

NATIONAL RUGBY POLICY

POLICE VETTING



POLICY #05 POLICE VETTING

BACKGROUND

The safety and welfare of children and young people involved in rugby is paramount.

Children in New Zealand look up to sports stars, coaches, team captains and referees as heroes. Children regularly play sport and develop close relationships with their team members, coaches and support staff.

As part of New Zealand Rugby's focus on ensuring a safe environment for Small Blacks Rugby, all coaches registering for Small Blacks Rugby (aged 12 and under) and referees registering solely for Small Blacks Rugby from 2013 are required to undergo Police vetting.

Police vetting provides parents, families and whanau with the confidence that children are participating in sport supported by coaches and referees who do not pose a risk to their safety.

POLICY

All coaches, including assistants, must undergo the Police vetting process when they initially become involved at a Small Blacks level. This vetting is valid for three consecutive years at the start of every fourth year thereafter, they must re-submit to the vetting process.

RESPONSIBILITIES

New Zealand Rugby will:

- Provide vetting rationale and process literature
- Undertake vetting and notification on failed results
- Manage database records
- Organise and facilitate the appeals process

Provincial Unions:

- Notify all coaches of their requirements
- Provide required information to New Zealand Police including required ID and approval to vet forms

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- Notify clubs if coaches who have failed the vetting process refuse to stand down on their own accord, and ensure such coaches are removed from any coaching role.

SANCTION(S)

Failure to agree to be vetted and provide the required signed form and ID will result in automatic removal from any coaching role.

