

Sportsground to Sporty upgrade information

This information document is intended for club and school administrators who currently utilise or intend to adopt online rugby registrations. More specifically it outlines key information that needs to be understood about a change in online rugby registrations from Sportsground to Sporty.

New Zealand Rugby in conjunction with Provincial Unions have made the decision to adopt the upgraded Sportsground online registration system for the 2016 registration season and beyond to the official Sportsground upgrade path - Sporty.co.nz. The reason for the change to sporty is to resolve common challenges faced by club and school administrators and to provide additional features to be free of charge.

Sporty offers a free, rich feature set which all clubs and schools can take advantage of, including the ability for multi-logins, simplified process for displaying registration forms and a simplified process for editing the look and feel of websites. If you are new to online registrations, visit www.sporty.co.nz to learn more about the Sporty online registration platform or contact your local union for more information.

Clubs and schools that already know their web address with Sportsground.co.nz will find the same address already waiting with Sporty.co.nz. For example, a club that was previously managing rugby registrations at **sportsground.co.nz/abcrugby** will now do so at **sporty.co.nz/abcrugby**. Although the Sportsground.co.nz platform will remain available for clubs and schools to use for their *website* for some time, all official NZ Rugby registrations must now be managed solely through the new Sporty.co.nz platform.

At the end of November 2015, rugby clubs and schools will be able to access and begin registrations through Sporty.co.nz instead of through sportsground.co.nz. If you have urgent registrations please contact your local Union for help.



FAQs

What is the difference between Sporty and Sportsground?

The upgraded system is much simpler to navigate also offering a more user friendly way to manage registrations. Once inside the registration section of Sporty managing registrations is the same as it was in sportsground. Send out an email to last season's people, wait for them to fill in the form and approve the registration to complete. Finally post the blank registration form on your sporty website or on your existing club or school site for new registrations and approve to complete.

Read the sporty feature set list in this document below or visit www.sporty.co.nz

What will players need to know about this change?

The change will largely affect club and school administrators who manage registrations or who utilise Sportsground as their rugby registration website. However, Players new to your club or school will

need to fill out the blank form in Sporty instead of Sportsground as rugby registrations can no longer be completed in sportsground.co.nz.

How will I find my page on Sporty.co.nz?

Find it through the directory at www.Sporty.co.nz. You can bookmark it in your browser if you wish.

Do I need to change my website?

No. You will need to login to Sporty.co.nz to manage your rugby registrations only. You can keep using your existing website regardless of whether it is from Sportsground or another provider. However, you are likely to want to upgrade your website to one from Sporty once you see how great they are. Effectively if you choose you will have two websites that can be utilised: the current sportsground (which no longer allows rugby registrations) and the sporty website which does allow rugby registrations.

Will my existing Sportsground username & password work on Sporty.co.nz?

Yes, any logins that were used on Sportsground in the last 12 months will work with Sporty. Otherwise it's easy to register on Sporty and create a new username & password.

Will our historic registration data be available through Sporty.co.nz

Yes.

Does Sporty provide the same functionality as Sportsground.co.nz?

Yes, and more. Watch the 1 minute videos at www.sporty.co.nz

Is it easy to upgrade our website to Sporty too?

Yes. If you're using a website from Sportsground, there is the ability to automatically transfer content to Sporty, including page text, images, documents, news and other content. If you wish to upgrade from some other website, you can simply copy and paste your own content to Sporty. This is free. Alternatively, if you prefer, someone from the Sporty team can do this for you for a one-off fee of \$195+GST. However as mentioned in question 4 above you do not need to upgrade but you may want to utilise Sportsground services to enhance your sporty site.

Is there any cost to us for the upgrade?

No. The Sporty platform is provided by Sportsground in conjunction with NZ Rugby.

Can I use my own web address?

Yes.

What if I use sportsground for other sports as well?

You can continue to use sportsground for other sports however you must utilise sporty to manage rugby registrations.

Where can I learn more?

Visit www.sporty.co.nz or complete a contact form for someone to call you.

Will training be provided?

Yes, Union staff will be able to train administrators. In some Unions Sportsground staff will hold training in late January and early February. More information will be provided on actual dates in the coming months. Online support and an updated User Guide will also be made available.

How do I get started?

Sportsground will shortly be announcing the general availability of the Sporty platform to all clubs and schools. Although the official NZ Rugby registration forms will not become visible until late November, you will still be able to login and explore the system as soon as it is made freely available.

Once Sporty has been made freely available:

Existing administrators of NZ Rugby registrations on Sportsground can go to www.sporty.co.nz, find your club or school, and login with your existing Sportsground username and password by clicking Admin Login from the bottom of the page for your club or school. If you have forgotten your password, click Forgot Password from the login screen.

New administrators who want to manage NZ Rugby registrations must firstly obtain approval by completing the administrator sign-up form at www.sporty.co.nz/nzrugby. Please allow up to two business days to have your access validated by your Provincial Union and you will then be emailed login details.

Once the official NZ Rugby registration forms become visible:

Follow the instructions in the User Guide that will be available at www.sporty.co.nz/nzrugby at the end of November 2015.

Key Sporty features

- Registration forms are fully responsive for mobile phones and touchscreen laptops (see example illustration below)
- Supports multiple people logged in at the same time
- Modern and clean design look
- Addresses now auto-complete as people type, making it quicker and more accurate
- Easier to access the rugby database
- Simplified navigation
- Ability for clubs/schools to let people pay with recurring payments
- Ability to require payment upon registration ('no pay, no play')
- Gives clubs/schools greater flexibility with their own fields on a form
- Supports photos with registrations
- Ability to integrate with KAMAR student management system for colleges
- Secure access for coaches/managers to view their own team details
- Ability for password protected areas for players/parents to view team information
- Support for printable photo team sheets for each team
- Improved group email facility to communicate with players & parents
- Potential for teams created in TeamBuilder™ to automatically feed to NZ Rugby
- Potential to facilitate player transfers

Note: Clubs/schools can also upgrade their website to the Sporty platform if desired (optional). It's easy to copy & paste website content to Sporty, or Sportsground staff can do this for a nominal fee.

