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**Notice of Intent to Enter
Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council
1st XV, Co-ed Schools 1st XV and Female 1st XV Competitions**

Any school wishing to enter their 1st XV in any of the 2019 Hurricane YRC 1st XV competitions must do so no later than Friday 10th May, by sending a completed copy of this form to:

- (1) Your provincial unions Hurricanes' YRC Executive Board Union representative,
AND
- (2) The competition administrator, Nick Reid (see above contact details).

Schools are reminded that the rules and obligations associated with entering a team in any of the 1st XV competitions are documented in the New Zealand Schools Rugby Council Rules of Procedure. The School Sport NZ (NZSSSC) eligibility rules apply (please note changes made for 2019) and NZR age grade guidelines. In 2019, all the competition semi-finals must be played on or before the 24th August and the finals on Saturday 31st of August. This year the **final** of each division will be played in Palmerston North.

It is also important to note that the winner of each competition will have the right to represent the Hurricanes YRC region at the 'National Finals'. In 2019 the 'National Finals' (Full, Female and Co-ED-invitational) will all be played in Palmerston North over the period Friday 6th to Sunday 8th of September.

Notes:

This year the Wellington region schools have entered via College Sport-Wellington- these schools do not need to complete this form.

Co-ed teams who are required to play an inter-union fixture must have a date sorted for any game prior to the end of term two. In the event of a date not agreed to the HYRC operations committee will have the right to decide the qualification process.

Notice to Enter:

We wish to enter the 2019 Hurricanes YRC and National 1st XV competitions (schools may only enter either 1st XV or co-ed school 1st XV) please circle:

1st XV or Co-ed School 1st XV and/or Female 1st XV

School Provincial Union

School Point of Contact (name).....

Mobile Email

I agree to (School) entering this competition and abiding by the competition obligations and rules.

Signed
Headmaster/Principal/Rector



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Qualification information

HYRC 1st XV Competitions

1st XV Full Competition:

The Semi-finalists for the Hurricanes 1st XV competition shall be drawn from the Wellington Premier 1 (2 positions) and Hurricanes Super 8 School's (2 positions) competitions, with a 'challenger' opportunity from those schools that play in neither of these.

The Wellington rankings will be based on the result of the Wellington Premier 1 Final.

The Super 8 rankings will be based on a separate Hurricanes Super 8 table that will be maintained by the Hurricanes Schools competition administrator. The two highest ranked Hurricanes based teams at the end of the Super 8 round robin will be ranked 1 and 2 respectively. (Note: where time allows a qualification match between teams ranked two and three is permissible. This decision is made by the HYRC operations committee once entries have been confirmed.) If two teams are tied on competition points, the team who won the round robin match between those teams shall be afforded the higher ranking. If the match was a draw then the HYRC draw protocol will be used to determine the rankings.

If more than two teams are tied on competition points, the teams with the higher points differential in games between the Hurricane based schools shall be afforded the higher ranking.

In the event that two Hurricanes based teams contest the Super 8 final, the result of that match will determine the rankings.

'Challenger' schools – those that play in neither the Wellington Premier 1 nor Super 8 competitions - may enter the competition in any year. A cut-off date will be set for "expression of interest" to the competition administrator (Friday 10th of May 2019).

If there is more than one challenger school, the competition administrator will provide a randomly drawn schedule of matches, date deadlines and match venues by which these schools must play elimination matches to find a 'challenger'.

The challenger team's entry into the semi-final will be determined by the winner of their match in alternate years against either the Wellington or Super 8 2nd placed team; commencing in 2015 with Wellington. The venue for this match will be determined by a coin toss done by the Hurricanes Youth Council Operations Committee or the HYRC Chairperson if required due to time restraints.

1. Semi Final Draw 1st placed Wellington Team vs 2nd placed Super 8
2. 1st placed Super 8 Team vs 2nd placed Wellington Team

Matches to be played in the Home Union of the two 1st placed teams.

- In 2019 the final will be hosted in Palmerston North on the 31st of August
- Semi finals will be played on or before 24th of August
- Qualification match if required (Challenger vs. Wellington 2) will be played by 22nd August.

As both the Super 8 and Wellington premier one competitions are run by independent organisations to the HYRC at times variations from the School Sport NZ (NZSSSC) rules may occur. By participating in these competitions Schools understand these are the terms of your qualification. However for matches under the control of HYRC, School Sport NZ (NZSSSC) rules must apply.

Co-ed and Female Competition:

Semi finalists will be drawn from the following regional based Unions :

1. Wanganui & Manawatu
2. East Coast, Poverty Bay & Hawkes Bay
3. Wairarapa-Bush & Horowhenua-Kapiti
4. Wellington

A Schools' PU is determined by where the players registration is recorded.

In 2019 the semi-final draw will be:

EC/PB/HB vs Wanganui/Manawatu
Wellington vs Wai-B/H-K

Team named first to host the semi final match.

Final to be played in Palmerston North on the 31st August
Semi-finals to be played on or before the 24th August

The semi-final draw rotates as below to ensure over a 6 year period home and away is even between the regions:

2015	Wanganui/Manawatu vs EC/PB/HB Wai-B/H-K Vs Wellington
2016	EC/PB/HB vs Wai-B/H-K Wellington vs Wanganui/Manawatu
2017	Wellington vs EC/PB/HB Wai-B/H-K vs Wanganui/Manawatu
2018	Wanganui/Manawatu vs Wellington Wai-B/H-K vs EC/PB/HB
2019	EC/PB/HB vs Wanganui/Manawatu Wellington vs Wai-B/H-K
2020	EC/PB/HB vs Wellington Wanganui/Manawatu vs Wai-B/H-K

Special note for Co-ed Competition:

To foster the "intent" of the National "Invitational" Co-ed championships (new name in 2019) it has been determined that schools who qualify from their region (Hurricanes/Chiefs/Blues/South Island) in two consecutive years will not be able to enter the Co-ed championships the following year. This will include the 2018 Championships.