

Key Information



New Zealand Rugby & Counties Manukau Rugby Union hope that you will enjoy your time during the Pasifika Aotearoa Cup 15s as we aim to provide a meaningful competition and create more playing opportunities for all young men and women playing rugby. The Pasifika Aotearoa Cup 15s Tournament is an open invitation to all which will and can include teams of pacific island, Māori, Asian, European, and other heritage from clubs and schools.

Date: 28 - 31 August (4 Days)

Venue: Colin Lawrie Park, 47 Reynolds Rd, Pukekohe (TBC)

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Entry Fee: \$250 - Unless you provide your own referee.

Grades: U18 Girls U18 Boys

Development grades may be established as required

Maximum capacity: 12 teams per grade

Referee incentive programme:

Teams that bring their own qualified referee <u>will have their entry fees waived</u>. Please communicate this with the Tournament Directors no later than August 16th.

Register here:

https://www.nzrugby.co.nz/get-involved/schools/competitions-and-events/tournament-week-registration-form-3/

Eligibility



- 1. Players must be registered to the NZR database for 2023.
- 2. New players to rugby this year, must complete an NZR registration form before taking the field.
 - i. Team list must be sent in before the tournament on Wednesday 17th August 2023.
 - ii. , available from operations tent onsite.
- 3. Each player is only permitted to play for ONE team in ONE grade.
 - i. Players are NOT allowed to transfer between teams if their school has more than one team entered.
- 4. All player must comply with the NZR Law Age to play senior women's rugby.
 - i. For more information.

http://www.communityrugby.co.nz/running-rugby/national-rugby-policies/game-policies

Grade Eligibility

- 1. Open Women's open age aligned with the NZR Age to play senior Women's rugby policy.
- 2. Tight Five players must genuine play tight five positions Prop, Hooker and Locks with the exception of 2-nonplaying tight five players and over 16 years of age
 - i. Tight Five grade, we ask teams to respect the nature of this 'Tight Five' grade and ensure players meet the required player eligibility.
- 3. U18 grade. All players must be under the age as of the 1st Jan 2023
- 4. Representative Grade open age aligned with the NZR Age to play senior Women's rugby policy.

Accommodation

Teams are required to seek their own accommodation if they cannot or wish to travel to and from the venue daily.

Cup Regulations



TOURNAMENT & GAME RULES

The tournament will be played under the Laws of the game of Rugby Union as framed by the World Rugby and includes the Fifteen-A-Side and current 2022 variations within that publication.

You can view the laws and regulations at <u>Participation Polices</u>, <u>Regulations and Rules | NZ Rugby</u>

DRAWS, COMPETITION POINTS & FINAL STANDINGS

Draw

The competition will be conducted under the control of the PAC15s tournament committee.

Teams entered are required to field a team in ALL fixtures in the draw.

Exceptions in the case of a significant number of injuries which may result in a team unable to field Fifteens players for any fixture. If this was the case, then the PAC 15's Tournament committee needs to be informed and a "flexible game on approach" will be used to allow team to continue to participate.

Please refer to the draw for specific grade formats

Points.

- 1. In each pool match, 3 points will be awarded for a win, 2 points for a draw, nil points for a loss.
- 2. If at the end of all pool games, two or more teams have the same number of points awarded to them, a team's ranking will be decided as follows:
 - a. On a who beat who basis.
 - b. If after (a) the teams are still tied the team that scored the most tries shall be the winner.
 - c. If after (b) the teams are still tied the team that has the highest difference of points "for minus against" shall be the winner.
 - d. If none of the above applies, the winner shall be found by the toss of a coin.

Drawn Game & Extra Time.

In the event of a draw at the end of any preliminary finals

- 1. Where there is a tie at full time in the semi-finals competition then the following formula will be applied to determine a winner:
 - a. The team which had scored the most tries in that game will be declared the winner
 - b. If the two teams have scored an equal number of tries in that game, then the team that scored the first try and or points shall be declared the winner.
 - c. If no tries are scored, the winner will be decided with a coin toss.

In the event of a draw at the end of any championship finals

Where there is a tie at full time in the Final, then extra time will be played. The team first scoring points in extra time will be declared the winner, and the
match will end.

Match Duration.

1. All games, including finals, will be of 70-minute duration, with two 35 minute halves - with a 5 min half time.

Substitution.

- 1. Up to 23 players can be used in any one match.
- 2. Rolling substitutions are allowed all substitutions must go through the match officials.
- 3. Substitutions may only take the field during a stoppage in play.

Judicial Procedures.

- 1. Any on-field or off-field disciplinary matters will be dealt with by the PAC15s Tournament officials.
- One YELLOW CARD results in a 10-minute Sin Bin.
- 3. Two YELLOW CARDS by a player in the same match results in a Red Card.
- 4. Three YELLOW CARDS by a player in separate matches, the player may not take part in any further matches until they have appeared before the PAC15s tournament officials.
- 5. A RED CARD by a player may not take part in any further matches until they have appeared before the PAC15s tournament officials.
 - a. If a red card is issued, please proceed directly to the Operations tent once the game had finished.

Programme



Please note all times are subject to change depending on number of teams entered, but the days will not commence any earlier than stated below.

Monday 28 August

9:30am	Opening Ceremony	All Teams
10:00am	Managers Meeting	All Managers
11:00am	Rd 1 Matches Begin	All Teams
2:00pm	Rd 2 Matches Begin	All Teams
5:00pm	Laundry Due	All Teams
5:15pm	Festival Dinner (seated by 5:45pm)	All Teams

Teams will play matches in both the morning and afternoon sessions but adherence to maximum recommended playing times for teenagers will be achieved.

Tuesday 29 August

9:00am	Captains Photo	All Team Captains
10:00am	Rd 3 Matches Begin	All Teams
2:00pm	Rd 4 Matches Begin	All Teams
5:00pm	Laundry Due	All Teams

Teams will play matches in both the morning and afternoon sessions but adherence to maximum recommended playing times for teenagers will be achieved.

Wednesday 30 August

10:00am	Rd 5 Matches Begin	All Teams
2:00pm	Rd 6 Matches Begin	All Teams

Thursday 31 August

10:00am	Final Matches Begin	All Teams
11:20am	Closing Ceremony, Presentations & Farewell	All Teams

Additionally, throughout Days One and Two, player and coach development activity will be delivered to teams by NZR and WRFU while teams aren't playing.

Referee Incentive



During Winter Tournament Week, we are launching an initiative to encourage teams to bring qualified referees along.

As the Cup takes place during a working week, local referees may be in short supply. With this event being designated Cup status it is important that all match officials are qualified referees, ensuring safety and quality.

We ask that all participating schools consider bringing a referee along to support the success of the Pasifika Aotearoa Cup 15's. Teams that bring their own qualified referee will <u>have their entry fee waived</u>. Please communicate this with the Tournament Directors no later than August 14th.