



NATIONAL UNDER 85KG COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL CUP TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

**2 SEPTEMBER - 5 SEPTEMBER 2024
FRASER PARK, AVALON**



WELCOME

On behalf of Wellington Rugby Football Union, welcome to the National Under 85kg College Rugby Festival for 2024. Organised by WRFU and New Zealand Rugby, the Hutt Valley region is delighted to host this tournament again, and looks forward to welcoming team members and their families, friends and supporters from throughout New Zealand.

This handbook contains important information and material about the tournament's Playing Conditions and Regulations. It is important that team management are familiar with the Playing Conditions and Regulations.

We hope your team enjoys and creates amazing memories from the tournament. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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PROGRAMME

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

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

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

9:30am	Managers Meeting	All Teams
9:45am	Team Schedule Weigh-ins	All Teams
	Morning Matches Begin	
10:15am	<i>SCRUM CLINICS COMMENCE</i>	
11:00am	Round Robin Games	All Teams
12:00pm	Round Robin Games	All Teams
1:00pm	Round Robin Games	All Teams
2:00pm	Round Robin Games	All Teams
4:00pm	Laundry Due	All Teams
	Teams Own Time	

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

9:45am	Captains Photo	All Team Captains
10:30am	Round Robin Games	All Teams
11:30am	Round Robin Games	All Teams
12:30pm	Round Robin Games	All Teams
1:30pm	Round Robin Games	All Teams
4:00pm	Laundry Due	All Teams
	Teams Own Time	

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

10:00am	Playoff Games	All Teams
11:00am	Playoff Games	All Teams
12:00pm	Playoff Games	All Teams
1:00pm	Playoff Games	All Teams
3:30pm	Laundry Due	All Teams
	Teams Own Time	

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

10:00am	Finals Games	All Teams
11:00am	Finals Games	All Teams
12:00pm	Finals Games	All Teams
1:00pm	Grand Final	All Teams
2:00pm	Closing Ceremony, Presentations & Farewell	All Teams

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are \$500 per team



POOL A

Team 1
Team 5
Team 9
Team 13

POOL B

Team 2
Team 6
Team 10
Team 14

POOL C

Team 3
Team 7
Team 11
Team 15

POOL D

Team 4
Team 8
Team 12
Team 16

Teams will play round robin with each game being 40mins (2 x 20 min halves)

Pool A – 3 Games

Pool B – 3 Games

Pool C – 3 Games

Pool D – 3 Games

Play off stages for final day based on seedings.

Premiership Quarterfinals

QF1 – 1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B

QF2 – 2nd Pool A v 1st Pool B

QF3 – 1st Pool C v 2nd Pool D

QF4 – 2nd Pool C v 1st Pool D

Premiership Losing Semi-finals

LSF1 – QF1 Loser v QF2 Loser

LSF2 – QF3 Loser v QF4 Loser

Premiership Semi-finals

SF1 – QF1 Winner v QF2 Winner

SF2 – QF3 Winner v QF4 Winner

Premiership Losing Grand Finals

LGF (5th/6th) – LSF1 Winner v LSF2 Winner

3rd/4th Playoff – SF1 Loser v SF2 Loser

Premiership Grand Final

GF – SF1 Winner v SF2 Winner

Cup Quarterfinals

CQF1 – 3rd Pool A v 4th Pool B

CQF2 – 4th Pool A v 3rd Pool B

CQF3 – 3rd Pool C v 4th Pool D

CQF4 – 4th Pool C v 3rd Pool D

Cup Losing Semi-finals

CLSF1 – CQF1 Loser v CQF2 Loser

CLSF2 – CQF3 Loser v CQF4 Loser

Cup Semi-finals

CSF1 – CQF1 Winner v CQF2 Winner

CSF2 – CQF3 Winner v CQF4 Winner

Cup Losing Grand Finals

CLGF (C 5th/6th) – CLSF1 Winner v CLSF2 Winner

C 3rd/4th Playoff – CSF1 Loser v CSF2 Loser

Cup Grand Final

CFG – CSF1 Winner v CSF2 Winner



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

This tournament is being run at the NZSSSC 'Cup' level. As this tournament is in its third year and is being run as a pilot, the eligibility criteria is relatively light. Colleges are asked to adhere to the spirit of the tournament by adopting a "leap and learn" approach, and one where this is not seen as a, "winning is everything" type event.

1. Tournament organisers reserve the right to adjust these regulations as required at any point.
2. The draw will be structured to give all teams an opportunity to play other teams they normally wouldn't. Results from Day 1 and 2 will determine seedings for play-off games.
3. Where a school has an Under 85kg (or equivalent team), the team must comprise the regular players. Unless written approval is granted by WRFU/NZR prior to the festival. Schools (or composite teams) without a Under 85kg (or equivalent team) are permitted to comprise players from any team, but these should not be a 1st XV team by stealth.
4. Players must be in years 11-13 unless written approval is granted by WRFU/NZR prior to the festival.
5. Schools can register up to 26 players in their squad and play a maximum of 22 in a game.
6. New Zealand Rugby half game policy states that for all rugby below First XV, it is compulsory for all players to play a minimum half game. Thus all students on your game day team card must play minimum of half a game. If upon a formal, substantiated protest the offending school risks defaulting the game in question.
7. Only seven (7) substitutions can be made during a match. There are to be NO rolling subs.
8. Three players must be able to play in the front row as per NZ Rugby Domestic Safety Laws.
9. All games will be played under NZ Rugby Domestic Law, and compulsory EDSLVRules.
10. Games length is to be 40 minutes across the 3 days.
11. All players must be bona fide secondary school students either of the school they are representing or the school which forms part of a composite team.
12. Disciplinary procedures will follow Wellington Rugby Football Union protocol. In the event of a judicial hearing needing to occur, two independent coaches/managers will be asked to sit on a panel with a WRFU Representative or their appointee as the judicial chair.
13. In the event of a jersey colour clash, WRFU/NZR will have alternate sets available. For the avoidance of doubt it will be the team identified 2nd on the draw who will be required to wear an alternate jersey.



MATCH CARDS

Each coach must complete an official tournament team card with all players INITIAL & SURNAME and hand it to the referee before play starts. It is not acceptable to use players' nicknames or only Christian names on these cards. Cards will be available from Festival HQ and event manager.

MATCH BALLS

R80 is the official rugby ball supplier to WRFU. All match balls to be used during the Under 85kg Tournament need to be R80 branded. WRFU will be providing two R80 balls to every team. These will be given out at the team managers briefing on Day One.

TOURNAMENT POINTS (IF REQUIRED)

- 4 points for a win
- 2 points for a draw
- 1 point for a loss of 7 points or less
- 1 point for 4 or more tries being scored in a game

ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

Artificial surfaces will only be used in the event of wet weather, however might be required for warmup zones etc.

SPECTATORS AND COACHES

In most cases, fields will be roped off to provide a safe environment for the students and officials. All spectators must remain behind the ropes. All coaches and reserves MUST stand behind the dead ball line during the game. This will be strictly enforced.

DIFFERENTIATING TIED TEAMS - POOL PLAY (IF REQ)

1. Where two teams are equal on points, the team that won the round robin match between the two teams will be afforded the higher ranking. If the game was drawn or cancelled, the team with the higher point's differential shall be afforded the higher ranking.
2. If more than two teams are equal on points, then the team with the higher point's differential shall be afforded the higher ranking.
3. If in point 2, teams are still tied, then the team having scored the most tries will be afforded the higher ranking. After that it will be a coin toss.
4. Any disputes relative to the application of the above shall be referred to the Tournament Committee for final determination.
5. There shall be no extra time in any match. If in any post pool progression match, the scores are tied at the end of normal time, then the winner shall be determined by the rule below.



DRAWN SEMIFINALS AND FINALS (IF REQUIRED)

In all semi-final and final matches, if the scores are tied at the end of normal time, there is no extra time (World Rugby under 19 rule). Accordingly, the procedures to determine the winner shall be:

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| i. | The team scoring the most tries in the match | If still tied, |
| ii. | The team scoring the first try in the match | If still tied, |
| iii. | The team scoring the first points in the match | If still tied, |
| iv. | If still equal, then a coin toss | |

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

All team managers and coaches will be well informed of progress and developments. This information will also be easily accessible to your own wider school and rugby communities. Please encourage them to access this information so they can share in the success of your team. Information will be accessible from:

- wrfu.co.nz
- Wellington Rugby's Facebook and Instagram pages
- Photographs from the event will be available on the above Facebook site.
- Text message to all coaches and managers at the end of each day, which will include:
 - o Summary of results
 - o Serious injury report
 - o Any alterations for the following day
 - o Any other additional information

SERVICES

LAUNDRY

A free laundry service is available to all participating schools. This will cover a full gear bag laundry service (playing jerseys, socks and shorts only) overnight on Day One, Two and Three.

Gear bags need to be clearly labelled with school name and ready for collection from Festival HQ by the due time each night, see tournament programme on page for times. Laundry will be ready for collection 9.00am the following day from the Festival HQ. Any additional items sent to the dry cleaners will be charged back to the College, post event. An administration charge may also be included.



FIRST AID AND MEDICAL

WRFU will have first aid trained staff on-site. Physio services will also be available with Hutt Hospital less than 10 minutes away.

POOL

Huia Pool	Huia Street, Lower Hutt	(04) 570 6655
Stokes Valley Pool	Bowers Street, Stokes Valley	(04) 562 9030

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment Centre	399 Hutt Road, Lower Hutt	(04) 568 3168
Te Papa Tongarewa	Cable Street, Wellington	(04) 381 7000
Wellington Zoo	200 Daniell Street, Wellington	(04) 381 6755
Daytona (Brewtown)	Blenheim St, Maidstone, Upper Hutt	021 350873

FRASER PARK SPORTSVILLE SITE MAP

