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2023 Premier Competition • Key Dates

Date	
21 July	Transfer Period Closes – 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
21 July	Cut-Off Date – 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’
25 July	Naming of Premier Competition Squad – Final day for Premier Competition Unions to notify the NZRU of their squads of at least 26 players, by 4pm
4 August	Premier Competition Commences
Five Games	Overseas or Returning New Zealand Players (excluding Front Row Players) – Must have been named in a Playing 23 before the Provincial Union has played five Premier Competition games
Five Games	Loan Players (excluding Front Row Players) – Loan Arrangement Form must be fully executed and filed with the NZRU before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played five Premier Competition games
Ten Games	Front Row Loan Players – Loan Arrangement Form must be fully executed and filed with the NZRU before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played ten Premier Competition games (with exception of 4.1(f)(iii))
Ten Games	Front Row Overseas or Returning New Zealand Players – must have been named in the Playing 23 before the Provincial Union has played ten Premier Competition games
21 October	Premier Competition Final

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2023 Heartland Championship • Key Dates

Date	
2 June	Cut-Off Date – Final day for players to move Provincial Unions or be cleared into New Zealand from overseas and still be considered as a 'Local Player'
28 July	Pre-Season Statutory Declaration – Squad lists and Pre-Season Statutory Declarations must be sent to the NZRU by 4pm
12 August	Heartland Championship Commences
10 September	Five Games - Players of Origin, Loan, Overseas and Returning New Zealand Players who are not front row players must have been named in a Playing 23
1 October	End of Round Robin – Players of Origin, Loan, Overseas and Returning New Zealand Players who are front row players must have been named in a Playing 23
14-15 October	Heartland Championship Finals

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Player Eligibility

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**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 sixty⁸ 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.⁹

⁸ 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".

⁹ 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 documentation¹⁰ 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:

¹⁰ 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:

“Bill Osborne Taonga” means the Bill Osborne Taonga as provided for under the NZRU Bill Osborne Taonga Regulations;

“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 2023);

“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;

“Finals Round” for the Premier Competition, has the meaning set out in Appendix 1 of NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations, and for the Heartland Championship, has the meaning set out in Appendix 2 of the Domestic Competition Regulations;

“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;

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

“NZRU” means the New Zealand Rugby Union Incorporated;

“NZRU Induction Programme” means the Induction programme as provided for in clause 119 of the Collective Agreement;

“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, any Heartland Championship match, any Ranfurly Shield match and any Bill Osborne Taonga 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;

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“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;

“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;

“Round Robin” for the Premier Competition, has the meaning set out in Appendix 1 of NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations, and for the Heartland Championship, has the meaning set out in Appendix 2 of the Domestic Competition Regulations;

“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 the 10th game, or a quarter-final, 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 quarter-final and/or 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 Finals Round match 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

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(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 or for a Heartland Championship Union playing for the Bill Osborne Taonga.
- 7.2 The Playing 23 of any Heartland Championship Union for the Heartland Championship, the Playing 23 for the Ranfurly Shield and the Playing 23 for the Bill Osborne Taonga 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 as at the day of the first match in the Heartland Championship as part of the Playing 23 for a Heartland Championship match or Ranfurly Shield match or Bill Osborne Taonga 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 23 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 23 for the Borrowing Provincial Union; and
- (f) the Loan Player becomes a member of a Playing 23 for the Borrowing Provincial Union in accordance with the following time frames:
 - (i) for a front row player, before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played their final Round Robin game in the current Heartland Championship; or
 - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, before the Borrowing Provincial Union has played five games in 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 23 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 23 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 23;
- (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 23 of the Provincial Union in accordance with the following time frames:
 - (i) for a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played their final Round Robin game in the current Heartland Championship; or
 - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played five games in the current Heartland Championship; 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 Heartland Championship Competition and the NZRU has confirmed this in writing before that Player becomes a member of a Playing 23.

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

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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

- (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 23; and
- (d) 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 their final Round Robin game in the current Heartland Championship; or
 - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played five games in the current Heartland Championship; and

11.2 The Playing 23 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

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the Player of Origin being named in the Playing 23 for the Original Provincial Union; and

- (f) the Player of Origin is named in a Playing 23 of the Original Provincial Union in accordance with the following time frames:
 - (i) for a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played their final Round Robin game in the current Heartland Championship; or
 - (ii) for a player other than a front row player, before the Provincial Union has played five games in the current Heartland Championship; and

provided that a Playing 23 of any Heartland Championship Union may contain only one Player of Origin.

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 23 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 Except as provided for in clause 13.3, 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).
- 13.3 NZRU management may, at its discretion subject to consultation with the RPC, make minor or incidental amendments to these Regulations provided consistency with the Collective Agreement is maintained.

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*.
- 14.1 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: 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*)

Consents and Confirmations

Signature of Player: Date:.....

Name of Lending Provincial Union:

Signature of Lending Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

Name of Borrowing Provincial Union:

Signature of Borrowing Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

SCHEDULE 2: PLAYER OF ORIGIN AGREEMENT FORM

Parties

Player name :

Player ID:.....

Current Provincial Union:

Original Provincial Union:

Loan 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*)

Consents and Confirmations

Signature of Player: Date:.....

Name of Current Provincial Union:

Signature of Current Provincial Union: Date:.....
(*Signature of Authorise Person from PU*)

Name:..... Position:

Name of Original Provincial Union:

Signature of Original Provincial Union: Date:.....
(*Signature of Authorise Person from PU*)

Name:..... Position:

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2022/2023 Captured Players

The following is a list of all 2021/2022 Captured Players in alphabetical order by name. This list includes both Premier Competition Captured Players and Heartland Championship Captured Players. The list provides a player's status for 2022. It does not give any information about their contractual status for 2023.

The Transfer Period will remain open until 21 July 2023 for players wishing to play in the 2023 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*.

2023 CAPTURED PLAYERS

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Aaron Lahmert	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Aaron Smith	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Aaron Withy	Otago	Academy
Abraham Lauaki	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Abraham Pole	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Adam Baker	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Adam Boulton	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Adam Brash	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Adam Friend	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Adam Lennox	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Adam Williamson	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Adrian Choat	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Adrian Wyrill	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Ahsee Tuala	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Aidan Morgan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Aidan Ross	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Aifala Taelega	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Aisea Halo	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Aj Alatimu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ajay Faleafaga	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Akira Ioane	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Alamanda Motuga	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Alan Paterson	Buller	Heartland Championship
Alapati Leiua	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Albert Matae	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Alefosio Aho	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Alekesio Vakarorogo	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Alex Fidow	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Alex Harford	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Alex Lean	Buller	Heartland Championship
Alex Nankivell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Alex Philip	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Alexander Hodgman	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Alexander Lam	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Alexander McRobbie	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Allan Craig	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Alo Aiolupotea	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Amaani Vercoe-Aiona	Taranaki	Academy
Amanaki Savieti	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Aminiasi Toga	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Amos Roddick	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Anaru Rangi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Andrew MacRae	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Andrew Makalio	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Andrew Smith	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Andrew Tauatevalu	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Angus Fletcher	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Angus Foster	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Angus Hammett	Canterbury	Academy
Angus MacKenzie	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Angus Taavao-Matau	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Anisoni Kaufononga	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Anisoni Osika Kaufononga	Southland	Academy
Anthony Amato	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Anthony Ellis	Buller	Heartland Championship
Anton Lienert-Brown	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Anton Segner	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Antonio Mikaele-Tu'u	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Antonio Shalfoon	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Anzelo Tuitavuki	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Apetone Vaka	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Apikakaleia Funaki	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Apirana Pewhairangi	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Apitoni Toia	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Aporosa Derenalagi	Counties Manukau	Academy
Ardie Savea	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Arese Poliko	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Arnie Gibbens	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Asafo Aumua	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Aseri Waqa	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Asesela Ravuvu	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Ashton McArthur	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Atunaisa Moli	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Austin Anderson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Axel Hohneck	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Bailey Templeton	North Otago	Heartland Championship

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Bailyn Sullivan	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Beauden Barrett	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben McCarthy	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Ben Ake	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben Bartlett	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Ben Bonnar	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Ben Crawford	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Ben Fotheringham	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben Funnell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben Lopas	Canterbury	Academy
Ben Macmillan	North Harbour	Academy
Ben Paton	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Ben Pratt	Buller	Heartland Championship
Ben Ruzich	North Harbour	Academy
Ben Stephens	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Ben Strang	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben Whale	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Benet Kumeroa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Benjamin Fuhiniu	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Benjamin Morris	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Benjamin Ruzich	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Bethel Malasia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Billy Andrew	Southland	Academy
Billy Harmon	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Billy Proctor	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Blaine Meikle	Buller	Heartland Championship
Blair Murray	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Blair Ryall	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Blake Christie	Taranaki	Academy
Blake Gibson	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Blake Hill	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Blake Hohaia	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Blake Makiri	Canterbury	Academy
Bless Perese-Elliot	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Brad Kooman	Southland	Academy
Brad Weber	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Braden Stewart	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Bradley Clark	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Bradley Crichton	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Bradley Fifita	Canterbury	Academy

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Bradley Jeffries	King Country	Heartland Championship
Bradley Slater	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Bradman Franks	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Brady Robertson	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Brady Rush	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Braedyn Grant	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Brandon Televave	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Brayden Iose	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Braydon Ennor	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Brayton Northcott-Hill	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Brett Cameron	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Brodie McAlister	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Brodie Retallick	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Brook Tremayne	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Brooke Mitchell	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Brooke Robson	North Harbour	Academy
Bruce Kauika-petersen	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Bryce Heem	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Bryn Evans	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Bryn Gatland	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Bryn Gordon	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Bryn Hall	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Byron Smith	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Caleb Aperahama	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Caleb Clarke	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Caleb Delany	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Caleb Falloon	North Harbour	Academy
Caleb Gray	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Caleb Leef	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Caleb Makene	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Caleb Tangitau	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Callum Burrell	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Callum Wood	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Cam Butler	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Cam Russell	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Cameron Burgess	Otago	Academy
Cameron Christie	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron Church	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron Dromgool	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Cameron Howell	North Harbour	Academy

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Cameron Hucker	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Cameron Keech	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Cameron Millar	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron Roigard	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron Rutherford	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Cameron Suafoa	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Campbell Morgan-Parata	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Carl Carmichael	King Country	Heartland Championship
Carlos Bellass	King Country	Heartland Championship
Carlos Kemp	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Carlos Price	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Cephus Salaivao	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Chance Malu	Manawatu	Academy
Charles Alaimalo	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Charles Mataitai	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Charlie Abel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Charlie Best	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Charlie Henare	King Country	Heartland Championship
Chase Tiatia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Che Clark	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Che Potaka	Taranaki	Academy
Chicago Doyle	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Chlayton Frans	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Chris Apoua	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Chris Finau	North Harbour	Academy
Chris Gabriel	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Chris Halaufia	Tasman	Academy
Christian Lealiifano	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Christian Lio-Willie	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Christian Stenhouse	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Christopher Hala'ufia	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Clarence Moli	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Codie Taylor	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Cody Lokotui	Canterbury	Academy
Cody Muir	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Cody Nordstrom	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cody Vai	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Cohen Brady Leathem	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Colin Johnstone	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Conan O'Donnell	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Connor Collins	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Connor Garden-Bachop	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Connor McLeod	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Connor McVerry	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Connor Paki	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Connor Vest	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Conor Anderson	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Conor Scott	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Cooper Flanders	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Cooper Grant	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Coree TeWhata-Colley	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Corey Evans	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Corey Kellow	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Corey Mead	North Harbour	Academy
Corey Walker	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Cortez-Lee Ratima	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cruise Dunster	King Country	Heartland Championship
Crusader Faletagoai	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Cruz Hinaki	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Cullen Grace	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Cullen Gray	Canterbury	Academy
Curtis Palmer	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Dallas McLeod	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Dalton Papalii	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Damian Herewini	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Damian McKenzie	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Dan Patterson	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Dane Coles	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Dane Whale	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
D'Angelo Leuila	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Daniel Davis	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Daniel Dixon	Tasman	Academy
Daniel Foord	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Daniel Fransen	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Daniel Hawkins	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Daniel Law	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Daniel Lienert-Brown	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Daniel Rona	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Daniel Ross	King Country	Heartland Championship
Daniel Sinkinson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Daniel waite	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Danny Drake	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Danny Toala	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Darius Mafile'o	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Darren Falaniko	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Daryl Pickering	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
David McErlean	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
David Havili	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Dayton lobu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Della Neli	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Dennis Andrews-Peters	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dennon Robinson-Bartlett	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Denny Solomona	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Devan Flanders	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Diego Rangi	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dillon Hunt	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Dom Gardiner	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Dominic Bird	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Donald Brighthouse	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Donald Coleman	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Doug Juszczuk	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Du'Plessis Kirifi	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Dylan Chesney	North Harbour	Academy
Dylan Irvine	Tasman	Academy
Dylan Walker	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ed Fidow	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Edward Cranston	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Ehipa Thompson	Buller	Heartland Championship
Elias Goodhue	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Elyh McKibbin	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Elyjah Crosswell	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Emoni Narawa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Enoka Love	Buller	Heartland Championship
Ereatara Enari	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Esau Filimoehala	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Esile Fono	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Essendon Tuitupou	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Etene Nanai-Seturo	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ethan Blackadder	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Ethan Christensen	King Country	Heartland Championship

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Ethan de Groot	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ethan Dromgool	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Ethan Reti	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Ethan Robinson	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Etienne van Zyl	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Etiuefa Fiavaai	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Etonia Waqa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ezekiel Lindenmuth	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ezra Malo	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Faafetai Siona Pulemagafa	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Fabian Holland	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Fabyan Kahaki	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Faifilli Levave	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Fakaongo Leaaemanu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Fakaongo Leeaaemanu	Counties Manukau	Academy
Faleseu Tauailoto	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Fatongia Paea	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fedrick Cain	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fehi Fineanganofu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Feleti Sae-Ta'ufo'ou	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Fergus Burke	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fetuli Paea	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Filipo Whitehouse-Opetaiia Tovio	Otago	Academy
Finau Halafihi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fine Inisi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Finlay Brewis	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Finlay Christie	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Finn Hurley	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Fiti Sa	Canterbury	Academy
Fiula Tameilau	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Fletcher Anderson	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fletcher Morgan	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fletcher Newell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fletcher Scammell	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Flyn Yates	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Flynn Thomas	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Folau Fakatava	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Frank Henderson	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Frank Lochore	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Fred Kei Fotofili	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Gabe Robinson	Waikato	Academy
Gabriel Hakaraia	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Gabriel Robinson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Gage Jackson	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gareth Evans	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Garrett Casey	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Gene Syminton	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
George Bell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
George Birkett	King Country	Heartland Championship
George Bower	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
George Bridge	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
George Dyer	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
George Hufanga	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
George Methven	Canterbury	Academy
George Whakatope	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Gideon Wrampling	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Gillies Kaka	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Grady Forbes	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Graham Urquhart	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Graison Dale	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Grayson Knapp	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Greg Crampton	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Greg Pleasants-tate	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gregory Dyer	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Guy Lansdown	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Haamea Ahio	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Haereiti Hetet	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Haimoana Waititi	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Hakarangi Tichborne	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Hamdahn Tuipulotu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hame Lauaki	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Hamilton Burr	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Hamish Buick	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Hamish Dalzell	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hamuera Moana	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Hanz Leota	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Harris McRobbie	Canterbury	Academy
Harrison Allan	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Harrison Press	Otago	Academy
Harry Bonifant	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Harry Burgess	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Harry Godfrey	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Harry Lafituanai	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Harry Plummer	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Harry Press	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Harry Taylor	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Harry toaisi	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Harvey Blyth	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Havila Molia	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Hayden Michaels	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hayden Parker	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Hayden Tisdall	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Hayden Todd	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Heath MacEwan	Otago	Academy
Heilyn Tuia	Wellington	Academy
Hemopo Cunningham	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Henry Fonoti	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Henry Bryce	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Henry McManus	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Henry Taefu	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Heremaia Murray	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Himiona Manuel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hoani Te Moana	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Hoera Stephenson	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Hone Haerewa	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hoskins Sotutu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Hugh Griffiths	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Hugh Renton	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hugh Taylor	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Hugo Plummer	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Hunter Areaiti-Burgess	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hunter Leippen	Tasman	Academy
Hunter Morrison	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Ice Manukia	North Harbour	Academy
Iliesa Tora	Buller	Heartland Championship
Imanueli Bese	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Inia Katia	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Inoke Naufahu	North Otago	Heartland Championship

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Ioane Moananu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane Moorea	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Iona Apineru	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Iosua Faalele	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Isaac Bracewell	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Isaac Hutchinson	Canterbury	Academy
Isaac Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Isaac Salmon	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Isaac Te Tamaki	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Isaia Walker-leawere	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Isaiah Armstrong-Ravula	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Isei Lewaqai	Buller	Heartland Championship
Isi Saumaki	Wellington	Academy
Isi Tu'ungafasi	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Isileli Saumaki	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Isireli Masiwini	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Isoa Nasilasila	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Gray	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Harding	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Heighton	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Jones	Canterbury	Academy
Jack Lam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Leslie	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Loader	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Jack MacLeod	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Meads	Taranaki	Academy
Jack O'Leary	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Jack Olsen	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jack Parker	Canterbury	Academy
Jack Richardson	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Jack Robertson	North Harbour	Academy
Jack Sexton	Canterbury	Academy
Jack Tatu-Robertson	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Jack Taylor	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jack Yarrall	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Jackson Bevin	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jackson Garden-Bachop	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Jackson Morgan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jackson Pugh	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract

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Jackson Rainford	North Harbour	Academy
Jacob Coghlan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacob Devery	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacob Leaf	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Jacob Lowe	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jacob Milham	North Harbour	Academy
Jacob Norris	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacob Payne	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacob Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jade Stewart	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Jadin Kingi	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Jae Broomfield	Canterbury	Academy
Jahvis Wallace	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jai Knight	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Jaime Garland	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jake Matthews	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Jake Russ	Otago	Academy
Jake Te Hiwi	Otago	Academy
Jakob Harrex	Southland	Academy
Jakob Morrison	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jakob Te Hiwi	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
James Arscott	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
James Blackwell	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
James Brady	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
James Fiebig	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
James Goodger	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
James Hawkey	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
James Higgins	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
James Lash	Buller	Heartland Championship
James Lay	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
James Lentjes	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
James Moodie	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
James Mullan	Canterbury	Academy
James O'Reilly	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
James Thompson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
James Tucker	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
James Wacokecoko	North Harbour	Academy
James White	Canterbury	Academy
Jamie Booth	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract

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Jamie Carr	Canterbury	Academy
Jamie Dobie	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Jamie Hannah	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Jamie Hughes	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Jamie Lane	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jamie Tinetti	Buller	Heartland Championship
Jared Page	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Jared Proffit	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jared Trevathan	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Jarred Adams	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jarrold Ferguson	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jarrold Halliday	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Jarryd Broughton	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Jason Emery	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Jason Long	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Jasyn Van Vliet	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jay Fonokalafi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Jay Renton	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jaycob Matiu	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jayden Kemp	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jayden Milner	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Jayden Stok	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Jayson Potroz	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jed Melvin	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Jeff Thwaites	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Jeremiah Asi	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jericho Yorke	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Jermaine Ainsley	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jermaine Pepe	Otago	Academy
Jesse Douglas	King Country	Heartland Championship
Jesse MacRae	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jesse Parete	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jesse Pitman-Joass	Buller	Heartland Championship
Jesse Te Kani	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Jin Ho Mun	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jock Mckenzie	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jody Tuhaka	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Joe Apikotoa	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Joe Brial	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Joe Flexman	Buller	Heartland Championship

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Joe Robins	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joel Cobb	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joel Hands	Buller	Heartland Championship
Joel Hintz	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Joel Lam	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Joel Winterburn	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Joey Walton	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
John Borland	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
John Riccitelli	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
John Tapueluelu	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnny Cooper	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnny Faleiva	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnny Galloway	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Jole Naufahu	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jona Nareki	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jonah Lowe	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Jonah Mau'u	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jonathan Taumateine	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Jone Macilai	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jone Rova	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Jonty Short	Waikato	Academy
Jonty Stewart	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan Hutchings	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan Lay	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan Olsen	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan Searle	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jordan Stewart	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
jordan trainor	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan Tupai-Ui	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Jordi Viljoen	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordie Barrett	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jorian Tangaere	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Josaia Bogileka	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Joseph Gavigan	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Joseph Moody	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Joseph Perawiti	King Country	Heartland Championship
Joseph Scott	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Joseph Walsh	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Josevata Malimole	King Country	Heartland Championship
Josh Bartlett	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract

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Josh Beehre	Auckland	Academy
Josh Clark	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Josh Dickson	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Gimblett	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Hohneck	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Hopkins	Taranaki	Academy
Josh Jacomb	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Kaifa	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Lane	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Josh Lord	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Murrell	Southland	Academy
Josh Phipps	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Josh Reid	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Josh Robertson-Weepu	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Setu	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Josh Taula	Manawatu	Academy
Josh Tomlinson	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Joshua Beehre	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Bekhuis	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Deardon	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Joshua Fusitua	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Goodhue	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Greening	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Hill	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Ioane	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Keech	Taranaki	Academy
Joshua Moorby	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Murrell	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Penney	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Radcliffe	Waikato	Academy
Joshua Southall	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Taula	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Timu	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Joshua Toomaga	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Josiah Pokai	Taranaki	Academy
Josiah Sakaria	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Josiah Unga	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Joyner Gaulofa	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
JT Pont-Bellamy	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Julian Goerke	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract

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Julian Savea	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Junior Faavae	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Junior Fakatoufifita	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Junior Toaisi	Counties Manukau	Academy
Junior Tolutau	Counties Manukau	Academy
Jurrell Maiava	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Justin Sangster	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kade Banks	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaea Nikora-Balloch	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kahl Elers-Green	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Kahutia Parata	Buller	Heartland Championship
Kalani Going	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kalavini Leatigaga	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Kale Eriksson	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Kalolo Tuiloma	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Kameli Kuruyabaki	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Kanavale Helu	Counties Manukau	Academy
Kane Parker	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Kane Prentice	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kane Tamou	King Country	Heartland Championship
Karaitiana Palmer	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Karl Ruzich	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Karney Dunster	King Country	Heartland Championship
Kauvaka Jr Kaivelata	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaydis Hona	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Kaylum Boshier	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Keali'i Leuluai	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Keanu Taumata	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Keaton Kawana	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Keegan Gray	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Keelan Poi	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Keelan Whitman	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kegan Christian-Goss	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Keightley Watson	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Kelepi Funaki	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Kelly Rasmussen	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Kelvin Smitht	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Kemara Hauti-Parapara	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Keran van Staden	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Kershawl Sykes Martin	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract

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Kesomi Nico Lauti	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Khian Westrupp	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Kienan Higgins	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Kieran Lee	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kieran McClea	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Kingsley Henry	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Kiniviliame Naholo	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Kitiona Vai	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kobe Walters	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kobie Scutt	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kody Edwards	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Koha Mahanga	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kohan Herbert	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kohlt Coveny	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Kolinio Koto	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Kristian Gent-Standen	King Country	Heartland Championship
Kurt Eklund	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kusitino Drauna	Taranaki	Academy
Kusitino Savea	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Kyle Brown	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Kyle Preston	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kyle Stewart	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Kyle Te Tai	Buller	Heartland Championship
Kynan stowers-smith	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Laghan McWhannell	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lalomilo Lalomilo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Lance Dickson	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Lardelli-Muir tawa Myles	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Latrell Smiler-Ah-Kiong	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Laulea Mau Fangufangu	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Lavengamonu (Monu) Moli	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Lawrence Leung-Wai	Manawatu	Academy
Leauga Hewetson	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Leicester Faingaanuku	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Leif Schwencke	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Lemi Masoe	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Leni Apisai	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lennox Shanks	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Lenny Varu	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Leo Gordon	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract

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Leo Ngatai-Tafau	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Leon Ellison	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Leroy Carter	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Leroy Ferguson	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Leroy Neels	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Leroy Van Dam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Leveson Gover	King Country	Heartland Championship
Levi Aumua	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Levi Emery	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Levi Manukia	North Harbour	Academy
Levi Reweti	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lewis Marshall	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Lewis Bush	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Allen	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Blyde	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Brady	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Coombes-Fabling	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Daniela	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Hallam-Eames	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam McCormack	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Liam McIntosh	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Messam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Liam Rowlands	King Country	Heartland Championship
Lincoln McClutchie	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Lindsay Horrocks	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Lionel Evans	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Lipa Saveatama	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Lisati Milo-Harris	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lisiate Folau	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Lisivani Tuifua	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Liueli Simote	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Liukhane Rhind	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Lockie McNair	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Logan Broughton	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Logan Bonnington	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Logan Crowley	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Logan Flutey	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Logan Heath	Buller	Heartland Championship
Logan Henry	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Logan Jenkins	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract

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Logan Love	Wellington	Academy
Logan Ross	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Logan Wakefield	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Logan Winter	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Lolagi Visinia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Lolani Faleiva	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Loni Toumohuni	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Losi Filipo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Lote Limadeni	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Lotima Fainga'anuku	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Lotu Inisi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Louie Chapman	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Louis Bartley-Saena	Taranaki	Academy
Louis Northcott	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Louis Rogers	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Luca Inch	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Lucas Payne	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Luke Barrow	Buller	Heartland Championship
Luke Campbell	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Luke Donaldson	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Luke Gilbert	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Luke Jacobson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Luke Romano	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Lupeti Fihaki	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Luron Iosefa	Auckland	Academy
Luteru Tolai	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Macca Springer	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Maddox Manawatu	Buller	Heartland Championship
Maea Sekope	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Maea Tema-Schmidt	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Mahonri Auva'a	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Mahonri Ngakuru	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Maika Fehoko	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Maikel Tuala	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Malachi Wrampling-Alec	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Malakai Ngatai	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Manaaki Selby-Rickit	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Manaia Nyman	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Manasa Mataaele	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Manasa Samo	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship

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Manase Taufua	Tasman	Academy
Manulua Taiti	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Manusiu Paea	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Marcel Renata	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Marcus Balchin	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Marino Mikaele-Tu'u	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Mario Counsell	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Mark Braidwood	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Mark Royal	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Mark Telea	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Marley Murphy	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin Banks	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mason Briant	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mason Johnson	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Mason Lund	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Mason Milham	Taranaki	Academy
Mason Tupaea	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Mataitini Feke	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Mathew Fetu	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mathew Wallis	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Matt Graham-Williams	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Matt McAtamney	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Matt Mckenzie	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Matt Perry	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Matt Stewart	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Matt Stone	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Matt Te rangi Rutene	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Matt Whaanga	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Matthew Ashworth	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Matthew Faddes	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Matthew James	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Matthew Matich	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Matthew Monaghan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Matthew Moulds	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Matthew Raeligh	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Matthew Vocea	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Max Hicks	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Max Hughes	Canterbury	Academy
Max Hutchings	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Max Stapleton	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship

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Mefi Tupou	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Meihana Grindlay	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Melani Nanai	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Meni Manase	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Micaiah Torrance-Read	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Michael Bryant	King Country	Heartland Championship
Michael Curry	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Michael Gallaher	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Michael Hennings	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
michael loft	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Michael Manson	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Michael Moodie	Southland	Academy
Michael Stringer	Buller	Heartland Championship
Mickey Woolliams	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Miles Medlicott	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Millennium Sanerivi	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitch Cooke	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mitchell Barry	Canterbury	Academy
Mitchell Brown	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell Drummond	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell Dunshea	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell Hunt	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell Jacobson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell O'Neill	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell Purvis	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Mitchell Scott	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell Tapp	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Mitieli Kaloudigibeci	Buller	Heartland Championship
Moana Mato	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Moape Rokosuka	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Mohi Bartlett	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Mone Samate	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Morgan Poi	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Morne Pistorius	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Moses Christie	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Moses Leo	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mosese Dawai	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Naitoa Ah Kuoi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Namatahi Waa	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Nathan Halliday	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

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Nathan Harris	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Nathan McCloy	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Nathan Smith	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Nathaniel Peters	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Nehe Milner-Skudder	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Neihana Brown-Ratahi	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Neria Fomai	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Netani Baleisomosomo	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Netani Seruwaqa	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Ngatungane Punivai	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Nic Shearer	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Nic Souchon	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Nicholas Mayhew	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Nicholas Muli	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nicholas Sauira	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Nick Strachan	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Nigel Ah Wong	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Nik Patumaka	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Nik Vikena	Tasman	Academy
Niko Jones	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Niko Manaena	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nikola Vikena	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Nikolai Foliaki	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nikora Broughton	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Nikora Ewe	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Noah Foster	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Noah Hotham	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Nua Soti	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ofa Tauatevalu	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Ofa Tu'ungafasi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Oliver Foote	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Oliver Haig	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Oliver Jager	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Oliver Norris	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ollie Lewis	Canterbury	Academy
Ollie Sapsford	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Oscar Koller	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Oscar Schmidt-Uili	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Osea Baisagale	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Owen Franks	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract

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Owen Wright	Wellington	Academy
Paea Fifita	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Paoraian Manuel-Harman	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Paovale Sofai	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Paripari Parkinson	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Pasqualle Dunn	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
patelesio latu	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Patrick Aislabie	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Patrick Allen	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Patrick McCurran	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Patrick Thacker	Canterbury	Academy
Patrick Tuipulotu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Paul Kloppers	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Paul Perez	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Paula Fifita	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Paula Latu	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Peala Matakaiongo	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Peceli Malanicagi	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Pekahou cowan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Peniasi Malimali	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Penisoni Fineanganfo	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Penitoa Finau	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Pepesana Patafilo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Perrin Manuel	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Perry Lawrence	Taranaki	Academy
Peter Beech	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Peter Foote	Buller	Heartland Championship
Peter Lakai	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Peter Merrielees	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Peter Travis Hay-Horton	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Peter Umaga-Jensen	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Phoenix Nofoa	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Pisi Leilua	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Pita Anae-Ah Sue	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Pita Halaifonua	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Pita Sowakula	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
PJ Sheck	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Pj Uiese	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Poasa Uiese	Auckland	Academy
Potai Teina	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship

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Potu Leavasa	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Pouri Rakete-Stones	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Pulea Faleiva	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Puru Aboagye	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Quentin MacDonald	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Quinn Harrison Jones	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Quinn Tupaea	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Quinnlan Tupou	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Quinten Strange	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Quinton Nichols	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Raf Tuhura	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Raitube Vasurakuta	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Ralph Darling	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Rameka Poihipi	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ramuwai Sainivalati	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Ranato Tikoisolomone	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Rapata Haereawa	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Ratu Aporosa Derenalagi	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ratu Logavatu	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Raymond Niuia	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Raymond Nu'u	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Raymond Tuputupu	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Reece Calkin	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Reed Prinsep	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Reeve Satherley	King Country	Heartland Championship
Regan Collier	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Reginald Williams	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Renata Roberts-Te Nana	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Rene Ranger	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Reuben O'Neill	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Rhys Dickinson	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Rhys Marshall	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Rhys Watkins	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Riaihe Jacobs	Tasman	Academy
Ricardo Patricio	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Richard Green	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Richard Judd	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Richard Waitoa	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Richie Mo'unga	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ricky Jackson	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Rieko Ioane	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rikki Terekia	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Riley Higgins	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Riley Hohepa	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Riley Williams	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rivez Reihana	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robbie Smith	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Robbie Abel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robert Cobb	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Robert Robinson	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robert Rush	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Roderick Solo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Rodney Tongotea	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rohan Wingham	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Roman Tutauha	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Rome Levi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ronaldo Seumanufagai	Southland	Academy
Ropate Rinakama	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Rory Taylor	North Harbour	Academy
Rory van Vugt	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rory Woods	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ross Wright	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rowan Slater	Taranaki	Academy
Ruan Du Plooy	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Ruben Love	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Rupeni Tamanikaiyaroi	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Rupert Power	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Ryan Hickey	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Ryan Shelford	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Ryan Coxon	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Ryan Knell	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Ryan Mead	North Harbour	Academy
Ryan Michie	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ryan Nankivell	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ryan Stewart	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ryan Tongia	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ryan Wilson	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Rylee Samuela	Auckland	Academy
Ryley MacColl	North Otago	Heartland Championship

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Saipati Tagoai	Wellington	Academy
Salesi (tangi) Savelio	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Salesi Rayasi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Saluni Palaa	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Sam Gouk	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Sam (Samuel) Gibson	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Sam Caird	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Cane	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Clarke	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Cooper	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Davies	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Gammie	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Sam Gilbert	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Godwin	Buller	Heartland Championship
Sam Hainsworth-Fa'aofu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Howling	Wellington	Academy
Sam Jope	Buller	Heartland Championship
Sam Lester	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam McCahon	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Sam McNamara	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Parkes	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Sam Stewart	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sam Sturgess	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Sam Tuifua	Counties Manukau	Academy
Sam Walton-Sexton	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Sameul (Felix) Kalapu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Samipeni Finau	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Samisoni Taukeiaho	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Samiuela moli	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Samu Kubunavanua	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Samuel Darry	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Harper	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Howling	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Matenga	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Nock	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Slade	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Smith	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Toa	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Tuifua	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuel Whitelock	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Samuel Wye	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sase Va'a	Manawatu	Academy
Saul Lewis	Tasman	Academy
Saula Ma'u	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Scott Cameron	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Scott Barrett	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Scott Gregory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Scott Jury	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Seamus Bardoul	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Sean McClure	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Sean Paranihi	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Sean Ralph	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sean Reidy	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Sean Weir	Waikato	Academy
Sean Withy	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Seb Calder	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Sefanaia Taulanga	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Sekope Kepu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Sekuini Tanimu	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Semi Vodosese	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Semisi Akana	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Semisi Tupou Taeiloa	Otago	Academy
Semisi Tupou-Taeiloa	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Senio Samisoni	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Senita Lauaki	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Setaleki Baker	Tasman	Academy
Setefano Leavasa	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Sevuloni Reece	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Shamus Hurley-Langton	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Shannon Frizell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Shaun Stevenson	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Shaun Stodart	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Shayde Skudder	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Shayden Stevens	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Shepherd Mhembere	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Shilo Klein	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Shontayne Dare	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Siale Lauaki	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Siaosi Ngingini	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Sila Ki Vai Puafisi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Simon Hickey	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Simon Parker	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sione Ahio	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sione Halalilo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Sione Mafile'o	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Sione Palaa	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Sione Tu'ipulotu	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Sione Tupou	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Sione Vakapuna Etoni	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Sionekau Lokeni	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sireli Buliruarua	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Sitaleki Baker	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Siu Kakala	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Siu Maile	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Slade Salton	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Slade Hay-Horton	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Slade Mcdowall	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Soane Vikena	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sofai Maka	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Soli Malatai	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Solomon Alaimalo	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Solomona Sakalia	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Solomone Fono	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Solomone Lavaka	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Solomone Tukuafu	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sonny Collier	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Sosefo Kautai	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Stacey Ili	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Stan van den Hoven	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Stanley Wright	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Stephen Crackett	Buller	Heartland Championship
Stephen Perofeta	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Steve Salelea	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Steven Misa	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Suetena Asomua	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Taha Kemara	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tahlor Cahill	Canterbury	Academy
Tahu Kaa	Canterbury	Academy
Tai cribb	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Taine Brownlee	Buller	Heartland Championship

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Taine Kolose	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Taine Plumtree	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Taine Robinson	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Tait Chisman	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Talimoni Finau	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tama Anderson	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tama Nicholas	Tasman	Academy
Tamaiti Williams	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Tamanui Hill	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Tamarau McGahan	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tamati Broughton	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Tamati Tua	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tamiro Armstrong	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tana Tuhakaraina	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tane McGuire	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Tanie Hata	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Taniela Filimone	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tanielu Tele'a	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tapiha Allen	Buller	Heartland Championship
Taufa Funaki	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Taufa Hala'ufia	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Taufui Lolohea	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Taukihaamea Koloamatangi	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Tavita Henare-Schuster	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tawhao Stewart	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Taya Brown	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Taylor Dale	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Taylor Haugh	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tayne Foster	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Te Ahiwaru Cirikidaveta	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Aonui Wharawhara-Muriwai	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Ariki Te Puni	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Hamana Te Aute	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Te kauri Parkinson	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Peehi Fairlie	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Te Rama Reuben	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Rangatira Waitokia	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Tahuriorangi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Teague Mcelroy	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Teihorangi Walden	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Telly Hemopo	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
TePaea Cook-Savage	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Terepai King	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Terongo Tekii	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Terrell Peita	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tevita Halafihi	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Tevita Langi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tevita Latu	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tevita Li	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tevita Mafieo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tevita Ofa	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Theo Davidson	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Thomas Barnsley	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Thomas Dwyer	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Thomas Edwards	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Thomas Paahi	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Thomas Perenara	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Thomas Umaga-Jensen	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Thor Manase	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Thor Manawatu	Buller	Heartland Championship
Tiaki Fabish	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tiari Mumby	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Tiernan Sanders	Waikato	Academy
Tietie Tuimauga	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Tika Lelenga	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tim Sail	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Timoci Seruwalu	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Timoci Tavatavanawai	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Timothy Caird	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Timothy Dallison	Buller	Heartland Championship
Tione Hubbard	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Tipene Haira	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tito Tuipulotu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
TJ Clarke	Wellington	Academy
Tk Howden	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tobias Crosby	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Toby Crosby	Wellington	Academy
Toby Taylor	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Todd Doolan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Tofuka Paongo	Wellington	Academy

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Tokomaata Fakatava	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tolu Fahamokioa	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tom Barham	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Christie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Florence	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Heywood	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Martin	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Middleton	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tom Parsons	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Reekie	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tom Robinson	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tom Ryan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Tom Thornalley	Tasman	Academy
Tomas Aoake	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tomasi Alosio	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Tomasi Bikaca	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Topia Barrowcliffe	Taranaki	Academy
Torian barnes	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Toru Noanoa	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Treden Winterburn	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Trei Nepe Apatu	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Trent Hape	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Trent Luka	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Trevior Owens	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Treyah Kingi-Taukamo	Wellington	Academy
Trinity McQueen	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Tristan Flutey	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tristyn Cook	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Troy Mcivor	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Troy Tauwhare	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Tseard van der Mei	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tua Levi	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tui Toai-key	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Tulsa Kauai	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Tumama Tu'ulua	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupou Afungia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupou Lea'aemanu	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tupou Ma'afu Afungia	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Tupou Vaa	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuterangi Ngarimu	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship

Player	Provincial Union	Status
Tyler Blackburn	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tyler Kearns	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Tyler Laubscher	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tyler McNutt	Waikato	Academy
Tyler Rogers-Holden	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Tyler Tane	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Tyrel Lomax	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Tyron Davies	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Tyrone Parsons	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Tyrone Thompson	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaiolini Ekuasi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaka Taelega	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Valance Yates	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Vance Elliott	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Veikoso Poloniati	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Verdon Bartlett	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Vereniki Tikoisolomone	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Veveni Lasaga	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Viliame Rarasea	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Viliami Fine	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Viliami Napa'a	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Viliami Tosi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Vilimoni Koroi	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Vincent Sakaria	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Waisake Naholo	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Waisake Salabiau	Bay Of Plenty	Academy
Wallace Sititi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Waqā Nalaga	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Westyn Cobb	Waikato	Academy
Wharenuī Hawera	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Wil Thornalley	Tasman	Academy
Will Bason	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Will Jordan	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Will Newbold	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Will Porritt	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Will Stodart	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
William Bolingford	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
William Furniss	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
William Gualter	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
William Havili	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract

Player	Provincial Union	Status
William Heinz	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
William Tremain	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
William Tucker	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
William Tufui	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
William Wright	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Willie Paia'aua	Horowhenua Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Xavier Bartlett	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Xavier Kaipō	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Xavier Numia	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Xavier Roe	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Xavier Saifoloi	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Zac Harrison Jones	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Zac Saunders	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Zac Stephens	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Zaccheaus Simpson	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Zach Clarke	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Zach Shanks	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Zach Walsh	Buller	Heartland Championship
Zacharia Wickham-Darlington	King Country	Heartland Championship
Zachary Gallagher	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Zachary Strange	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Zak McDonald	Taranaki	Academy
Zamian Martin	North Harbour	Academy
Zane Heath	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Zane Kapeli	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Zarn Sullivan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Zayn Tipping	King Country	Heartland Championship
Zinzan Hansen	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Zuriel Togatama	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

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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 2023);

“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 or 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;

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

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“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 the date 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 23 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 23 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:

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

- 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 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.

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8. CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

- 8.1 These Regulations have been developed pursuant to the Collective Agreement.
- 8.2 Except as provided for in clause 8.3, 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).
- 8.3 NZRU management may, at its discretion subject to consultation with the RPC, make minor or incidental amendments to these Regulations provided consistency with the Collective Agreement is maintained.

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

Player Details

Player name:

Player ID:

(a) Captured Union (Union transferring from):

(b) Transferring Union (Union transferring to):

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

- PUC or PUDC player
- Rugby Academy member
- New Zealand Under 20 Representative

This Transfer will take effect from:

Signature of Player:

Details of Transfer

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 Provincial Union:

Signature of Captured Provincial Union: Date:.....
(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

Name of Transferring Provincial Union:

Signature of Transferring Provincial Union: Date:.....
(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

SCHEDULE 2: PLAYER MOVEMENT FORM, HEARTLAND CHAMPIONSHIP CAPTURED PLAYER

Player Details

Player name:

Player ID:

(a) Captured Union (Union transferring from):

(b) Transferring Union (Union transferring to):

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Heartland Championship PU Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. New Zealand Under 20 Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This Transfer will take effect from:

Signature of Player:

Details of Transfer

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 Provincial Union:

Signature of Captured Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

Name of Transferring Provincial Union:

Signature of Transferring Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

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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);

“Elite XV Competition” means the inter-regional XVs competition between Super Clubs as provided for under the NZRU Elite XV Competition Regulations outlined in the NZRU Elite XV Competition Regulations Handbook;

“Finals Round” has the meaning set out in clauses 12-15 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;

“Round Robin” has the meaning set out in clause 5 of Appendix 1 and clause 6 of Appendix 2;

“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 set out in clause 2.3 below (**“Domestic Competitions”**) is accepted by

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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.

2.4 From 2022, the Elite XV Competition (i.e. Super Rugby Aupiki) will be played in accordance with the NZRU Elite XV Competition Regulations Handbook. For the avoidance of doubt, unless expressly stated in the NZRU Competitions Handbook, the provisions of this NZRU Competitions Handbook do not apply to the Elite XV 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

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- (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:
 - (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 and the points for the match will be shared on the basis of two points to each team having taken into account the following considerations:
 - (a) the result of that match would have no effect on determining the quarter-finalists (if relevant) semi-finalists (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.
- 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.
- 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:

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- (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 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 the 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 eight 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.

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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
- (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 between all 14 Premier Competition Unions.
5. Each team plays ten competition matches (five home games and five away games) (“Round Robin”) prior to quarter-finals and/ or semi-finals and/ or finals (“Finals Rounds”).
 - 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 13 - 15 of this Appendix.

SEEDING

6. The seedings for the Premier Competition will be allocated in accordance with this clause:

1 st seed	The winner of the final of the Premier Competition in the immediately preceding year.
2 nd seed	The loser of the final of the Premier Competition in the immediately preceding year.
3 rd seed	The losing semi-finalist in the Premier Competition in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the higher aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin of the losing semi-finalists. If no semi-finals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Premier Competition Unions, the Union that finished with the highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.
4 th seed	The losing semi-finalist in the Premier Competition in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the lower aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin of the losing semi-finalists.

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If no semi-finals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Premier Competition Unions, the Union that finished with the next highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.

5th- 8th seeds The losing quarter-finalists in the Premier Competition in the immediately preceding year, ranked according to their aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin in that year.

If no quarter-finals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Premier Competition Unions, the Union that finished with the next highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.

9th – 14th seeds The remaining Provincial Unions that played in the Premier Competition 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 Premier Competition Unions have the same number of competition points, that tie will be broken in accordance with clause 14 of this Appendix.

ROUND ROBIN

7. The Round Robin will consist of:
 - a. Teams finishing 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 in the previous year will all play each other, and four **crossover matches** against teams finishing 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14.
 - b. Teams finishing 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 in the previous year will all play each other, and four **crossover matches** against teams finishing 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13.
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:
 - i. In the first round of picks, matches are selected by odd seeded teams in reverse order of seeding. These matches will be played as home matches for the odd seeded teams.
 1. Seed 13
 2. Seed 11
 3. Seed 9
 4. Seed 7
 5. Seed 5
 6. Seed 3
 7. Seed 1

Round 2

- ii. In the second round of picks, matches are selected by even-seeded teams in reverse order of seeding. These matches will be played as home matches for the even seeded teams.

1. Seed 14
2. Seed 12
3. Seed 10
4. Seed 8
5. Seed 6
6. Seed 4
7. Seed 2

Round 3

- i. In the third round of picks, matches are selected by odd seeded teams in order of seeding. These matches will be played as home matches for the even seeded teams;

1. Seed 1
2. Seed 3
3. Seed 5
4. Seed 7
5. Seed 9
6. Seed 11
7. Seed 13

Round 4

- i. In the fourth round of picks, matches are selected by even seeded teams in order of seeding. These matches will be played as home matches for the odd seeded teams;

1. Seed 2
2. Seed 4
3. Seed 6
4. Seed 8
5. Seed 10
6. Seed 12
7. Seed 14

- 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

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- 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.

STATUS OF MATCHES

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

- iii. Or, if the points in the Round Robin are also tied, the toss of a coin will be used.

FINALS RANKING

12. The eight Premier Competition Unions 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 Premier Competition Unions 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.

Finals Rankings

1. 1: The Premier Competition Union with the highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin; and
2. 2 – 8: The Premier Competition Unions with the next-highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin in descending order from 2 to 8.

FINALS ROUND

13. Based on the competition points for the Premier Competition, each Finals Round will be played as follows, with the top ranked team hosting:

Quarter-finals:

QF 1 1 plays 8;

QF 2 2 plays 7;

QF 3 3 plays 6; and

QF 4 4 plays 5.

Semi-finals:

SF 1 Top ranking quarter-final winner hosts against lowest-ranked quarter-final winner; and

SF 2 2nd highest ranked quarter-final winner hosts 3rd highest ranked quarter-final winner.

14. The winning semi-finalists will play each other in the Premier Competition final.
15. The winning finalist will be awarded the Premier Competition trophy.

VENUES FOR FINALS ROUND

16. The venue for all Finals Round matches will be the home venue of the Premier Competition 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

17. In the event that teams are tied at the end of a Finals Round 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

18. The Visiting Union for a semi-final and final matches 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.
19. 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 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. semi-finals 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 the order in which they appear below until a result as to the positions of the relevant Provincial Unions is determined:

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

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Union in the Meads Cup semi-finals with the second-lowest number of competition in the Round Robin.

14. The winning semi-finalists will play each other in the Meads Cup final. The winning finalist will be awarded the Meads Cup.

LOCHORE CUP FINALS

15. The semi-finals in the Lochore Cup will be played as follows:
 - a. The Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semi-finals with the highest number of competition points in the Round Robin will play the Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semi-finals with the lowest number of competition points in the Round Robin.
 - b. The Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semi-finals with the second-highest number of competition points in the Round Robin will play the Provincial Union in the Lochore Cup semi-finals with the second-lowest number of competition points in the Round Robin.
16. The winning semi-finalists 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 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.
 - d. The team having the higher points difference in 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 number of competition points in the Round Robin.

FINALS PAYMENT

19. The NZRU will pay an amount to the Visiting Union competing in a semi-final 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 one round of pool play ("**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 quarter-final (if relevant) 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.
 - 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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30 June	Cut-Off Date – Final day for players to move Provincial Unions or be cleared into New Zealand from overseas and still be considered as a Local Player
15 July	Women's Competition Commences
Three Games	Loan Players (excluding Front Row Players) – 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	Overseas or Returning New Zealand Players, Player of Origin – 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	Front Row Loan Players – 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
9 September	Women's Competition Final

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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.b);

"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;

"Round Robin" has the meaning set out in Appendix 3 of NZRU Domestic Competition Regulations;

"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.

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 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.d)); 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;
 - (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:
 - (i) 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
 - (ii) 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 quarter-final (if relevant), 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:
- a) entered into a Loan Arrangement with the Borrowing Union;
 - b) been named in the Playing 23 for the Borrowing Union prior to the final Round Robin match; and

- c) 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 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:

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- 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 for approval prior to the Player being named in a Playing 23; 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.

SCHEDULE 1: 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*)

Consents and Confirmations

Signature of Player: Date:.....

Name of Lending Provincial Union:

Signature of Lending Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

Name of Borrowing Provincial Union:

Signature of Borrowing Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

SCHEDULE 2: PLAYER OF ORIGIN AGREEMENT FORM

Parties

Player name :

Player ID:.....

Current Provincial Union:

Original Provincial Union:

Loan 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*)

Consents and Confirmations

Signature of Player: Date:.....

Name of Current Provincial Union:

Signature of Current Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

Name of Original Provincial Union:

Signature of Original Provincial Union: Date:.....

(Signature of Authorise Person from PU)

Name:..... Position:

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Ranfurly Shield

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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 4, 6 - 8 inclusive and 12 -14 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 Round Robin of the Premier Competition or the Heartland Championship 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 Round Robin of the Premier Competition or the Heartland Championship.
5. All home matches in the Round Robin of the Premier Competition or the Heartland Championship 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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- c. 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.
 - d. 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 7a, 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 7a.
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.
11. If a challenge match is subject to golden point:
- a. the winner of the match at the conclusion of the golden point period shall win the Shield; and
 - b. if the match is still drawn at the conclusion of the golden point period, then the holder shall retain the Shield.
12. If a challenge match is not subject to golden point and is drawn at full time, the holder shall retain the Shield.

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

13. 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 Round Robin of the Premier Competition or the Heartland Championship, are challenge matches.

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14. 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

15. For the avoidance of doubt, the distances set out in clause 14 are distances for the return trip.
16. 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

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

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Bill Osborne Taonga

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Regulations for the Bill Osborne Taonga

1. The Bill Osborne Taonga (the “**Taonga**”) shall be a challenge open to all Heartland Championship Unions.
2. The Heartland Championship Union from time to time holding the Taonga (the “**holder**”) shall hold it subject to the rights of challenge by a Heartland Championship Union in accordance with these Regulations.

CONDITIONS FOR ALL CHALLENGE MATCHES

3. All challenge matches shall be played during the Heartland Championship.
4. Challenge matches shall not occur after the last day of the Round Robin of the Heartland Championship.
5. All home matches in the Round Robin of the Heartland Championship played by the holder shall be challenge matches.
6. If a challenge match is subject to golden point:
 - a. the winner of golden point shall win the Taonga; and
 - b. if the match is still drawn at the conclusion of golden point, then the holder shall retain the Taonga.
7. If a challenge match is not subject to golden point and is drawn at full time, the holder shall retain the Taonga.
8. The NZRU shall appoint the referee for all challenge matches.

DISPUTES AND INTERPRETATION

9. 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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**Regulations Relating to the Definition of an
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Regulations Relating to the Definition of an NZRU and First Class Fixture and the Order of Precedence

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) Elite XV Competition matches (i.e. Super Rugby Aupiki).
 - (j) Women's Competition matches.
 - (k) 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 (i.e. the All Blacks).
 - (b) The next senior national representative team (i.e. 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 Māori team.

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- (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.
 - (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 Māori representative teams playing in matches against other Regional Māori 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; and
 - (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.

FIRST CLASS FIXTURES

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 Māori 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 team sheets (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 Māori representative teams playing in matches against other Regional Māori 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 in Elite XV Competition (i.e. Super Rugby Aupiki).
 - (e) Teams playing for the Provincial Union senior representative team in the Women's Competition.
 - (f) Matches in official tours by visiting national teams.
 - (g) Such other matches as the NZRU Board may from time to time determine.