



# Club Circular

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**ATTENTION:** Senior Club Delegates, Club Chairman, Club Managers/Secretaries,  
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**SUBJECT(S):** NHRU PREMIER CLUB DRAW & POSSIBLE GRADE START DATES &  
FORMATS

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The NHRU Premier Club draw was approved by the Council of Clubs in February 2010. Attached is a copy along with the format.

The Opening Round of the Premier Competition will be played on the 27<sup>th</sup> March with all 10 teams at Helensville District RFC. The field allocations and start times for the Opening Day are as follows:

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| • 1.00pm | Glenfield v Mahurangi        | Field 1 |
| • 1.00pm | Silverdale v East Coast Bays | Field 2 |
| • 2.30pm | Northcote v Marist           | Field 1 |
| • 2.30pm | Massey v Takapuna            | Field 2 |
| • 4.00pm | Helensville v North Shore    | Field 1 |

The formats for all other grades will be approved by the Council of Clubs in March once Clubs have advised and confirmed with NHRU team entries. Attached is a list of possible start dates for all other grades to assist Coaches and Managers with pre-season planning.



## 2010 CLUB PREMIER DRAW



27-Mar (Opening Day)		3-Apr (Easter)		10-Apr	
1	Massey vs Takapuna Northcote vs Marist Silverdale v East Coast Bays Glenfield vs Mahurangi Helensville vs North Shore	NO PLAY		2	Helensville v Takapuna North Shore vs Northcote Marist vs Silverdale East Coast Bays vs Glenfield Mahurangi vs Massey
17-Apr		24-Apr		1-May	
3	Takapuna vs Mahurangi Northcote vs Helensville Glenfield v Marist Massey vs East Coast Bays Silverdale vs North Shore	4	East Coast Bays vs Takapuna Northcote v Mahurangi North Shore vs Marist Helensville vs Silverdale Glenfield vs Massey	5	Takapuna vs Glenfield Silverdale vs Northcote Massey v North Shore Marist vs Helensville Mahurangi vs East Coast Bays
8-May		15-May		22-May	
6	Takapuna vs Silverdale East Coast Bays vs Marist Massey vs Northcote Glenfield vs North Shore Mahurangi vs Helensville	7	Silverdale vs Mahurangi North Shore vs Takapuna Northcote vs Glenfield Marist vs Massey Helensville vs East Coast Bays	8	Massey vs Silverdale Mahurangi vs Marist Takapuna vs Northcote Glenfield vs Helensville East Coast Bays vs North Shore
29-May		5-Jun		12-Jun	
9	Marist vs Takapuna Silverdale vs Glenfield Northcote vs East Coast Bays North Shore vs Mahurangi Helensville vs Massey	10	Takapuna vs Massey Marist vs Northcote East Coast Bays v Silverdale Mahurangi vs Glenfield North Shore vs Helensville	11	Takapuna v Helensville Northcote vs North Shore Silverdale vs Marist Glenfield vs East Coast Bays Massey vs Mahurangi
19-Jun		26-Jun		3-Jul	
12	Mahurangi vs Takapuna Helensville vs Northcote Marist v Glenfield East Coast Bays vs Massey North Shore vs Silverdale	13	Takapuna vs East Coast Bays Mahurangi v Northcote Marist vs North Shore Silverdale vs Helensville Massey vs Glenfield	14	Glenfield vs Takapuna Northcote vs Silverdale North Shore v Massey Helensville vs Marist East Coast Bays vs Mahurangi
10-Jul (Qualifying)		17-Jul (Semi Finals)		24-Jul (Finals)	
15	1 vs BYE 2 vs BYE 3 vs 6 (QM1) 4 vs 5 (QM2) 7 vs 10 (QM3) 8 vs 9 (QM4)	16	1 v lowest ranked winner of QM 1 & 2 (SF1) 2 v highest ranked winner of QM 1 & 2 (SF2) Highest ranked loser QM 1 & 2 v Lowest ranked winner of QM 3 & 4 (SF3) Lowest ranked loser of QM 1 & 2 v Highest ranked winner of QM 3 & 4 (SF4) Loser of QM 3 v Loser of QM 4 (Bowl Final)	17	Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2 (Champ Final) Winner of SF3 v Winner of SF4 (Plate Final)

# 2010 PREMIER CLUB COMPETITION FORMAT

1. The Competition will start on Saturday 27th March with 10 teams. All games will be played at 2.45pm unless advised otherwise.
2. The competition consists of a full round (9 weeks) followed by a further 5 games being the reverse of the first 5 weeks, a total of 14 weeks.
3. Points are 4 for a win, 2 for a draw and bonus points for 4 tries and a loss within 7 points or less. A default win is 5 points.
4. A three week finals format is played on completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July round.
5. On 10<sup>th</sup> July the Premier grade play-offs will take place to establish semi-finalists. Teams will be ranked 1 to 10 from the finishing positions after the first 14 weeks.

Teams 1 & 2 have a bye with direct entry to the semi finals;

Team 3 plays Team 6 in Qualifying Match 1,

Team 4 plays Team 5 in Qualifying Match 2.

Team 7 plays Team 10 in Qualifying Match 3.

Team 8 plays Team 9 in Qualifying Match 4.

6. On 17<sup>th</sup> July the Premier grade semi finals will take place to establish finalists in the Championship, Plate & Bowl sections.

The top 4 teams play in the **Championship** semi-finals.

Team 1 plays the lowest ranked winner of Qualifying Match 1 & 2 in Semi Final 1.

Team 2 plays the highest ranked winner of Qualifying Match 1 & 2 in Semi Final 2.

The middle teams play in the **Plate** semi-final.

The highest ranked loser of Qualifying Match 1 & 2 plays the lowest ranked winner of Qualifying Match 3 & 4 in Semi Final 3.

The lowest ranked loser of Qualifying Match 1 & 2 plays the highest ranked winner of Qualifying Match 3 & 4 in Semi Final 4.

The bottom two teams play in the **Bowl** final.

The loser of Qualifying Match 3 & the loser of Qualifying Match 4 play in the Bowl Final.

7. On 24<sup>th</sup> July the semi final winners play in the Championship, and Plate finals at North Harbour Stadium.

## **Trophies**

- Premier team with most points at the end of the full round (29<sup>th</sup> May) is the winner of the Buck Sheldford Shield.
- The Les Pearce Memorial Shield is the Premier grade challenge shield – the opposition may challenge for the Shield at the home venue of the current holder in the first 14 weeks only.
- The Country Cup is a Premier grade challenge trophy competed for by the country clubs namely, Helensville Districts, Kumeu, Mahurangi and Silverdale United RFC's – the opposition may challenge for the cup either at home or away to the current holder.
- The winner of the Premier Championship Final receives the ASB Cup. The winner of the Plate final receives the Pengelly Cup and winner of the Bowl final receives the NHRFU Cup.

## PROPOSED START DATES & FORMATS FOR ALL SENIOR GRADES

### Senior 1<sup>st</sup> – (10 Teams in 2009)

#### 10 teams in 2010

**Format:** Round & ½ (with Premiers)  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April (non comp)  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 18 (incl 1 non-comp round)

### Under 21 – (8 Teams in 2009)

#### If 9 or 10 teams in 2010

**Format:** Round & ½ (with Prem & Snr1)  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April (non comp)  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 18 (incl 1 non-comp round)

#### If 8 teams in 2010

**Format:** 2 Full Rounds  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

### Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> – (6 Teams in 2009)

#### If 9 or 10 teams in 2010

**Format:** 1 Full Round + Top 5/Bottom5  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

#### If 7 or 8 teams in 2010

**Format:** 2 Full Rounds  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

#### If 6 teams in 2010

**Format:** 3 Full Rounds  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 17  
**No Play:** Premier Finals Day

### Under 19 – (9 Teams in 2009)

#### If 9 or 10 teams in 2010

**Format:** 1 Full Round + Top 5/Bottom5  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

#### If 8 teams in 2010

**Format:** 2 Full Rounds  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

### Presidents – (12 Teams in 2009)

**Format:** 1 Full Round followed by additional weeks dependent on team entries  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 14<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 17  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

### Under 85kg – (8 Teams in 2009)

#### If 9 or 10 teams in 2010

**Format:** 1 Full Round + Top 5/Bottom5  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day

#### If 8 teams in 2010

**Format:** 2 Full Rounds  
**Start Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Finals Day:** 7<sup>th</sup> August  
**No of weeks:** 16  
**No Play:** Queens Birthday weekend & Premier Finals Day