points in the Round Robin.

### **FINALS PAYMENT**

- 19. The NZRU will pay an amount to the Visiting Union competing in a semifinal or final match in either the Meads Cup or the Lochore Cup, with the amount to be determined by the NZRU from time to time and set out in the Competition Manual.
- 20. The NZRU reserves the right to audit the ticket receipts of Home Unions for all Finals Round matches and the Unions must provide the NZRU with access to all relevant records and such assistance as the NZRU may reasonably require for this purpose.

## Appendix 3 • Regulations Relating Solely to the Women's Competition

### ENTRY

1. Entry to the Women's Competition is at the invitation and discretion of the NZRU.
2. Continued participation in the Women's Competition is at the discretion of the NZRU acting reasonably.

### FORMAT

3. The Women's Competition format will be determined by the NZRU following consultation with Provincial Unions and subject to team numbers. The format will be set out in the Competition Manual.

### SCHEDULING

4. The NZRU will be responsible for determining the draw for the Women's Competition including the order of matches and the allocation of home and away matches.
5. Each Provincial Union participating in the Women's Competition must play all matches that it is scheduled to play as directed by the NZRU.

### STATUS OF MATCHES

6. All matches in the Round Robin carry full competition points.

### TIES DURING OR AT CONCLUSION OF ROUND ROBIN

7. In the event that two or more Provincial Unions finish the Round Robin with the same number of competition points, the finishing positions of the Provincial Unions will be determined in accordance with the following criteria, which will be applied in the order in which they appear below until a result as to the positions of the relevant Provincial Unions is determined:
  - a) Where any two Provincial Unions are tied:
    - i) The winner of any Round Robin match played between the two Provincial Unions in that year shall have the higher position;
    - ii) The Provincial Union which has the higher points difference in the Round Robin will have the higher position.
  - b) If three or more Provincial Unions are tied, the tie will be determined by scoring points differential of the relevant teams. The Provincial Union which has the higher points differential in the Round Robin will have the higher position.

## **FINALS RANKING & FINALS ROUND**

8. The finals ranking will be determined by the NZRU as set out in the Domestic Competitions Manual.

## **VENUES FOR FINAL**

9. The venue for the final will be determined by the NZRU.

## **TIES IN FINALS PLAY**

10. In the event that teams are tied at the end of a semifinal or final match, the winner will be determined by the following criteria, which shall be applied in the order in which they appear until a result is determined:
  - a) The winner following a further ten (10) minutes of extra time each way
  - b) The team scoring the most tries in the match (including extra time).
  - c) The winner of any Round Robin match played in that year between the two teams.
  - d) The team having the higher points difference at the end of the Round Robin.
  - e) The team that scored the most tries in the Round Robin.
  - f) The team that scored the most points in the Round Robin.
  - g) The team with the higher Finals Ranking.

## **FINALS PAYMENT**

11. The NZRU will pay an amount to the Visiting Union competing in the final, with the maximum amount to be determined by the NZRU from time to time and set out in the Competition Manual. For the avoidance of doubt, if the final is played at a neutral venue, both Provincial Unions will be entitled to a finals payment.

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## 2021 Women's Competition • Key Dates

\*\*All dates are subject to change due to Covid-19 Alert Levels in New Zealand  
**Date**

18 June	<b>Player of Origin Agreement</b> – Final day for a Player of Origin Agreement Form to be filed with the NZRU
2 July	<b>Cut-Off Date</b> – Final day for players to move Provincial Unions or be cleared into New Zealand from overseas and still be considered as a Local Player
17 July	<b>Women's Competition Commences</b>
Three Games	<b>Loan Players (excluding Front Row Players)</b> – Loan Arrangement Form must be filed with the NZRU before the Provincial Union has played three games in the current Women's Competition
Three Games	<b>Overseas or Returning New Zealand Players, Player of Origin</b> – must have been named in a Playing 23 before the Provincial Union has played three games in the current Women's Competition
Final Round Robin	<b>Front Row Loan Players</b> – Loan Arrangement Form must be filed with the NZRU before the Provincial Union has played its final Round Robin game of the Women's Competition for the current season
11 September	<b>Women's Competition Final</b>

## NEW ZEALAND RUGBY UNION

# Player Eligibility Regulations for the Women's Competition

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless the context requires or indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

**"Borrowing Provincial Union"** means the Provincial Union to which a Player is loaned pursuant to a Loan Arrangement;

**"Current Provincial Union"** means the Provincial Union from which a Player is made available under a Player of Origin Agreement;

**"Lending Provincial Union"** means the Provincial Union from which a Player is loaned pursuant to a Loan Arrangement;

**"Local Player"** has the meaning set out in clause 3;

**"Local Club Player"** has the meaning set out in clause 3.1(c);

**"Loan Arrangement"** means the form set out in Schedule 1;

**"Loan Player"** has the meaning set out in clause 4;

**"NZRU"** means the New Zealand Rugby Union Incorporated;

**"Original Provincial Union"** means the Provincial Union to which a Player is made available under a Player of Origin Agreement;

**"Overseas Player"** has the meaning set out in clause 6;

**"Played"** means to have taken the field in a rugby union match;

**"Player"** means a rugby union player;

**"Player of Origin"** has the meaning set out in clause 7;

**"Player of Origin Agreement"** means the form set out in Schedule 2;

**"Playing 23"** means the fifteen selected players plus a maximum of eight reserves as recorded on the team sheet provided to the NZRU for any Women's Competition

match. For the avoidance of doubt, all players recorded on the team sheet must be present at the match;

**"Provincial Union"** means an Affiliated Union as defined in the NZRU Constitution;

**"Registered"** means, in relation to a Player:

- having completed the NZRU Senior Player Registration Form for the current year in which the Women's Competition is taking place; or
- having an approved online Senior Player registration recorded in the Sportsground Online Rugby Registration system for the current year in which the Women's Competition is taking place; or
- having an active registration in the National Rugby Database for that current year in which the Women's Competition is taking place;

**"Returning New Zealand Player"** has the meaning set out in clause 5;

**"Women's Competition"** means the Women's national inter-provincial XV's competition as provided for under the NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations;

**"Women's Competition Cut-Off Date"** means the Friday two weeks before the date of the first match of Women's Competition;

**"Women's Competition Union"** means a Provincial Union competing in the Women's Competition.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 This Part governs which Players can play in the Women's Competition.

2.2 All Players must be female.

2.3 Players must be at least 16 years of age as at the date of the first match in the Women's Competition in the particular year in order to participate in the Women's Competition. Any Provincial Union wishing to select a front row player who is under 19 years of age as at that date, or any other player who is under 18 years of age as at that date, must obtain prior written approval from the NZRU in the manner set out in the Competition Manual.

2.4 Each Provincial Union team will comprise only of players who are:

- a) Local Players in accordance with clause 3;
- b) Loan Players in accordance with clause 4;
- c) Returning New Zealand Players in accordance with clause 5;
- d) Overseas Players in accordance with clause 6; and
- e) Player of Origin players in accordance with clause 7.

### 3. LOCAL PLAYERS

#### 3.1 "Local Player" means a Player who:

- a) is Registered with a club competing in a competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union; and
- b) has not been Registered with, or played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union or national union after the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team in the relevant year); or
- c) are registered with a club that is not affiliated to that Provincial Union, but who play for a club team that plays primarily in that Provincial Union's club competition and the Provincial Union that the Player's club is affiliated to does not have a team in the NZRU Women's Competition ("**Local Club Player**"); and
- d) has completed a World Rugby clearance from any other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* on or before the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team).

3.2 Notwithstanding clause 3.1(d), a World Rugby Clearance received by the NZRU on the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date by 11:59pm and approved by the NZRU as soon as practicable thereafter shall be deemed to be approved on the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date for the purposes of these Regulations.

### 4. LOAN PLAYERS

#### 4.1 "Loan Player" means a Player who:

- a) is Registered on the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date with a club competing in a competition conducted outside the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union (with the exception of Local Club Players under clause 3.1(c)); or
- b) has Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union after the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date;

provided that the Player is party to a Loan Arrangement as follows:

- c) The terms of the Loan Arrangement for that Loan Player are recorded in writing in the form set out in Schedule 1, including:
  - (i) the Loan Arrangement must be for a specified term, which shall not exceed the current year;

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- (ii) the Loan Arrangement details any circumstances under which the Loan may be terminated; and
  - (iii) the Loan Arrangement may not place any constraint upon the Player's services for the Borrowing Provincial Union (for example, by requiring the Player not to play against the Lending Provincial Union);
  - d) the Loan Arrangement is signed by the Lending Provincial Union, the Borrowing Provincial Union and the Loan Player and is provided to the NZRU prior to the Loan Player being included in the Playing 23 for the Borrowing Provincial Union;
  - e) the Loan Arrangement is entered into in accordance with the following time frames:
    - (iv) for a front row player, the Loan Arrangement is entered into before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played their final Round Robin game in the current Women's Competition; or
    - (v) for a player other than a front row player, the Loan Arrangement is entered into before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played three games in the current Women's Competition.
- 4.2 There is no limit upon the number of Players which a Provincial Union may lend or borrow but the Playing 23 of any Women's Competition team may not include more than six Loan Players, provided that the combined number of Overseas Players and Loan Players in the Playing 23 does not exceed six.
- 4.3 A Loan Player is only eligible to be named in the Playing 23 for the Semi-Final and Final matches of the current Women's Provincial Championship provided that the Player has not been named in the Playing 23 for the Lending Union in the current Women's Provincial Championship; or the Player has been named in the Playing 23 for a Lending Union in the current Women's Provincial Championship but has subsequently:
- (i) entered into a Loan Arrangement with the Borrowing Union;
  - (ii) been named in the Playing 23 for the Borrowing Union prior to the final Round Robin match; and
  - (iii) has not been named in the Playing 23 for the Lending Union following their loan.
- 4.4 A Loan Player returning to their Lending Union is eligible to be named in the Playing 23 for the Lending Union for the Semi-Final and Final matches of the current Women's Competition provided that the Player's Loan Arrangement with the Borrowing Union has expired or been terminated.
- 4.5 Under no circumstances can a Loan Player be:

- a) selected in the Playing 23 for both the Lending and Borrowing Provincial Unions in the same week of the Women's Competition; or
- b) loaned on more than one occasion during the current Women's Competition.

## 5. RETURNING NZ PLAYERS

### 5.1 "Returning New Zealand Player" means a Player who:

- a) is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand; and
- b) has been Registered with, or played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another national union after the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team in the relevant year);

provided that:

- c) the Returning New Zealand Player has completed a World Rugby clearance from the other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* and is Registered with a club competing in a club competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23;
- d) the Returning New Zealand Player has not Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union prior to being Registered (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national team or touring team);
- e) the Returning New Zealand Player becomes a member of a Playing 23 of the Provincial Union before the Provincial Union has played three games in the current Women's Competition; and
- f) the Provincial Union has proven to the satisfaction of the NZRU that the Returning New Zealand Player is eligible to play international rugby for New Zealand pursuant to *World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility to Play for National Representative Teams* as at the start of the current Women's Competition and the NZRU has confirmed this in writing before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23.

## 6. OVERSEAS PLAYERS

### 6.1 "Overseas Player" means a Player who has been Registered with, or Played for, a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another national union after the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date (for the avoidance of doubt this will not include a Player playing only for a national representative team or touring team in the relevant year);

provided that:

- a) the Overseas Player has completed a World Rugby clearance from the other national union to the NZRU in compliance with *World Rugby Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement* and is Registered with a club competing in a club competition conducted under the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23; and
- b) the Overseas Player becomes a member of the Playing 23 of the Provincial Union before the Provincial Union has played three games in the current Women's Competition.

6.2 The Playing 23 of any Women's Competition Union must not include more than two Overseas Players, provided that the combined number of Overseas Players and Loan Players in the Playing 23 does not exceed six.

## **7 PLAYER OF ORIGIN**

7.1 "Player of Origin" means a Player who:

- a) is Registered on the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date with a club competing in a competition conducted outside the control and jurisdiction of that Provincial Union; or
- b) has Played for a club or other rugby organisation affiliated to another Provincial Union after the Women's Competition Cut-Off Date; and
- c) has notified their current Provincial Union in accordance with the Competition Manual that they shall be considered as a Player of Origin for their Original Provincial Union; and
- d) has proven to the satisfaction of the NZRU that during at least three years in which the player was aged 9-18 years (inclusive), that they resided in that Provincial Union, or played rugby for either a club or school based in that Provincial Union.

7.2 The Player's Player of Origin Agreement must be completed as follows:

- a) the Form is signed by the Original Provincial Union, the Current Provincial Union and the Player of Origin and is provided to the NZRU the Friday 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the current Women's Competition; and
- b) the Player of Origin is named in a Playing 23 of the Original Provincial Union before the Provincial Union has played three games in the current Women's Competition.

provided that a Playing 23 may contain no more than two Players of Origin.

7.3 A Player of Origin can only play for the Current Provincial Union after having played for the Original Provincial Union in the same season if;

- a) another Current Provincial Union Player in a similar position is injured; and
- b) the Player of Origin agrees (whether agreed in the terms of the Player of Origin Agreement or at the time the other Player is injured);

in which case the Player of Origin must be named in the next Playing 23 for the Current Provincial Union.

7.4 Under no circumstances can a Player of Origin be:

- a) selected in the Playing 23 for both the Current and Original Provincial Unions in the same week of the Women's Competition; or
- b) utilised for more than one Original Provincial Union during the current Women's Competition.

## **8. BREACH OF REGULATIONS**

8.1 Any breach of these Regulations including the relevant Competition Manual by a Provincial Union will be dealt with by the NZRU in accordance with clause 14 of the Domestic Competition Regulations.

## LOAN ARRANGEMENT FORM

### Parties

Player Name: ..... Player ID:.....

Lending Provincial Union: .....

Borrowing Provincial Union: .....

### Loan Period

Loan Start Date: .....

Loan Expiry Date: .....

### Terms of Loan

**Other Terms:** *(please list any additional terms here, use the reverse if necessary)*

### Consents and Confirmations

.....  
*(Signature of Player) (Date)*

Name of Lending Provincial Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Lending Provincial Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Name of Borrowing Provincial Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Borrowing Provincial Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

## PLAYER OF ORIGIN AGREEMENT FORM

### Parties

Player Name: .....Player ID:.....

Current Provincial Union: .....

Original Provincial Union: .....

### Period

Start Date: .....

Expiry Date: .....

### Terms

I DO/DO NOT (*circle one*) wish to return to my Current Provincial Union in the event of an injury to another Current Provincial Union Player in a similar position.

**Other Terms:** (*please list any additional terms here, use the reverse if necessary*)

### Consents and Confirmations

.....

*(Signature of Player) (Date)*

Name of Current Provincial Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Current Provincial Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

Name of Original Provincial Union: .....

.....  
*(Signature of Authorised Person from the Original Provincial Union)*

Name: ..... Position: ..... Date: .....

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## NEW ZEALAND RUGBY UNION

### Regulations for the Ranfurly Shield

1. The Ranfurly Shield (the “Shield”) shall be a challenge open to all Affiliated Unions.
2. The Affiliated Union from time to time holding the Shield (the “holder”) shall hold it subject to the rights of challenge by an Affiliated Union in accordance with these Regulations.
3. The references in Regulations 5 to 11 inclusive to the “holder” are references to the holder of the Shield at the beginning of the relevant Rugby season.

#### CONDITIONS FOR ALL CHALLENGE MATCHES

4.
  - a. The holder shall not be required to but may at its sole discretion play any challenge match before the first day of July.
  - b. Unless the consent of the NZRU is obtained, no challenge match shall be played during the Pool Rounds or Round Robin of the Domestic Competitions by the holder against an Affiliated Union which is in a different Domestic Competition from that of the holder.
  - c. No challenge match shall be played after the last day of the Pool Rounds or Round Robin of the Domestic Competitions.
5. All home Round matches in the Pool Rounds or Round Robin of the Domestic Competitions played by the holder shall be challenge matches (“mandatory challenges”).
6. Affiliated Unions wishing to play a challenge match, other than a mandatory challenge, must give the holder notice in writing by no later than one week after the final of the Premier Competition or the Heartland Championship, whichever is the latter, in the preceding year (“non-mandatory challenges”).
7. Provided sufficient non-mandatory challenges have been lodged then;
  - a. If the holder is in the Premier Competition, it shall accept not less than two non-mandatory challenges from Affiliated Unions not in the Premier Competition. A challenge lodged under clause 6 by the holder of the Meads Cup must be accepted.
  - b. If the holder is not in the Premier Competition it shall accept not fewer than one non-mandatory challenge from an Affiliated Union in the Premier Competition.

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If a Premier Competition holder has only received one non-mandatory challenge as set out above it shall accept that non-mandatory challenge received from an Affiliated Union not in the Premier Competition.

In the event that the Meads Cup holder is not determined in any particular Heartland Championship, and the current holder of the Meads Cup has already played their challenge under clause 7(a), the then current holder shall be treated as the holder when the Competition is next played but shall not be entitled to a second Meads Cup holder challenge under clause 7(a).

8. The holder must, not later than three weeks after the date of the final of the Premier Competition or the Heartland Championship, whichever is the latter, in the year the non-mandatory challenges are received:
  - (a) give notice to the NZRU and all Affiliated Unions who have lodged non-mandatory challenges of:
    - (i) the non-mandatory challenges which have been accepted; and
    - (ii) the dates on which the non-mandatory challenge matches are to be played as agreed with the Affiliated Unions concerned (or failing such arrangement, the date fixed by the NZRU).
9. All challenge matches shall be played on a ground of the holder unless the holder, at its option, agrees to play a challenge match on a ground of the challenging Affiliated Union.
10. The NZRU shall appoint the referee for all challenge matches.

### **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS WHERE THE HOLDER IS DEFEATED PART WAY THROUGH THE SEASON**

11. All matches to be played by the new holder against other Affiliated Unions on any ground of the holder, up to and including the final weekend of the Pool Rounds or Round Robin of the Domestic Competitions, are challenge matches.
12. An Affiliated Union which did not previously have a match arranged with the new holder on a ground of the holder may within six days of the new holder winning the Shield, notify the holder and the NZRU of its challenge for the Shield.
13. The new holder may accept additional challenges lodged in accordance with Regulation 12 of these Regulations. However in determining which additional challenges are to be accepted, the new holder shall give priority to Affiliated Unions which had a challenge accepted by the holder of the Shield at the beginning of the season and whose challenge remained unplayed. The new holder shall declare within eight days of winning the Shield which additional challenges lodged under the provisions of Regulation 12 it has accepted.

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14. If the holder is defeated but regains the Shield in the same season, then any challenges previously accepted by the Affiliated Union for dates subsequent to the date on which it regained the Shield shall be automatically reinstated.

### **EXPENSES**

15. A challenging Affiliated Union which is in a different Domestic Competition to that of the holder, shall be eligible to receive a special travel grant from the holder as detailed below, provided however that this grant shall not exceed 10 per cent of the gross ticket receipts for that match.

0 to	100km	\$1,000 + GST
101 to	250km	\$2,000 + GST
251 to	500km	\$3,000 + GST
501 to	750km	\$4,000 + GST
751 to	1,000km	\$5,000 + GST
Over	1,000km	\$6,000 + GST

16. For the avoidance of doubt, the distances set out in clause 16 are distances for the return trip.
17. A challenging Affiliated Union that is the holder of the Meads Cup shall be eligible to receive a special grant of up to \$5,000 from the NZRU based on the net cost of the challenge if the challenge match is played on a ground of the holder.

### **DISPUTES AND INTERPRETATION**

18. Subject to Rule 10 of the NZRU Constitution, any dispute as to:
- a. The meaning or interpretation of these Regulations, or
  - b. As to any other matter or questions not provided for in these Regulations,
- will be determined by the NZRU.

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### NZRU FIXTURES

1. NZRU Fixtures are matches where the NZRU has a direct involvement including but not limited to:
  - (a) All Black matches wherever played
  - (b) Matches in official tours by visiting National teams
  - (c) Matches involving any other New Zealand Representative Team
  - (d) Trial matches for all New Zealand Representative Teams
  - (e) Super Rugby matches
  - (f) Ranfurly Shield matches
  - (g) Premier Competition matches
  - (h) Heartland Championship matches
  - (i) Women's Competition matches
  - (j) Such other matches as the NZRU Board may from time to time determine.

### ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

2. The Order of Precedence of teams and assemblies is as follows, provided that the Board may from time to time include additional teams or vary the order;
  - (a) The Senior National Representative Team (ie The All Blacks)
  - (b) The Next Senior National Representative Team (ie The Junior All Blacks)
  - (c) The New Zealand Sevens Team competing in the Rugby World Cup Sevens Tournament, Olympic or Commonwealth Games
  - (d) New Zealand Trials for the Senior National Representative Team
  - (e) The New Zealand Maori Team
  - (f) Super Rugby Teams

- (g) The New Zealand Sevens Team
  - (h) The New Zealand Under 20 Team and Trial Teams
  - (i) Teams playing Ranfurly Shield matches
  - (j) Teams playing in the Premier Competition matches
  - (k) Teams playing in the Heartland Championship
  - (l) New Zealand Heartland XV Team
  - (m) Affiliated Union Senior Representative Teams playing matches against teams of equivalent or higher status
  - (n) Affiliated Union Senior Representative Teams playing matches against another Affiliated Union's Next Senior Representative Team.
  - (o) Teams playing in the "B" competition
  - (p) Regional Maori Representative Teams playing in matches against other Regional Maori Representative Teams
  - (q) The New Zealand Universities Team playing against Affiliated Union Senior Representative Teams or teams of equivalent or higher status
  - (r) The New Zealand Defence Force Representative Team playing against Affiliated Union Senior Representative Teams or teams of equivalent or higher status.
3. In the event that there is a potential clash of scheduling between two or more of the teams listed in clause 2 NZRU High Performance will have the discretion to vary the Order of Precedence in relation to an individual player taking into account the following factors:
- (a) What is in the best development and welfare interests of the individual player;
  - (b) The views of the respective team coaches;
  - (c) Any identified positional strengths and weaknesses in the respective teams;
  - (d) Any other relevant factors.

#### **FIRST CLASS FIXTURES – MEN'S RUGBY**

- 4. To qualify as a First Class Fixture, a match must be played strictly within the Laws of the Game.
- 5. Subject to clause 4, matches involving the men's teams set out below shall automatically be accorded First Class Fixture status:

- (a) The Senior National Representative Team (i.e. The All Blacks)
  - (b) The Next Senior National Representative Team (i.e. The Junior All Blacks)
  - (c) New Zealand Trials for the Senior National Representative Team
  - (d) The New Zealand Maori Team
  - (e) New Zealand Heartland XV Team
  - (f) Super Rugby Teams
  - (g) The New Zealand Under 20 Team
  - (h) Teams playing Ranfurly Shield matches
  - (i) Teams playing in Premier Competition matches
  - (j) Teams playing in Heartland Championship matches
  - (k) Matches in official tours by visiting National teams
  - (l) Such other matches as the NZRU Board may from time to time determine
6. Subject to clause 4, matches involving the men's teams set out below may be accorded First Class Fixture Status at the discretion of the NZRU. The NZRU will only exercise this discretion where it has received an application from the relevant Rugby playing organisation which hosted the match made within 14 days of the match being played, stating the names of the players for both teams on official teamsheets (including match officials and points scoring details) and the reasons why the match should be classified as a First Class Fixture:
- (a) Provincial Union Senior Representative Teams playing matches against teams of equivalent or higher status
  - (b) Provincial Union Senior Representative Teams playing matches against another Provincial Unions Next Senior Representative Team
  - (c) Regional Maori Representative Teams playing in matches against other Regional Maori Representative Teams
  - (d) The New Zealand Universities Team playing against a Provincial Unions Senior Representative Teams or teams of equivalent or higher status
  - (e) The New Zealand Defence Force Representative Team playing against Provincial Unions Senior Representative Teams or teams of equivalent or higher status

## FIRST CLASS FIXTURES – WOMEN'S RUGBY

7. To qualify as a First Class Fixture, a match must be played strictly within the Laws of the Game.
8. Subject to clause 7, matches involving the women's teams set out below shall automatically be accorded First Class Fixture status:
  - (a) The Senior National Representative Team (i.e. The Black Ferns)
  - (b) The Next Senior National Representative Team
  - (c) New Zealand Trials for the Senior National Representative Team
  - (d) Teams playing for the Provincial Union Senior Representative Team in the National Women's Rugby Competition
  - (e) Matches in official tours by visiting National teams
  - (f) Such other matches as the NZRU Board may from time to time determine.