



## SCHOOL PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN CLUB RUGBY POLICY

It is the MRU's position that Manawatu school pupils should be playing rugby for their school in the MRU Secondary Schools Competition in preference to the MRU Club Rugby Competition. It is the objective of the MRU to grow the game at Secondary School level.

The MRU is aware that at present there are:

- Pupils playing at clubs with the school's permission
- Pupils playing at clubs without the school's permission
- Pupils playing both for their schools and a club

Rules:

1. Where a school pupil is enrolled at a school that has a team that the pupil is eligible for, then that player must play for the school team.
2. Where a school pupil is enrolled at a school that does not have a team that the pupil is eligible for, or the pupil is enrolled at a school that does have suitable teams and the pupil is not selected for any team, then that player may register with and play for another school.
3. A school pupil may not register or play for both a school and a club. Players registered at the U19 grade and below are only permitted to play 70mins rugby a day, as per the IRB Laws of the Game.
4. In exceptional circumstances, and only with the school's permission, a player may apply to the MRU (via a prospective club) to register with and play for a MRU affiliated rugby club.

Any MRU affiliated rugby club team failing to comply with this Protocol shall be liable to concede winning points (4 points) to the non-offending team.

**Manawatu Rugby Union**

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