

NZR Rangatahi Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

The Purpose of the Rangatahi Advisory Group (RAG)

The Rangatahi Advisory Group offers advice based on your experiences living as young people aged 15 to 20 years with an interest in rugby.

Members will:

- Help New Zealand Rugby to engage and grow the participation of teenage players in the community by meeting and discussing teenage needs.
- Feed back to New Zealand Rugby on ideas, as well as any issues, that arise and that are important to teenagers.
- Provide advice on teenage competitions, events, policies, plans and performance that affect young people.
- Use their voice to raise awareness of the opportunities available to players, coaches and the schools and the wider community within the teenage space.

How to become a RAG member

NZR are looking for a range of young people who:

- Are aged 15 to 20 years
- Are attending, or have attended, a high school
- Have a desire to be part of growing and developing rugby in the community

You need to apply to be a member of the Rangatahi Advisory Group, or be nominated by someone (with your approval). Applicants will then be selected to be interviewed and twelve will be chosen to be part of the 2023 NZR Rangatahi Advisory Group. The group will be made up of both males and females. A background in rugby is not essential but interest is important.

All interested rangatahi are encouraged to apply.

What the role involves

You will be asked to share your insight and experience with the RAG and work together as a group to influence and may even develop age-appropriate initiatives to grow rugby participation. You'll serve as a member of the Rangatahi Advisory Group for a term of two years. You must be available to attend a meeting every six weeks or so (by zoom) and at least one meeting in person (travel arrangements will be paid by NZR). On occasion you may be asked to meet with others at NZR to provide feedback and update them on current trends/issues.

How NZR will support you

The Rangatahi Advisory Group is a voluntary role. In serving for a fixed term, members will gain experience in a governance role and have their finger on the pulse of events and development opportunities. RAG members will be able to have direct input in areas that matter to them.

Roles within the Rangatahi Advisory Group

All members of the Rangatahi Advisory Group will be equal. An NZR employee will chair the meetings and members will take turns to record the minutes. Jobs/tasks may be assigned leading up to meetings however every member is expected to share the load of these tasks. A revision of the roles may take place anytime throughout the year if needed.

Any questions please direct them to callum.mcnair@nzrugby.co.nz

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Rangatahi Advisory Group (RAG)?

The Rangatahi Advisory Group (RAG) is a group of teenagers who provide input or undertake tasks for organisations, services, or projects related to rangatahi/young people.

What do they do?

Rangatahi Advisory Group are about giving you an opportunity to participate meaningfully in things that affect you and helping organisations and services to get it right when working with rangatahi.

Why New Zealand Rugby would like to create RAG?

Our vision at NZR is "all teenagers have the opportunity to participate", and we know the importance of getting input from everyone that contributes to our game.

We are always looking at ways to improve community engagement and a way to achieving this is creating a RAG to offer advice based on your experiences living as young people and provide insights into your needs and aspirations.

Having a platform for rangatahi to share, voice and contribute their value to the game of rugby will only help make our rugby community richer.

What do I need to know?

- Free to join
- Commit to attend meetings that will run 1-2 hours every six weeks
- Looks awesome on your CV
- An opportunity to influence what happens in a sport you love
- Develops leadership and project management skills
- An opportunity to meet new people

You don't need any special experience or skills to join a RAG, just an interest in having your say and working with like-minded individuals. The RAG will be facilitated by New Zealand Rugby who will support the group and the projects you undertake.