

# **NATIONAL RUGBY POLICY**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

In some provinces, particularly small towns and rural areas with small populations, the qualifying age or playing ability may warrant players play in higher age brackets than their current age. This policy follows World Rugby guidelines.

#### **POLICY**

Players may play a maximum of two years above the lowest grade for which they are age-qualified. For instance, an Under 14 player may play U14, U15 or U16 only.

NZ Rugby recommends Provincial Unions obtain a parental approval acknowledgement form particularly where a two year age difference occurs.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

New Zealand Rugby:

- Will provide parent/guardian acknowledgement form

Provincial Unions:

- Will monitor and administer acknowledgement forms if used

Clubs/Schools:

- Adhere to policy when forming teams
- Will monitor age of players in age grades and instruct member teams to remove players outside of the age band

#### **SANCTIONS**

To be determined by Provincial Unions

