

## **TOURS TO ANOTHER NATIONAL UNION – PROCESS**

**Please allow at least five weeks for this process, as there can sometimes be a delay obtaining a response from the other National Union, and please make sure your application contains all of the required items to ensure it can be processed.**

Any team proposing to play any match or series of matches (“Tour”) against a team within another National Union, must ensure they meet all World Rugby Regulation requirements, including obtaining prior written approval from the other National Union and New Zealand Rugby (“NZR”) for the Tour.

To gain approval from NZR to Tour to another National Union, your club, team or school will need to submit the following:

- Completed and signed NZR Application for Tour to another National Union Form (“Application Form”).
- A complete Tour itinerary outlining all matches to be played including the age or grade of the touring team, details of the opposition team(s), date(s), and venue(s).
- Evidence of the letter of invitation or other correspondence relating to the proposed Tour from the host(s).
- Certificate confirming that the Tour group has in place a comprehensive policy of insurance for the duration of the Tour and all participants.

Following submission of the completed Application Form and all required documentation, NZR will contact the National Union(s) within whose territory the match(es) are due to take place and will request permission for the Tour. When approval is received from the other National Union, NZR will notify your club, team or school.

Please note: If approval to Tour is not received prior to the Tour arrival in host country, the host Union may not sanction the games to be played in their Union.

### **Safe Travel and Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

We strongly recommend that all Tour participants are registered on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade safe travel website: [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz).

Please also ensure that you follow the New Zealand Government’s travel advice regarding the host countr(ies) you are intending to travel to: [www.mfat.govt.nz](http://www.mfat.govt.nz).

### **COVID-19**

Given the rapidly evolving issue of COVID-19 on global movements, NZR recommends that you always follow the advice from the New Zealand Government and in particular the Ministry of Health

in relation to overseas travel. Tour participants will also be subject to the particular COVID-19 requirements and local health requirements of the host countr(ies) you intend to visit, and we strongly encourage you to ensure that your Tour budget includes the cost of any managed isolation or quarantine that may be required by Tour participants upon arrival in the host country and/or on re-entry into New Zealand.

## **Insurance**

All NZR registered players, coaches, managers, administrators, medical professionals, and referees are automatically covered under the New Zealand Rugby Personal Accident Insurance and ACC, only while in New Zealand. We therefore strongly recommend that all Tour participants obtain travel insurance and/or private health insurance prior to departure to ensure they are fully covered while they are on any Tour outside of New Zealand.