

Manawatū Rugby Union Player Welfare Document



THIS DOCUMENT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF U18 FEMALE PLAYERS COMPETING IN THE SENIOR WOMEN'S GRADE

Female rugby is a fast-growing sport, and it is our responsibility to ensure player welfare remains paramount and that our young players enjoy positive experiences when competing in the senior grade.

We recognize school aged players in a club environment may be exposed to behaviour that they may not be comfortable with (i.e. drinking, intimate relationships with other club members) and we take seriously our pastoral responsibilities with regards to the young person.

It has been identified there is a lack of connection between the clubs and schools that U18 players are involved in. This document requires the signature from both school and club, when introducing a U18 player to the senior environment. It also allows parents and legal guardians to be more informed of what to expect when an U18 player competes in the senior club grade.

Club and School Expectations

- The Club will provide a team ambassador, who will be a point of contact for the new players. The ambassador will be there to welcome new players to the team and help them settle into the senior environment. They will ensure the players are looked after appropriately whilst in the club environment.
- Alcohol will not be served or consumed by minors (U18 players/persons) within the club environment. Further, any participation in drugs, gambling or inappropriate/illegal behaviour by minors (or club patrons) violates the Club Code of Conduct and would be dealt with by the club.
- Any injuries sustained by the player at trainings or during games need to be communicated to both School and Club Coach to ensure the player is cared for accordingly.
- Injuries that require medical attention, are to be managed in accordance with the advice of the overseeing medical professional.

Player Expectations

- Respect each other and all officials associated with any tournament or game.
- Always comply with instruction and direction/s of the team coach and manager.
- Play hard but fair and within the rules of the game.
- Avoid language and behaviour which may bring the team into disrepute.
- Behave in only a positive manner and make positive comments from the side-line.
- Never take the law into your own hands.

To be able to support you effectively we need to know if there are issues so please raise any concerns with your ambassador or alternatively Caleb Agnew-Jones – Manawatu Women’s Rugby Development Manager: caleba@manawaturugby.co.nz or 027 827 0698.

Manawatu Rugby views any inappropriate behaviour as misconduct of this code and may lead to disciplinary action deemed necessary.

Player:

Signature:

Parent / Legal guardian:

Signature:

School:

Signature:

Club:

Signature:

Date: