



# EBOP JAB Rugby Rules - 2014

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The Eastern Bay of Plenty Junior Advisory Board (JAB) Committee acts as a committee of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Rugby Sub Union, which in turn affiliates to the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union . The Committee is responsible for promoting, fostering and managing junior rugby within the Eastern BOP region.

## CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Junior Advisory Board (JAB) Rugby Committee supports:

- Fairplay – play hard, but fair every game
- Respect for your team, the opposition team & the referee
- Humble win or lose
- Positive sideline supporter behaviour
- Coaches & Managers talking through rules, dispensations & anything else prior to kick-off

## COMPETITION FORMAT:

- JAB Rugby will be played regardless of the weather each Saturday.
- **ONLY** the JAB President, Secretary may cancel or postpone Saturday rugby or Tournament rugby via 1XX Radio Station.
- Team defaults must be communicated directly with the opposition, preferably prior to the kick-off date and time. Individual Team Defaults **must not** be put on Radio 1XX.
- Every Club or School Team in the EBOP JAB Competition must affiliate to the Committee annually by way of affiliation fee.
- Coach & Manager contact details are to be supplied to the JAB Secretary for circulation.
- Every JAB player must be officially registered with a NZRU Registration Form that **must be signed** by the player's parent or guardian. Or parents/guardians may register their child online, which the Club Administrator will then accept through the Club sportsground websites (and then there is no need for a form).
- All Coaches (preferably 2 per team) must attend the annual Small Blacks Rugby Coaching Course for their team to compete in the EBOP JAB competition. Each game, every team must have a coach, assistant coach or supporter on the sideline that has completed the course in that year.
- Every Club or School Team **must** have a Player Folder to compete in the EBOP JAB Rugby Competition. The Player Folder must have a Player Form for each team member with their Birth Date (Day, Month & Year), a good quality photograph (recognisable as the player). Each player form must have the player's School Stamp and Principal's signature to verify the players' age. All players from 2014 onwards, must have the school stamp across the edge of the players' photograph.
- If a team does not produce the team Player Folder to the opposition, or fields players not in the Player Folder – a complaint can be submitted to the JAB Committee for that team to forfeit the game and any winning points from the game. Player Folders remove potential for conflict as it confirms players are eligible to play in that particular age grade.

## RULES OF THE GAME:

- Rules for every grade of Rugby are hosted online at: [www.nzrugby.co.nz/small\\_blacks](http://www.nzrugby.co.nz/small_blacks)

However, EBOP JAB Committee has adopted various rule variations as below and urges coaches to discuss these prior to kick-off to ensure agreement. Dispensated players must be introduced to the opposition coach & manager prior to kick-off of every game.

**EBOP RULE VARIATIONS:**

- Age Grade Rules: Each age grade is governed by the NZRU Small Blacks rules as per the [www.nzru.co.nz](http://www.nzru.co.nz) However, the EBOP JAB has adopted that the new 2014 laws are varied for the EBOP Competition with regard to:
- Rolling Subs – the EBOP JAB Committee proposes Rolling Subs are allowed. In conjunction, Coaches must endeavour to give all players game time in both the first and second halves.

Minimum Playing Time per Player as follows:

Grade	Game Length	Minimum Time per Player
U6 & U7 Ripa	2 x 20 min halves	15 mins game time, with time in both halves
U8, U9 & U10 (Half Field)	2 x 25 min halves	15 mins game time, with time in both halves
U11, U12 & U13 (Full Field)	2 x 30 min halves	20 mins game time, with time in both halves

- Fending: Is allowed in tackle grades from U8 to U13. However, in the U8 grade, but there is to be no fending above the shoulders. Fending to the head, neck or face will result in a penalty tap to the non offending (opposition) team.

- Restarts after tries:

U6 and U7 Ripa grades – the non-try scoring team restarts with the ball with a tap & pass at halfway.

U8, U9 and U10 grades (1/2 field games) – try scoring teams kicks off at halfway, with a drop kick which must go at least 5 metres.

U11, U12 & U13 grades (full field) – Normal rugby rules: the non-scoring team restarts with a drop kick.

- Team Numbers: The EBOP JAB Committee proposes that this season the EBOP competition continues with the former rules allowing minimum numbers of players as follows:

Age Grade	Players on Field	Minimum No. Players for Competition Game
U6 & U7 Ripa	7	6
U8, U9 & U10 (Half Field)	10	9
U11, U12 & U13 (Full Field)	15	13
NB: There is no limit on squad numbers for EBOP JAB teams. However, players must all be played in both halves as per these rules.		

**DISPENSATIONS:**

- Dispensated Players must have their Player Form on Coloured Card (supplied by the Committee) at the front of their Team’s Player Folder. Prior to kick off each game dispensated players **must** be introduced to the opposition Coach & Manager and they **must** wear the supplied identifying armband for the duration of the game. Dispensations are covered by the Dispensation Rules (attached).

Age Grade	Total Player Numbers on Field	Maximum No. Dispensated Players on Field at one time
U6 & U7 Ripa	7	1
U8, U9 & U10 (Half Field)	10	1
U11, U12 & U13 (Full Field)	15	2

#### REFEREES:

- The team hosting the home games is to organise a Referee for all grades, and for the Full Field Grades (U11 to U13) they are to organise referee & touch judges.
- Referee Training: All teams are asked to put forward at least one person (not including the Coach) to become an Associate Referee, who can assist with refereeing team and JAB games as required.
- Referees for Competition Games: A fully registered Referee has the right to referee an entire game. If each team has an Associate Referee they can ref half a game each, or if no Associate Referees the Home Side supplies a person to referee.
- Referees are not to coach whilst they are refereeing. Ok to explain rules, and demonstrate (i.e. U8 new to tackle grade) but Referee is not to tell players what to do.

#### DRAWS & RESULTS:

- The Draw is the responsibility of the EBOP JAB Committee.
- Game Results: The Referee is to keep score during the match (on a scorecard) and that scorecard is to be signed by both team Coaches or Managers at the end of the game. The winning team is keep the scorecard in their Player Folder for the season in case of any disputes that may arise.
- Results Table: The winning team is to submit the match results to the EBOP JAB Results Officer, **Karen Yates** by Monday 5pm to email: [bemagee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bemagee@xtra.co.nz) Clubs need to nominate one person who submits all their teams' results (win or loss, and score) to the Results' Officer.

If results & scores are not submitted on time, teams will not receive the competition points from the game.

- The draw & result table will be posted on the Bay of Plenty Rugby website [www.boprugby.co.nz](http://www.boprugby.co.nz)

#### HEALTH & SAFETY:

- **Mouthguard:** Every JAB player, including U6 and U7 Ripa Rugby players, must wear a mouthguard at all trainings and games. No mouthguard – players not allowed to train or play.
- **Concussion:** Any player suspected of a concussion or knock to the head must be removed from the field immediately. The player should be monitored for unsteadiness when they stand, poor balance & co-ordination as these are signs of concussion. The following questions should be asked to check if the player is aware and that their memory is working correctly:

#### **Concussion Checklist to ask players suspected of a knock to the head:**

- *What ground are we at?*
- *Which team are we playing today?*
- *Who are you marking?*
- *Which half is it?*
- *What is the score of the game?*

The IRB (International Rugby Board) mandatory stand-down for concussion is a **minimum of three (3) weeks**. Players who have concussion should be monitored closely, their parents/guardians told or phoned, and they should get urgent medical attention if their symptoms worsen (i.e. worsening headaches, increased drowsiness, vomiting etc).

**BREACHES OF CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- If a Club wishes to make a formal complaint regarding another Team or Club (i.e. dispensated players, refereeing, sideline behaviour) a complaint must be received in writing (email or letter) to the EBOP JAB Secretary within 48 hours of the match being played, i.e. by 5pm Monday following the Saturday game.
- This complaint must be lodged by a Team or Club Official no later than 5pm on Monday following the Saturday game. The complaint may require further details & the timeframe for these can be agreed.
- The complaint must be endorsed by a Club or Team official who was at the game and witnessed first-hand the breach of conduct.
- The JAB Officers: President, Secretary & Dispensation Committee (if necessary) will consider the alleged breach and all of the information available from both parties.
- The JAB Officers will formalise a Complaints' Committee to work through any serious complaints and issues, setting a date, time and venue for a hearing if it deems a hearing is necessary.
- Breaches of Dispensation will be dealt with as per the Dispensation Committee rules (attached).

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