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2022 Premier Competition • Key Dates

Date	
22 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
22 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’
26 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
5 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
22 October	Premier Competition Final

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2022 Heartland Championship • Key Dates

Date	
3 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'
5 August	Pre-Season Statutory Declaration – Squad lists and Pre-Season Statutory Declarations must be sent to the NZRU by 4pm
20 August	Heartland Championship Commences
18 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
9 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
22/23 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 2022);

“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 118 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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2021/2022 Captured Players

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

The Transfer Period will remain open until 22 July 2022 for players wishing to play in the 2022 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*.

2022 CAPTURED PLAYERS

Surname	First Name	Provincial Union	Status
Abel	Robert	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Abrahamson	Kobi	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Adams	Jarred	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Ah Kuoi	Naitoa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ahio	Sione	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Aho	Alefosio	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Aho	Mosese	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Ainsley	Jermaine	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Akauola	Viliani	Buller	Heartland Championship
Alaimalo	Charles	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Alaimalo	Solomon	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Aldridge	Caleb	Buller	Heartland Championship
Allan	Harrison	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Allen	Liam	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Allen	Patrick	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Alosio	Tomasi	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Amato	Anthony	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Anae	Albert	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Anderson	Fletcher	Canterbury	Academy
Anderson	Conor	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Anderson	Robbie	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Andrew	Chad	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Anguna	Adyn	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Aoake	Tomas	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Aoina	Jonah	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Aperahama	Caleb	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Apikotoa	Joe	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Apineru	Iona	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Apisai	Leni	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Apoua	Chris	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Armstrong	Fraser	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Arscott	James	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Asi	Jericho	Auckland	Academy
Aso	Vince	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Asomua	Suetena	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Aumua	Levi	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Aumua	Asafo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract

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Aupouri	Taine	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Babiau	Samuela	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Bailey	Cameron	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Bainivalu	Etonia	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Baisagale	Osea	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Baker	Setaleki	Tasman	Academy
Baker	Adam	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Banks	Kade	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Banks	Marty	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Baravalia	Mosese	King Country	Heartland Championship
Bari	Manasa	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Barlow	Niwa	Taranaki	Academy
Barnes	Nick	King Country	Heartland Championship
Barnsley	Thomas	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Barrett	Beauden	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Barrett	Jordie	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Barrett	Scott	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Barrow	Luke	Buller	Heartland Championship
Barry	Mitchell	Tasman	Academy
Bartlett	Josh	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Bartlett	Verdon	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Bason	Will	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Beech	Peter	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Beehre	Joshua	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Bell	George	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Bell	Henry	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Ben-Nicholas	Teariki	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Bent	Michael	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Bergin	Jack	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Beveridge	Phil	Buller	Heartland Championship
Bird	Dominic	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Black	Otere	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Blackadder	Ethan	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Blackwell	James	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Blake	Hugh	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Blyde	Liam	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Blyth	Harvey	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Bogileka	Josaia	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Bolingford	William	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship

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Bolton	James	Otago	Academy
Bonnar	Ben	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Booth	Jamie	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Borland	John	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Boshier	Kaylum	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Boshier	Lachlan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Bower	George	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Brace	Gary	Buller	Heartland Championship
Brady	Liam	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Brash	Adam	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Brewis	Finlay	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Brial	Joe	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Bridge	George	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Brighouse	Donald	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Brooks	Peter	Buller	Heartland Championship
Broughton	Nikora	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Broughton	Jarryd	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Broughton	Rawiri	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Brown	James	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Brown	Kyle	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Brown	Mitchell	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Brown	Taya	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Bryce	Henry	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Buick	Hamish	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Buliruarua	Sireli	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Burke	Fergus	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Burr	Hamilton	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Burrell	Callum	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Bush	Lewis	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Butler	Simon	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Byrnes	Jarod	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Caird	Sam	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cairns-Thomson	Joseph	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Calder	Seb	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron	Brett	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Cameron	Scott	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Campbell	Luke	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Campbell	BJ	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Cane	Sam	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract

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Cann-Vaana	Gil	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Capil	Jack	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Carmichael	Carl	King Country	Heartland Championship
Carr	Jamie	Canterbury	Academy
Carter	Leroy	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Cashmore	Lucas	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Caucau	Nete	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Chambers-Raroa	Michael	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Chapman	Louie	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Chesney	Dylan	North Harbour	Academy
Chisholm	Luke	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Chisman	Tait	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Choat	Adrian	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Christensen	Ethan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Christian-Goss	Kegan	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Christie	Tom	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Christie	Finlay	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Church	Cameron	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cirikidaveta	Te Ahiwaru	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Clare	Craig	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Clarke	Caleb	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cobb	Joel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cobb	Robert	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cobb	Westyn	Waikato	Academy
Coghlan	Jacob	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Coleman	Donald	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Coleman	Jade	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Coles	Dane	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Collier	Pryor	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Collins	Connor	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Coltman	Liam	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Connors	Matthew	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Coogan	Gordon	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Cook-Savage	Tepaea	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Coombes-Fabling	Liam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cooper	John	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cooper	Noah	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cooper	Sam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Cottam	Sam	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract

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Counsell	Mario	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Couper	Josh	King Country	Heartland Championship
Coveney	Dustin	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Cowan	Pekahou	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Cowley	Xavier	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Cowley-Tuioti	Gerard	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Coxon	Ryan	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Craig	Allan	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Crampton	Gregory	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Crichton	Bradley	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Crichton	Hinkly Emil	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Cridge	Geoff	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Crosswell	Elyjah	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Crosswell	Mitchell	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Crowley	Logan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Cruden	Stewart	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Culver	Griffin	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Cunningham	Hemopo	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Curry	Michael	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Curuki	Joseva	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dallison	Timothy	Buller	Heartland Championship
Dalzell	Hamish	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Daniela	Liam	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Darling	Ralph	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Darry	Samuel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Davey	Owen	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Davidson	Theo	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Davies	Justin	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Davies	Jeff	King Country	Heartland Championship
Davies	Sam	North Harbour	Academy
Davis	Daniel	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Dawai	Mosese	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Dawai	Iromi	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Day	Jacob	North Otago	Heartland Championship
de Groot	Ethan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
De Kock	Petrus	Buller	Heartland Championship
Dearden	Josh	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Debreczeni	Jack	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Delany	Caleb	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract

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Delany	Declan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Dennison	Harry	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Derenalagi	Aporosa	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Destounis	Stefan	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Devery	Jacob	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Devine	Dominic	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickinson	Rhys	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickson	Samuel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Dickson	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Dixon	Ashley	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Dobbyn	Matthew	Waikato	Academy
Dolokoto	Mesulame	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Donaldson	Luke	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Douglas	Whetukamokamo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Dowsing	Joshua	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Draper	Luke	King Country	Heartland Championship
Drauna	Kusitino	Taranaki	Academy
Dromgool	Cameron	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Drummond	Mitchell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Duff	Eric	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Duff	Mathew	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Dunlop	Logan	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Dunshea	Mitchell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Dunster	Cruise	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dunster	Karney	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dunster	Maximus	King Country	Heartland Championship
Dyer	Gregory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Dyer	George	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Edwards	Thomas	Canterbury	Academy
Eggers	Sean	Buller	Heartland Championship
Eklund	Kurt	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ekusi	Vaiolini	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Elekana	Patrick	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Elia	Patrick	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ellis	Anthony	Buller	Heartland Championship
Ellison	Leon	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Elton	Charles	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Emerson	Mason	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Emery	Jason	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract

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Enari	Ereatara	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Ennor	Braydon	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Corey	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Bryn	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Gareth	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Evans	Tate	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Everson	Joel	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fa'aoso	Sione	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Faavae	Christian	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Faavae	Junior	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Fabish	Tiaki	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Faddes	Matthew	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Fahamokioa	Tolu	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Faiane	Tinoai	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fainga'anuku	Leicester	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Fainga'anuku	Lotima	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Fairlie	Te Peehi	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Fakatava	Folau	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fakatava	Tokomaata	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Falaniko	Darren	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Falaniko	Moomoo	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Falcon	Tiaan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Faleiva	Lolani	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Faletagoai	Crusader	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Faletagoai	Johnny	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Fanueli	Issac	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Fa'ukafa	Tevita	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Featherstone	Rhodes	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Fechney	Garth	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Feke	Mataitini	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Ferguson	Leroy	Otago	Academy
Ferguson	Jack	Buller	Heartland Championship
Ferguson	Jarrod	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Fetu	Mathew	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Fidow	Ed	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Fidow	Alex	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Fifita	Walter	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fifita	Saia	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Fifita	Paula	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship

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Fihaki	Lupeti (Chay)	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fikken	Shane	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Filimone	Taniela	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Filipo	Losi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Finau	Inga	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Finau	Penitoa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Finau	Samipeni	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Fine	Viliami	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Fineanganofu	Fehi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fineanganofu	Penisoni	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Fischli	Samuel	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Flanders	Devan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fletcher	Angus	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Florence	Tom	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Flutey	Tristan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Fomai	Neria	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Fono	Hamani	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fonua	Kini	Waikato	Academy
Foord	Dan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Foote	Oliver	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Foote	Peter	Buller	Heartland Championship
Forbes	Cole	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Fotheringham	Ben	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Fotu	Melino	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Foxley	Nick	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Fox-Matamua	Taina	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Frans	Chlayton	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fransen	Daniel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fraser	Terangihekeoeteau	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Frizell	Shannon	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Fuhiniu	Benjamin	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Fuli	Tristan	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Taufa	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Apikakaleia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Setefano	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Funaki	Kelepi	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Funnell	Ben	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Fusitu'a	Joshua	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gabriel	Chris	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract

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Gallagher	Zachary	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Gallien	Dylan	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Galloway	Johnny	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Gammie	Sam	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Garden-Bachop	Connor	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Garden-Bachop	Jackson	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Gardiner	Dominic	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Garland	Matt	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Garland	Jeffery	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Garland	Jaime	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Gatland	Bryn	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Gavigan	Joseph	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Gear	Rico	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Gear	Hosea	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Georke	Julian	Manawatu	Academy
Gibson	Blake	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Gibson	Mitchell	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Gilbert	Sam	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Gilland	James	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Gimblett	Josh	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Gluck	Patrick	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Godfrey	Harry	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Godwin	Sam	Buller	Heartland Championship
Goerke	Julian	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Going	Kalani	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Going	Zion	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Goodger	Jake	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Goodhue	Elias (Jack)	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Goodhue	Joshua	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Goosen	Wes	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Gordon	Bryn	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Gordon	Bailey	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Gower	Leveson	King Country	Heartland Championship
Gower	Brock	King Country	Heartland Championship
Grace	Cullen	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Graham-Williams	Matt	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Grant	William	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Green	Jayden	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Green	Vincent	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract

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Green	Richard	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Green	Samuel	King Country	Heartland Championship
Greenslade	Jake	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Gregory	Scott	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Grey	Reece	Taranaki	Academy
Griffin	Isaac	King Country	Heartland Championship
Grindlay	Meihana	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Grooby	Jack	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Gualter	William	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Guildford	Zachary	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Haerewa	Hone	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Haerewa	Rapata	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Haig	Oliver	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hainsworth-Fa'aifo	Sam	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Haira	Tipene	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Hakaraia	Gabriel	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Halafihi	Finau	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Halafihi	Tevita	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Halalilo	Sione	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Halaufia	Chris	Tasman	Academy
Hala'ufia	Taufa	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Hall	Bryn	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hallam-Eames	Liam	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Halliday	Jarrod	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Halls	Lukas	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Halo	Aisea	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hammington	Kayne	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hannah	Jamie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Hansen	Zinzan	Waikato	Academy
Hape	Trent	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Hardman	Dominic	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Harford	Alex	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Hargraves	Simon	Buller	Heartland Championship
Harmon	Billy	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Harris	Nathan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Harrison	Credence	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Harrison-Jones	Quinn	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Harry Toaisi	Junior	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Hart	Campbell	Whanganui	Heartland Championship

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Hastie	Nathan	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hati	Bernie	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Havili	David	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Havili	William	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hawkins	Daniel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hay-Horton	Hadlee	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Hay-Horton	Peter Travis	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Heath	Logan	Buller	Heartland Championship
Heem	Bryce	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Heighton	Jack	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Helu	Kanavale	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Hemi	Chris	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Hemopo	Telly	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Henare	Himiona	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Henare-Schuster	Tavita	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Hennings	Michael	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Henry	Logan	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Herbert	Kohan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Herewini	Te Manu	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Herlihy	Dominic	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Hetet	Haareiti	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Hickey	Simon	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hicks	Maxwell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Higgins	Kienan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Higgins	Riley	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Higgins	James	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Hill	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hill	Tamanui	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Hintz	Joel	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Hodgman	Alexander	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hoeata	Findalmor	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohaia	Blake	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohaia	Mason	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohepa	Riley	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohneck	Axel	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Hohneck	Josh	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Holland	Fabian	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Hollinshead	Dan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Holmes	Matt	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship

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Holmes	Jake	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Hopkins	Josh	Taranaki	Academy
Horrocks	Lindsay	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Hotham	Noah	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Howden	Tk	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Howley	Liam	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hubbard	Tione	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Hughes	Max	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Hughes	Jamie	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Hunt	Dillon	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Hunt	Mitchell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Hurley-Langton	Shamus	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Hussey	Kieran	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Hutchings	Jordan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Hyland	Jordan	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Iakopo	Malua	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Ili	Stacey	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Inch	Luca	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Inisi	Fine	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Inisi	Mateaki	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Akira	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Rieko	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ioane	Joshua	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Iobu	Dayton	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Iose	Brayden	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Iosefa	Luron	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Iosua	Faalele	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Isaac	Tavita	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Jackman	Lewis	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Jackson	Ricky	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobs	Riaihe	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobson	Kane	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobson	Luke	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacobson	Mitchell	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Jacomb	Josh	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Jager	Oliver	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
James	Matthew	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jarvis	Ali	King Country	Heartland Championship
Jeffries	Bradly	King Country	Heartland Championship

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Joass	Trael	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnson	Daniel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnston	Joe	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnston	Adam	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Johnston-Brown	Micaiah	Southland	Academy
Johnstone	Colin	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Johnstone	Cullen	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Jones	Niko	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Jope	Sam	Buller	Heartland Championship
Jordan	Will	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Jordan	Jack	King Country	Heartland Championship
Jr Kaivelata	Kauvaka	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Judd	Richard	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Jury	Scott	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaa	Tahu	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaho	Josh	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Kaifa	Josh	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Kakala	Siu	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Kalapu	Samuel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kaloudigibeci	Mitieli	Buller	Heartland Championship
Kapea	Tautau	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Karaitiana	Carlos	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Karpik	Mitchell	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kata	Solomone	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Katia	Inia	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Kauai	Tulsa	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Kauika-petersen	Bruce	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kautai	Sosefo	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Kei Fotofili	Fred	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Keith	Tyrone	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kellow	Corey	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Kemp	Carlos	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Kepu	Sekope	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Keremiti-Harris	Chace	North Harbour	Academy
Kereru-Symes	Kianu	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Ki Vai Puafisi	Sila	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
King	Terepai	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Kingi	Jadin	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Kingi-Taukamo	Treyah	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract

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Kingsford	Jack	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Kinzett	Oliver	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Kirifi	Du'Plessis	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Kitto	Jonathon	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Klein	Shilo	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Knapp	Grayson	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Knell	Ryan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Knewstubb	Andrew	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Knight	Adam	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Kolinisau	Melikisua	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Koloamatangi	Taukihaamea	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Koloamatangi	Tevita	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Kooman	Brad	Southland	Academy
Koroi	Vilimoni	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Koroitamana	Seta	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Koto	Kolonio	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Kumeroa	Benet	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Kutia	Te Huia	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Lahmert	Aaron	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Lakai	Peter	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Lalomilo	Lalomilo	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Lam	Alexander	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lam	Jack	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lam	Joel	Canterbury	Academy
Lamborn	Tony	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lane	Jamie	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lane	Josh	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Langi	Tevita	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Lansdown	Guy	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lardelli-Muir Tawa	Myles	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Lasaqa	Peni	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Lasaqa	Veveni	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Latu	Nili	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Latu	Paula	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Latu	Tevita	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lauaki	Siale	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Laubscher	Tyler	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Laulala	Luteru	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Laulala	Nepo	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

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Laumape	Ngani	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Laursen	Brandyn	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Lavaka	Solomone	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Law	Dan	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Lawn	Tim	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Lawrence	Perry	Taranaki	Academy
Lay	James	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lay	Jordan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lea'aemanu	Tupou	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Leach	Stuart	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Leaf	Jacob	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Lean	Alex	Buller	Heartland Championship
Leath	Shaun	Waikato	Academy
Leatigaga	Kalavini	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Le'aupepe	Kane	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Leavasa	Steven	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Leaver	Mason	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Lee	Kieran	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Leger	Orbyn	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Leilua	Pisi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Leituala	Giovanni	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Lemalu	Faatiga	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Lennox	Adam	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Lentjes	James	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Leo	Moses	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Leopold	Ryan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Leota	Hanz	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Letoga	Matthew	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Leuila	D'Angelo	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Levi	Rome	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Levien	Harrison	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lewaivi	Mesa	Counties Manukau	Academy
Lewaqai	Isei	Buller	Heartland Championship
Lewis	Oliver	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Lewis	Saul	Tasman	Academy
Li	Luatangi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Lienert-Brown	Daniel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Lienert-Brown	Anton	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Lindenmuth	Ezekiel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

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Lio-Willie	Christian	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Little	James	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Lloyd	Gordie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Lochore	Frank	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Logan	Wakefield	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Logavatu	Epineri	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Lokeni	Sionekau	Waikato	Academy
Lolohea	Tafui	North Harbour	Academy
Lomax	Tyrel	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Long	Jason	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Lopas	Ben	Canterbury	Academy
Lord	Josh	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Love	Ruben	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Love	Logan	Wellington	Academy
Lowe	Jonah	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Lowe	Jacob	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Luatua	Vesi	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Lund	Mason	Tasman	Academy
Ma'afu Afungia	Tupou	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Macdonald	Quentin	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Macilai	Jone	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mackenzie	Will	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Mackie	Karl	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
MacRae	Jesse	West Coast	Heartland Championship
MacRae	Andrew	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Mafileo	Tevita	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Mafileo	Sione	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mafile'o	Darius	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Magalogo	Abel	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Maile	Suia	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Maka	Sofai	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Maka	Donald	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Makalio	Andrew	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Makene	Caleb	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Makiri	Blake	Canterbury	Academy
Malaulau	Isaiah	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Malimali	Peniasi	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Malimole	Josevata	King Country	Heartland Championship
Malo	Ezra	Whanganui	Heartland Championship

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Malolua	Clinton	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Malu	Chance	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Manaena	Niko	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manase	Thor	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Manawatu	Thor	Buller	Heartland Championship
Manning	JJ	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Manson	Michael	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Manu	Tumua	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manu	Tavake (Nasi)	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Manu	Isileli	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Manuel	Perrin	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Mapusua	Jeremiah	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Maraku	Josiah	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Marshall	Rhys	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Marshall	Tom	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Matiaha	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Elijah	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Martin	Craven	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Thomas	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Martin	Zamian	North Harbour	Academy
Masiwini	Isireli	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Masoe	Lemi	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Mason	Te Atawhai	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Mataele	Manasa	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mataiciwa	Jona	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Matakaiongo	Peala	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Matalaweru	Joeli	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Matautia	Junior	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Matenga	Samuel	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Mato	Moana	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Matthews	Jake	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Mau	Saula	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Mau	Laulea	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Maui	Mataroa	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Maupese	Leopino	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Mau'u	Jonah	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mayhew	Nicholas	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
McAlister	Brodie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
McArthur	Ashton	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship

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McBride	Cole	Buller	Heartland Championship
Mccahon	Matt	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McCahon	Sam	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McCarthy	Stormy	King Country	Heartland Championship
McCloy	Nathan	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
McClure	Sean	West Coast	Heartland Championship
McClutchie	Lincoln	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
McCormack	Liam	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
McCurran	Patrick	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
McDell	Samuel	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Mcdowall	Slade	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
McElroy	Teague	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
McErlean	David	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
McFarlane	Jordan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
McGahan	Tamarau	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcivor	Troy	Hawkes Bay	Academy
McKay	Joshua	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mckee	Michael	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mckenzie	Jock	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mckenzie	Marty	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
McKenzie	Damian	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
McKinley	Scott	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
McLean	Andrew	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
McLelland	Aaron	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
McLeod	Dallas	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
McLeod	Connor	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcmillian	Ben	North Harbour	Academy
McNair	Lockie	Canterbury	Academy
McNamara	Samuel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcnaughten	Brad	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Mcnaughten	Kirtis	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McQueen	Trinity	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McRobbie	Alexander	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
McVerry	Connor	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
McWhannell	Laghan	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Mead	Corey	North Harbour	Academy
Mead	Ryan	North Harbour	Academy
Medlicott	Miles	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Meihana	Tipene	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship

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Melvin	Jed	North Harbour	Academy
Messam	Liam	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Methven	George	Canterbury	Academy
Mhembere	Shepherd	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Michaels	Hayden	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mikaele-Tu'u	Marino	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Mikaele-Tu'u	Antonio	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Miles	Henry	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Milham	Jacob	North Harbour	Academy
Millar	Cameron	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Miln	Coby	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Milner-Skudder	Nehe	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Milnes	Anton	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Milo-Harris	Lisati	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Misa	Cassius	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Misa	Steven	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Misiloi	Sione	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Mitchell	Liam	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Moana	Hamuera	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Moananu	Ioane	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Mocevakaca	Leweni	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Moffett	Benjamin	King Country	Heartland Championship
Mohuanga	Manase	Waikato	Academy
Moli	Atunaisa	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Samiuela	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Sekope	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Moli	Lavengamonu (Monu)	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Molia	Havila	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Momoedonu	Raikabula	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Moniati	Sefo	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Moodie	James	Southland	Academy
Moodie	Michael	Southland	Academy
Moody	Joe	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Moorby	Joshua	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Morgan	Aidan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Morgan-Parata	Campbell	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Morison	Sam	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Morris	Benjamin	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Morris	Adam	King Country	Heartland Championship

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Morris-Lome	Aleki	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Morrison	Hunter	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Motuga	Alamanda	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Mo'unga	Richie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Mua	Jeriah	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Muir	Cody	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Muir	Nick	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Muli	Kakau	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Murray	Heremaia	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Murray	Blair	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Murrell	Josh	Southland	Academy
Myers	Jason	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Naholo	Waisake	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Naholo	Kiniviliame	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Namoa	Lemeki	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Nanai-Seturo	Etene	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nankivell	Alex	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Nankivell	Hugo	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Napa'a	Viliami	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Narawa	Emoni	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Nareki	Jona	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Nasiga	Lote	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Neels	Leroy	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Nel	Dylan	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Newbold	Will	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Newell	Fletcher	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ngakuru	Mahonri	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Ngatai	Quintony	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ngatai-Tafau	leo	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Nginingini	Siaosi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Nicholas	Tama	Tasman	Academy
Nichols	Quinton	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nicole	Amanaki	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Niuia	Raymond	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Noanoa	Toru	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Nock	Samuel	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nonu	Alfred	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Nordstrom	Cody	Waikato	Academy
Norris	Jacob	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract

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Norris	Oliver	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Northcott-Hill	Brayton	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Norton-Taylor	Andrew	Buller	Heartland Championship
Numia	Xavier	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Nu'u	Raymond	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Malley	Timothy	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Connor	Kane	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Connor	Brendon	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Donnell	Conan	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Ofa	Tevita	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Olsen	Jordan	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Olsen	Rocky	Taranaki	Academy
O'Neill	Reuben	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
O'Regan	Michael	Buller	Heartland Championship
O'Reilly	James	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Osika Kaufononga	Anisoni	Southland	Academy
Otunuku	Israel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Paea	Manu	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Paea	Semisi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Paea	Fetuli	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Page	Jared	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Paia'aua	Willie	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Paki	Connor	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Pakoti	James	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Palesoo	Tuuaga	Auckland	Academy
Palmer	Curtis	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Papalii	Dalton	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Parata	Kahutia	Buller	Heartland Championship
Parete	Jesse	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Parker	Simon	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Parker	Jack	Canterbury	Academy
Parkes	Sam	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Parkinson	Paripari	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Parsons	Tom	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Parsons	James	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Pascoe	Jesse	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Patafilo	Pepesana	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Paterson	Alex	Buller	Heartland Championship
Paton	Ben	North Otago	Heartland Championship

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Paul	Reon	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Payne	Jacob	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Peita	Terrell	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Pepe	Jermaine	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Perenara	Thomas	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Perofeta	Stephen	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Perry	Matt	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Peters	Nathaniel	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Petersen	Dion	King Country	Heartland Championship
Phipps	Josh	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Pickering	Daryl	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Pierce	Jacob	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Pitman-Joass	Jesse	Buller	Heartland Championship
Pleasants-Tate	Gregory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Plummer	Harry	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Plummer	Hugo	Wellington	Academy
Plumtree	Taine	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Poihipi	Rameka	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Pokai	Josiah	Taranaki	Academy
Pole	Abraham	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Pole	Tevita	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Poliko	Arese	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Poloniati	Veikoso	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Pongi	Terry	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Pool	Brad	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Porter	Javarne	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Potae	Teina	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Potroz	Jayson	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Praat	Robin	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Pratt	Ben	Buller	Heartland Championship
Press	Harrison	Otago	Academy
Prinsep	Reed	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Proctor	Billy	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Proffit	Jared	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Proffit	Trent	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Pryor	Kara	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Punivai	Isaiah	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Punivai	Ngatungane	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Puturangi-Morgan	Dan	North Harbour	Academy

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Qoro	Albert	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rainsford	Jackson	North Harbour	Academy
Rakete-Stones	Pouri	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Raleigh	Matthew	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Ranger	Rene	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rangi	Diego	King Country	Heartland Championship
Raoren	Tiaontin	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Rarasea	Viliame	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Rasmussen	Kelly	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Ratave	Onisi	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ratima	Cortez-Lee	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Ratumaitavuki-Kneepkens	Isaac	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Ratumaitavuki-kneepkens	Jacob	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Rauca	Joeli	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Ravuvu	Asesela	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Rayasi	Salesi	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rayasi	Fritz	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Reece	Sevuloni	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Reedy	Morgan	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Reeves	Ethine	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Refiti	Deniro	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Reid	Josh	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Reihana	Rivez	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Relph	Tyler	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Renata	Marcel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Renton	Josh	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Renton	Hugh	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Retallick	Brodie	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Reuben	Te Rama	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Reweti	Levi	Waikato	Academy
Riccitelli	John	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Rice	Jackson	North Harbour	Academy
Richard	Waitoa	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Richards-Coxhead	Hakaraia	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Richardson	Jack	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Riedlinger-Kapa	Waimana	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rinakama	Ropate	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Robb	Campbell	Waikato	Academy

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Robertson	Jason	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Robertson	Jack	North Harbour	Academy
Robertson-Weepu	Joshua	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Roberts-Te-Nana	Renata	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robins	Joe	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robinson	Tom	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Robinson	Taine	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Robinson	Ethan	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Robinson	Cade	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Robinson-Bartlett	Dennon	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Roddick	Amos	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Roe	Xavier	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Rogers	Louis	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Roigard	Cameron	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Rokosuka	Moape	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Rokotakala	Josefa	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Romano	Luke	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Rona	Daniel	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Roots	James	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Ropeti	Dominic	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Ross	Aidan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Ross	Tom	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ross	Daniel	King Country	Heartland Championship
Rova	Jone	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Rowland	Cameron	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Royal	Joseph	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Royal	Mark	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Ruru	Jonathan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rush	Brady	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Rush	Robert	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Russ	Jake	Otago	Academy
Russell	Tayne	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Russell	Cam	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Ruzich	Ben	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Ruzich	Karl	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Sa	Fiti	Canterbury	Academy
Sae-Ta'ufo'ou	Feleti	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Sail	Tim	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Saili	Aleki	Southland	Academy

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Sakapo	Aisea	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Sakaria	Vincent	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Salanoa	Aukusitino	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Salmon	Isaac	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Samasoni	Hemaau	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Samate	Obey	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Samita	Tainela	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Samuela	Rylee	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Samuels	Tokohau	Buller	Heartland Championship
Sanders	Tom	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Sanerivi	Millennium	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Sangster	Justin	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Sapsford	Ollie	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Sargent	Cory	King Country	Heartland Championship
Sargent	Trent	King Country	Heartland Championship
Satherley	Reeve	King Country	Heartland Championship
Saukuru	Semesa	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Saumaki	Isileli	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Saunders	Zac	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Savea	Ardie	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Savea	Julian	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Savelio	Salesi	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Saviati	Amanaki	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Scott	Joseph	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Scott-Young	Angus	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Scrafton	Scott	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Seed	Ethan	Taranaki	Academy
Segner	Anton	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Selby-Rickit	Manaaki	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Seruwalu	Timoci	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Setu	Josh	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Sexton	Jack	Canterbury	Academy
Seymour	Ethan	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Shalfoon	Antonio	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Shanks	Zach	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sharp	Robert	King Country	Heartland Championship
Shaw-Tate	Sage	Auckland	Academy
Shelford	Ryan	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Siaosi	Sam	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship

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Sifa	Rudi	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Silipa	Solofa	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Simote	Liueli	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Sinkinson	Daniel	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sititi	Wallace	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Skipwith-Garland	Mathew	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Skudder	Shayde	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Slade	Samuel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Slater	Bradley	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Slater	Rowan	Taranaki	Academy
Smiler-Ah-Kiong	Latrell	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Aaron	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Fletcher	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Angelo	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Sam	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Smith	Daniel	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Smith	Nathaniel	King Country	Heartland Championship
Smith	Kelvin	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Snooks	Manny	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sofai	Paovale	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Solo	Roderick	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
So'oalo	Ropati	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Soper	Steven	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Sotutu	Hoskins	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Souchon	Nic	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Southall	Joshua	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Sowakula	Pita	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Spowart	Jamie	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Springer	Macca	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Stachan	Nick	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Stanton	Regan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Stenhouse	Christian	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Stephens	Ben	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Stephens	Ben	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Stephens	Zac	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Stevenson	Shaun	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Stewart	Sam	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Stewart	Jordan	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Stewart	Kyle	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract

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Stewart	Ezekiel	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Stewart	Jonty	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Stewart	Tawhao	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Stewart	Seth	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Stewart	Samuel	King Country	Heartland Championship
Stodart	Shaun	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Stok	Jayden	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Stowers	Henry	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Stowers-Smith	Kynan	Canterbury	Academy
Strang	Ben	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Strange	Quinten	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Struthers	Todd	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Sturgess	Sam	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Suafoa	Cameron	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Sullivan	Zarn	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Sullivan	Bailyn	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Sykes Martin	Kershawl	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Syminton	Gene	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Taavao-Matau	Angus	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Taefu	Henry	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Taelega	Vaka	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tahuriorangi	Te Toiroa	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Taiti	Manulua	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Takana	Amenatave	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Takapu	Aisea	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Takiari-Ah Ching	Lafo	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Talataina	William	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Talitui Havili	Sione	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Tamanikaiyaroi	Rupeni	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tamanui-Nepia	Tanira	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Tameilau	Fiula	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Tangaere	Jorian	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Tangitau	Caleb	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tanimo	Sekuini	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tapili	Alefosio	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tapusoa	Dennis	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Taramai	Murphy	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tarbotton	Brad	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tatafu	Ray	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract

Surname	First Name	Provincial Union	Status
Tatu-Robertsson	Jack	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Tauailoto	Faleseu	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tauatevalu	Ofa	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tauatevalu	Andrew	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Taufa	Manase	Tasman	Academy
Taufa	Toni	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Taukeiaho	Samisoni	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Taulani	Viliami	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Taumata	Keanu	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Taumateine	Jonathan	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tauwhare	Troy	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Tauwhare	Brad	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Tavatavanawai	Timoci	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Tawake	Samuela	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Taylor	Codie	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Taylor	Corey	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Taylor	Hugh	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Taylor	Rory	North Harbour	Academy
Taylor	Harry	Otago	Academy
Te Aute	Tamaikoha	Bay of Plenty	Academy
Te Hiwi	Jakob	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Hiwi	Isaak	Otago	Academy
Te Kani	Jesse	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Kani	Gabe	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Te Moana	Hoani	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Te Puni	Te Ariki	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Rakau	Peter	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Te Tai	Kyle	Buller	Heartland Championship
Te Tamaki	Isaac	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Te Whare	Valynce	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tekii	Terongo	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Telea	Mark	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Tele'a	Tanielu	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Terekia	Rikki	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Teu	Sione	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tevi	Matu	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
TeWhata-Colley	Coree	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Thacker	Patrick	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Thomas	Flynn	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract

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Thompson	James	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Thompson	Tyrone	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Thompson-Dunn	Jordan	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Thomsen-Tupea	Larenz	Counties Manukau	Academy
Thornalley	Tom	Tasman	Academy
Thwaites	Jeff	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tiatia	Chase	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tikoivotuma	Aseli	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tikoisolomone	Vereniki	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Tisdall	Hayden	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Toai-key	Tui	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Toaisi	Junior	Counties Manukau	Academy
Toala	Danny	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Todd	Hayden	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Tofa	James	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tofa	Viki	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Toga	Amini	Canterbury	Academy
Togia	Corey	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Togiatama	Zuriel	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tolai	Luteru	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Toleafoa	Senio	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Toma	Te Aihe	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tomkinson	Patelesio	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Tomlinson	Joshua	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Tongatea	Rodney	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tongia	Ryan	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tora	Iliesa	Buller	Heartland Championship
Torrance	Micaiah	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tosi	Viliani	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tou	Benjamin	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Toumohuni	Loni	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Tovo	Lennix	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Trainor	Jordan	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Trangmar	Sam	King Country	Heartland Championship
Trask	Kaleb	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Tremain	William	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tu'ipulotu	Sione	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tua	Tamati	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuapati	Talemaitoga	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract

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Tucker	William	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Tucker	James	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tufui	Viliani	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuhaka	Jody	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Tuhakaraina	Tana	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuifua	Lisivani	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Tuiloma	Kalolo	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuimauga	Tietie	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuineau	George	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuinukuafe	George	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuipulotu	Hamdahn	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuipulotu	Patrick	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuipulotu	Tito	Auckland	Academy
Tuipulotu	Alipate	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Tuitavake	Nafi	North Harbour	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuitavuki	Anzelo	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuivaiti	Jay	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tuivasa-Sheck	Roger	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tukuafu	Solomone	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupaea	Quinn	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupaea	Mason	Waikato	Academy
Tupaea-Thomsen	Larenz	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupai-ui	Jordon	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Tupou	Liston	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupou	Quinnlan	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Tupou	Liston	Auckland	Academy
Tuputupu	Raymond	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Turner	Stephan	King Country	Heartland Championship
Tusitala	Danny	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Tutauha	Roman	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Tu'ungafasi	Ofa	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tu'ungafasi	Seleti	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Tu'ungafasi	Isi	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Udy-Johns	Liam	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Ulavale	Usolii Samuel	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Uluilakepa	Kaliopasi	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Uluinakauvadra	Saimoni	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Umaga-Jensen	Thomas	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Umaga-Jensen	Peter	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract

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Va'a	Sase	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Va'afusuaga	Jesse	Otago	Academy
Vaa'i	Tupou	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Vahaakolo	Freedom	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Vai	Kitiona	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaipulu	Tuukalicali	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Vaka	Apetone	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Vakapuna Etoni	Sione	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Vakarorogo	Alekesio	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Vakatini	Leandro	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Van Bussel	Jack	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Van den Hoven	Stan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Van Der Mei	Tseard Theo	North Harbour	Academy
Van Der Valk	Sam	Thames Valley	Heartland Championship
Van Vliet	Johan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Van Vliet	Jasyn	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Van vugt	Rory	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Van Zyl	Etienne	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Varu	Lenny	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Vasurakuta	Raitube	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Vea	Julian	North Harbour	Academy
Vella	Nathan	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Veveni Lasaga	Ratu	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Vikena	Soane	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Visinia	Lolagi	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Visinia	Sebastian	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Vocea	Matthew	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Vodosese	Semi	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Vosaki	Sisa	King Country	Heartland Championship
Waa	Namatahi	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Waaka	Beaudein	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Waddy	George	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Waenga	Tutere	Ngati Porou East Coast	Heartland Championship
Waite	Daniel	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Waite	shaan	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Walden	Teihorangi	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Walker	Jayden	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Walker-leawere	Isaia	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Walsh	Joseph	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract

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Walsh	Zach	Buller	Heartland Championship
Walters-Hansen	Sage	Northland	Academy
Wano	Liam	King Country	Heartland Championship
Waqqa	Aseri	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Ward	Jacob	Hawkes Bay	Academy
Ware	Regan	Tasman	PU or PU Development Contract
Watson	Luke	Buller	Heartland Championship
Watson	Keightley	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Webber	Joseph	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Weber	Brad	Hawkes Bay	PU or PU Development Contract
Webster-Nonu	Ethan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Weir	Sean	Waikato	Academy
Welch	Brad	Buller	Heartland Championship
Welsh	Blake	North Otago	Heartland Championship
Whaanga	Matt	Southland	PU or PU Development Contract
Whakatope	George	Poverty Bay	Heartland Championship
Whale	Dane	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Whale	Ben	Whanganui	Heartland Championship
Whitelock	Samuel	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Whitman	Keelan	Wellington	PU or PU Development Contract
Wiggans	Jackson	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wild	Drew	Manawatu	PU or PU Development Contract
Williams	Tamaiti	Canterbury	PU or PU Development Contract
Williams	Reginald	Counties Manukau	PU or PU Development Contract
Williams	Darnell	King Country	Heartland Championship
Williams	George	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Williamson	Adam	Mid Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Wilson	Henry	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship
Wingham	Rohan	Otago	Academy
Winter	Logan	West Coast	Heartland Championship
Winterburn	Joel	Horowhenua-Kapiti	Heartland Championship
Withy	Sean	Otago	PU or PU Development Contract
Woolliams	Mickey	Taranaki	PU or PU Development Contract
Wrampling	Gideon	Waikato	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	Fletcher	Bay of Plenty	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	Ross	Northland	PU or PU Development Contract
Wright	Owen	Wellington	Academy
Wright	William	South Canterbury	Heartland Championship
Wright	Stan	Wairarapa Bush	Heartland Championship

Surname	First Name	Provincial Union	Status
Wye	Samuel	Auckland	PU or PU Development Contract
Yates	Flyn	Manawatu	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 2022);

“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.

Part 2 • Player Movement

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):

Max Development Compensation

- | | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------|
| 1. Heartland Championship PU Representative | \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. New Zealand Under 20 Representative | \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative | \$10,000 | <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 16-20 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 if:

- (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; and
- (c) if (a) and (b) occur, the points for the match will be shared on the basis of two points to each team.

- 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**").
6. The 14 teams are divided into two conferences of seven teams (referred to as the "**Odds Conference**" and "**Evens Conference**").
7. The position in which the team finished in the previous year's Premier Competition will determine which conference they will be in for the following year pursuant to clause 6 of this Appendix.
8. Teams finishing 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 will form the Odds Conference.
9. Teams finishing 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 will form the Evens Conference.

SEEDING

10. 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 finals ranking.

If no semi-finals were played in the immediately preceding year, then of the remaining Premier Competition Unions, the Union that

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finished with the highest aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin.

4th seed The losing semi-finalist in the Premier Competition in the immediately preceding year which, in that year, had the lower finals ranking.

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 finals ranking 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 finals ranking (for those team who qualify for the Finals Round) or the same aggregate number of competition points in the Round Robin(for those teams finishing 9-14), that tie will be broken in accordance with clause 15 of this Appendix.

ROUND ROBIN

11. Each team will play every other team in its conference once and 4 **crossover matches** (in which a team from the Odds Conference plays a team from the Evens Conference).
12. 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.
13. The way in which the crossover matches will be determined is as follows:
 - a. For the other four crossover matches, there will be a selection process in which there will be four rounds of picks that take place as follows:
 - i. In the first round of picks, matches are selected by Odds Conference teams in reverse order of seeding (i.e. the lowest seeded Odds Conference team has first pick, the second lowest seeded Odds Conference team has second pick, and so on) these matches will be played as home matches for the Odds Conference teams.

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- ii. In the second round of picks, matches are selected by Evens Conference teams in reverse order of seeding (i.e. the lowest seeded Evens Conference team has first pick, the second lowest seeded Evens Conference team has second pick, and so on). These matches will be played as home matches for the Evens Conference teams;
 - iii. In the third round of picks, matches are selected by Odds Conference teams in order of seeding (i.e. the highest seeded Odds Conference team has first pick, the second highest seeded Odds Conference team has second pick, and so on). These matches will be played as home matches for the Evens Conference teams;
 - iv. In the fourth round of picks, matches are selected by Evens Conference teams in order of seeding (i.e. the highest seeded Evens Conference team has first pick, the second highest seeded Evens Conference team has second pick, and so on). These matches will be played as home matches for the Odds Conference teams;
- 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
 - 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

14. All matches in the Round Robin carry full competition points.

TIES DURING OR AT CONCLUSION OF ROUND ROBIN

15. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of competition points (or finals ranking) 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).

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- 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

- 16. The four Premier Competition Unions in the Odds Conference and the four Premier Competition Unions in the Evens Conference 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 in the same conference have the same number of competition points, that tie will be broken in accordance with clause 15 of this Appendix. The remaining 6 Provincial Unions will take no further part in the Premier Competition.
- 17. The four Premier Competition Unions in the Odds Conference and the four Premier Competition Unions in the Evens Conference with the highest number of competition points at the completion of the Round Robin will be allocated a Finals Ranking from 1 to 4 in their respective conference, as follows:

Finals Rankings

- 1. The Premier Competition Union with the highest number of competition points in the Odds Conference at the completion of the Round Robin and the Premier Competition Union with the highest number of competition points in the Evens Conference at the completion of the Round Robin; and
- 2-4 The Premier Competition Unions with the next-highest number of competition points in the Odds Conference at the completion of the Round

Robin in descending order from 2 to 4 and the Premier Competition Unions with the next-highest number of competition points in the Evens Conference at the completion of the Round Robin in descending order from 2 to 4.

FINALS ROUND

18. Based on the Finals Rankings for the Premier Competition, each Finals Round will be played as follows:

Quarter-finals:

QF 1 Odds 1 plays Odds 4;

QF 2 Odds 2 plays Odds 3;

QF 3 Evens 1 plays Evens 4; and

QF 4 Evens 2 plays Evens 3.

Semi-finals:

SF 1 Winner of QF 1 plays winner of QF 4 (match to be played at the home venue of the Premier Competition Union with the higher finals ranking); and

SF 2 Winner of QF 2 plays winner of QF 3 (match to be played at the home venue of the Premier Competition Union with the higher finals ranking).

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

VENUES FOR FINALS ROUND

21. 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.

In the event that the final is played between two Premier Competition Unions with the same finals ranking (i.e. Odds 1 v Evens 1), the match shall be played at the home venue of the Premier Competition Union with the higher ranking decided in accordance with clause 15 of this Appendix.

TIES IN FINALS ROUND

22. 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:

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- 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

23. The Visiting Union for a Finals Round match 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.
24. 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:

APPENDIX 2

- 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 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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20 June	Player of Origin Agreement – Final day for a Player of Origin Agreement Form to be filed with the NZRU
1 July	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
16 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
10/11 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.

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:

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- (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 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:

- 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 the Friday 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the current Women's Competition; and

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- 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.

EXPENSES

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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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.

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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.