

NATIONAL RUGBY POLICY

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BACKGROUND

For safety reasons, both physical and emotional, there needs to be an age limit for when males and females cease to play in the same team and on opposing sides.

World Rugby guidelines suggest the appropriate boundary is age 12.

POLICY

Mixed gender teams are suitable for all levels of Small Blacks rugby (Under 13 and down).

Post the Under 13 grade the teams must be single gender and can only play against the same gender teams i.e. male versus male and female versus female.

This applies at all levels of rugby above Under 13.

SANCTION(S)

- Game is not to commence until single gender team (of the appropriate gender) is fielded. Failure to field a single gender team results in default
- Continued non-compliance the team is to be removed from the competition

