

# Regulations Governing Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Competitions

## Matches

1. All matches played in the Christchurch Metropolitan area shall be under the control of the Metropolitan Rugby Association ( herein after referred to as the Metro Committee) who shall appoint a Competitions Sub-Committee for the carrying out of these regulations.
2. The number of members on this committee shall be determined from year to year by the Metro Committee who shall appoint members to the committee immediately following its Annual General Meeting. In addition to those appointees made by the Metro Committee there shall be two members of the Canterbury Rugby Referees' Association and one member of the Metro Junior Management Board appointed to the Competitions Committee by their respective committees and all members shall each have one vote on that Committee.
3. All entries into grade competitions, which shall be in writing, shall be subject to the approval of the Competitions Committee and it shall have the right to limit the numbers of teams in any grade.
4. The Competitions Committee shall decide the dates and grounds on which various matches shall be played and will make its best endeavours to ensure that each team shall play an equal number of home and away games.
5. Clubs playing on designated home grounds shall mark the same distinctly and place flags at the dead ball, goal-line corners, twenty-two metre and half way lines. For Divisions One, Two and Colts Premier any ground played on shall be roped to standards set by the Competitions Committee.
6. All playing grounds shall be approved by the Competitions Committee provided however the match referee shall be the sole judge of the fitness or otherwise of a ground to be played upon, in the event of inclement weather or changing ground conditions. A game scheduled on a ground deemed unfit by the referee may be moved to any unoccupied ground that is conveniently situated.
7. The Competitions Committee reserves the right to postpone or cancel or transfer from one ground to another any match when the Committee deems necessary. Every endeavour will be made to notify the Club Captain or other club official via the media and CRFU web site should such circumstances arise.
8. If, for any reason, a scheduled match does not commence within 15 minutes of the appointed time, the team unable or unwilling to proceed shall be defaulted and maximum points awarded to the non defaulting team unless the Competitions Committee determines otherwise.
9. Any club unable to keep its engagement in any match must give notice to that effect to the Community Rugby Administrator, CRFU, by 10am on the day before the scheduled match. Any club / team failing to notify a default shall be dealt with as the Competitions Committee sees fit.

10. If for any reason an appointed referee does not arrive to referee the game both teams shall mutually agree on a suitable person or persons to referee the game and the game shall proceed and count for competition points as if it had been refereed by the appointed referee. If a referee, other than the appointed referee, or a "registered associate referee" is not available the match must be played with non contested scrums. That is the only variation to the New Zealand Safety Law Variations. If there is no mutual agreement on the appointment of a referee the game will be cancelled and no points awarded for it.
11. As far as is possible each team shall meet every other team in the same grade at least once during the season.
12. Any team wishing to protest a result of a game must do so in writing setting out the day and date of the match and the grounds for the protest accompanied by a deposit of \$200 to the Competitions Committee (c/- CRFU offices) no later than 48 hours after the conclusion of the match. The match committee shall meet as soon as practicable following the receipt of a protest to review and decide on the protest and may make such determination as it in its sole discretion thinks fit. In the event of any protest being dismissed as frivolous or vexatious the deposit may be forfeited however in such other circumstances the deposit shall be returned.
13. Any decision of the Competitions Committee pursuant to clause 12 above may be appealed to the Metro Committee and thereafter to the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Board. The form of appeal and rules associated with the conduct of the Appeal shall be those prescribed for Appeals as contained in the NZRFU and CRFU rules.
14. The winner of any competition shall be declared after the awarding of points on an accumulative basis throughout the particular competition. The awarding of competition points for each game shall be: win 4 points, scoring of 4 or more tries 1 point, draw (tie) 2 points, loss of 7 points or less 1 point.

## **Permits**

1. The permission and classification of players to play in the Canterbury Metropolitan competitions shall be under the control of the Match Committee
2. To be eligible to play in the Canterbury Metropolitan competitions a player must be registered for a Canterbury Metropolitan Club and registered on the NZRU player database.
3. Each competing Club shall furnish to the Canterbury Rugby Football Union a list of players (team by team using the N Z R F U Competitions Registration Forms) containing the club and grade at which each player last played, such list (with the exception of Division One and Division Two as per clause 1 of "Transfer Of Players Between Clubs" below) to be furnished no later than 5.00pm on the day prior to the first game in which the team competes.

Team lists may be supplemented with additional eligible players provided the details are received by the Match Committee by 5.00pm on the day prior to the additional player(s) first match.

4. Any club desirous of playing in any of its teams a person who is or has been a member of another club shall produce from such other club a statement of non-

objection (clearance) to such person playing. The Metro Committee will provide the appropriate form for this purpose. Any club unable to obtain such clearance statement that shall prevent the player from playing shall have the right of appeal to the Canterbury Metro Board and thereafter to the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Board, whose decision shall be final. The player shall not play until granted permission.

5. No player shall be eligible to play for two (or more) clubs in any one season, unless such transfer is approved by the Match Committee following a written application being made to the Match Committee containing the full grounds for such application together with a statement of non-objection from the club the player is desirous of leaving. There shall be a right of appeal to the Canterbury Metro Board and thereafter to the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Board, whose decision shall be final. The player shall not play until granted permission.
6. No player shall be eligible to play for any club unless the player shall have been a member of a club and resident within the Canterbury Metropolitan district for at least fourteen days immediately prior to the match in which he / she played, provided that any player returning from overseas whose residence was within the Canterbury Metropolitan district prior to departure, may play immediately upon his / her return subject to being properly registered and having the appropriate clearance.
7. No club shall be permitted to play any person who is disqualified or suspended under the Laws of the Game or the Rules of the New Zealand or Canterbury Rugby Football Unions.
8. No club shall be permitted to neither register nor play any person suspended from any other recognised sporting code while under disqualification or suspension from that sporting code's authorised body. There shall be a right of appeal to the Canterbury Metro Board and thereafter to the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Board, whose decision shall be final. The player shall not play until granted permission
9. Any club that plays a player who is ineligible under the foregoing regulations 1 to 8 may at the discretion of the Match Committee forfeit competition points for the match in which the player has played and may forfeit the result of the match to the opposition team at the discretion of the Match Committees. There shall be a right of appeal to the Canterbury Metro Board and thereafter to the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Board, whose decision shall be final. The player shall not play until granted permission

## **Classification**

1. The Match Committee shall have the power to reclassify any player at its discretion or at the request of a player or his / her club. Reclassify shall mean permitting a player to play in another team within the players existing club
2. No player shall be reclassified after 1<sup>st</sup> July except in exceptional circumstances or the player is subject to clauses 4 and 5 below.
3. Any registered player who has been injured or out of competition play for a period of four or more weeks may resume competition play for not more than two games in a grade which is one below the grade for which he / she was first registered. For this rule an international or representative player shall be deemed to have been registered for a club's top team.

4. In the Division One and Division Two competitions a club may interchange any player between its Division One and its Division Two team at any time during the competition, provided that a Division One player must have been a starting player in a minimum of 6 games in Division Two to participate in the Division Two semi final's or final match.
5. The same condition applies for those clubs whose top team is graded in Division Two and their second team in Division Three. That is to participate in the division three semi finals and final the player must have started in six games in that season
6. For the Colts Premier (Under 21) and Colts Under 20 grades a player may be regraded permanently from a higher classified team (e.g. Division One, Division Two) provided that player qualifies by age and application is made prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July.
  - 6.1 To be eligible to play in Colts Premier (Under 21) or Colts Under 20 grades semi finals or final a player from a higher Grade (e.g. Division One or Division Two) who has not been permanently regraded by 1<sup>st</sup> July must have been a starting player in 6 games in the Colts Premier or Colts Under 20 grade, whichever the case may be, prior to the semi final.
  - 6.2 A Colts Premier (Under 21 years) and Colts Under 20 years, on 1<sup>st</sup> January, may be temporarily regraded from a higher grade from that in which he was originally registered (e.g. Division One or Division Two) provided that application for such regrading is applied for (to the Match Committee, c/- CRFU Affiliate Services Administrator ) not later than 72 hours (i.e. the Wednesday before a Saturday match) prior to the game in which it is proposed that the player will play in the Colts Premier or Colts Under 20 Grade. The player shall not play until written advice of the approval is notified to the club (usually Club Captain or Rugby Manager). Any temporary regrading will be for a specified period only. The maximum number of players permitted to be regraded to any one team at any one time shall be two.
  - 6.3 Should a club have two teams in anyone grade then any player movement shall be treated in the same manner as if the player was wishing to play in different grades

## **Dispensations**

1. The Match Committee will consider applications for dispensation ( for player to play in grades for which they are not eligible) in the Open Under age grades, i.e. Colts Premier (Under 21) and Colts Under 20, but only in exceptional circumstances.
2. Application must be made on the appropriate form available from the Metro Committee.
3. There shall be a right of appeal to the Canterbury Metro Board and thereafter to the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Board, whose decision shall be final. The player shall not play until granted permission

## **Transfer Of Players Between Clubs**

1. Free movement of players is permitted between clubs subject to the following:
  - 1.1 Division One players transferring into any other club's Division One team are limited to three in any one season.
  - 1.2 Any transferring Division One players in excess of the three permitted to play in Division One providing they play in a Division two or lower team.
2. Division One players are deemed to be players who have been starting players in the Metropolitan Division One for six or more games in the season immediately preceding the season the transfer is sought. For avoidance of doubt starting player means a player who has taken the field during a match whether as a "run on" player or a substitute.
3. Players registered with a Metro club in the immediate previous season and representing a Provincial Union in the Air New Zealand Cup or a Heartland Championship team shall be classified as Division One players.
4. Players from outside Canterbury Metropolitan clubs are not subject to clause 3, (therefore there is no limit to the number of players who can be recruited from outside Metro).
5. Metro players in a club that has no Division One team will be treated as Division One players as per clauses 1.1 and 3.
6. Players who played for a Division One team the previous season that was subsequently relegated will be deemed to be Division One players at the start of the new season.
7. Players from amalgamated clubs will be deemed to be players at the level they were playing prior to amalgamation and will be treated as members of the amalgamated club.
8. A club will forfeit competition points for the game where either of the following occurs:
  - 8.1 The three transferred in players have not been registered with the Canterbury Metropolitan Rugby Clubs' Association at the CRFU office; and
  - 8.2 A transferred Division One player, other than those registered, plays in a Division One game.

## **Judicial**

1. The Metro Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee who shall conduct all judicial matters in accordance with the N Z R F U publication "Rules For Disciplinary Hearings."
2. As a general rule disciplinary hearings for players ordered from the field on a Saturday will be from 6.00 pm on the following Tuesday night at the C R F U offices.

## **Laws Of The Game**

1. Matches played in Division One ,Division Two and Division Three are played under IRFB International Law with applicable NZRU variations.
2. All other Grades, i.e. below Senior Division 3 and including Women's rugby, are played under NZRU Domestic Safety Law Variations.



# CANTERBURY METROPOLITAN RUGBY

## APPLICATION FOR CLEARANCE TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER CLUB

### Section One

*(To be completed by Club **TO** which player wishes to transfer)*

..... has expressed a desire to join the ..... RFC  
*(Name of player)*

and therefore seeks clearance from his / her former club to his / her transfer.

He / she has informed our club that he / she last played in the 20 .... season in your club's ..... division / grade team.

..... Secretary / Club Captain

..... R F C

..... / ..... / .....Date

### Section Two

*(To be completed by Club **FROM** which player wishes to transfer)*

..... is in good personal and financial standing with and has fulfilled his / her obligations to the ..... R F C.

He / she is therefore cleared to transfer to the club of his / her choice.

..... Secretary / Club Captain

..... R F C

..... / ..... / ..... Date



# CANTERBURY METROPOLITAN RUGBY

## AGE DISPENSATION APPLICATION

<b>Club:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Player's Name:</b>			
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Grade Applied For:</b>	
<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT CLUB</b>			
<b>What is the next grade available for this player?</b>			
<b>What is the player's playing experience?</b>		<b>Years</b>	
<b>Has the player played representative rugby?</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>What is the physical stature of the player?</b>		<b>Weight: kg</b>	<b>Height: cm</b>
<b>What is the skill level of the player (in the team)</b>		<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b> / <b>Below average</b>
<b>Will the player impact matches to an extent that is likely to influence results?</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If yes, in what way?</b>			
<b>Any further comments:</b>			
<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY MATCH COMMITTEE</b>			
Player sighted at		Park on / /	
<b>This application is</b>		<b>Approved</b>	<b>Not Approved</b>
<b>Signature:</b>			<b>Date:</b>



# CANTERBURY METROPOLITAN RUGBY

## APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY REGRADING

<b>Club:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Player's Name:</b>			
<b>Date of Birth:</b>		<b>Grade Applied For:</b>	
<i>TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT CLUB</i>			
<b>What is grade in which this player is registered?</b>			
<b>What is / are the dates for which temporary regrading is sought?</b>			
<b>Has the player played representative rugby?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>What is the reason for this application?</b>			
<b>Any further comments:</b>			
<i>TO BE COMPLETED BY MATCH COMMITTEE</i>			
<b>This application is approved / not approved.</b>			
<b>Approval has been granted for the period from ..... / ..... / .... to ..... / ..... / ....</b>			
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date: ..... / ..... / ....</b>	
<i>Chairman Match Committee</i>			