

NZR Age Bands for Age Grade Rugby Tables: Boys Rugby

Boys - Eligible Age Tables as at 1 April 2026

This table will allow players to know what grade they are eligible for based on their age.

*National Rugby Policy #8 (Age to Play Senior Rugby) Applies. [Click here to view National Rugby Policy #8.](#)

Year Born	Delivery System	Age as at 1 Apr 26	Best Practice	Acceptable Practice		Exceptional Circumstances Case Approval required	Not Eligible	
			Equivalent Year	1 Year Up	2 Years Up			
			Grade Equivalent	Grade Equivalent				
2008	Secondary School (or equivalent)	18	U19 / Senior Rugby			NA	NA	
2009		17	U18	U19			Senior Rugby*	NA
2010		16	U17	U18			U19/Senior Rugby*	NA
2011		15	U16	U17	U18	U19	Senior Rugby	
2012		14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19/Senior Rugby	
2013		13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	

2014	Primary/ Intermediate School	12	U13	U14		U15	U16	
2015		11	U12	U13		U14	U15	
2016		10	U11	U12		U13	U14	
2017		9	U10	U11		U12	U13	
2018		Club (Small Blacks)	8	U9	U10		U11	U12
2019			7	U8	U9		U10	U11
2020			6	U7	U8		U9	U10
2021			5	U6	U7		U8	U9

Boys - Eligible Ages for Grade Table as at 1 April 2026

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		Best Practice	Acceptable Practice			Exceptional Practice	Not Eligible	
		Equivalent Year	1 Years Up	2 Years Up	3 Years Up			
		Age as at 1 Apr 26						
Senior Rugby	Club	18 / 19				16* / 17*	15 and below	
U19	Secondary School (or equivalent)	18	17	16	15	15	14 and below	
U18		17	16	15	14	14	13 and below	
U17		16	15	14		13	12 and below	
U16		15	14	13			12 and below	
U15		14	13			12	11	
U14		13	12			11	10	
U13		12	11			10	9	
U12		Primary/ Intermediate School	11	10			9	8
U11			10	9			8	7
U10			9	8			7	6
U9	8		7			6	5	
U8	Club (Small Blacks)	7	6			5	4	
U7		6	5				NA	
U6		5	4				NA	