



2020 NHRU SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUGBY COMPETITION FORMATS AND PLAYING DATES

Fuji Xerox 1A 1st XV

Ranking		Ranking	
1	Westlake : 1st XV	2	Whangarei : 1st XV
3	Manurewa : 1st XV	4	Rangitoto : 1st XV
5	Rosmini : 1st XV	6	Orewa : 1st XV
7	Massey : 1st XV	8	Takapuna : 1st XV
9	Mahurangi : 1st XV	10	Kaipara : 1st XV

1A 1st XV Competition - 10 teams in the grade

- will commence on **Saturday 26th June**
- The kick-off time for **1A 1st XV** will be **12.00pm (unless advised otherwise or indicated differently on the weekly draw).**
- The Grade will play **1 FULL**. There will be a 2 weeks finals structure, Semi Final and Finals. **Total of 11 weeks.**
- **Championship Final to be played at North Harbour Stadium Main Field on 12th September**

1A 1st XV - Competition Playing Dates:

Week 1	27 June	Round 1 Commences	Week 9	29 Aug	Round 1 Ends
Week 2	4 July		Week 10	5 Sep	Semi Final
	11 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)	Week 11	12 Sep	Final
Week 3	18 July				
Week 4	25 July				
Week 5	1 Aug				
Week 6	8 Aug				
Week 7	15 Aug				
Week 8	22 Aug				

1. **Points** are 4 for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 bonus point for scoring 4 + tries and 1 bonus point for finishing within 7 or less. A default win is 5 points.
2. **1A 1st XV** two week's finals structure. Teams will be ranked 1 to 10 from finishing positions *.

Semi-Finals 5th September:		Finals 12th September:	
SF 1	1 plays 4	WSF1 vs WSF2 (CHAMP)	
SF 2	2 plays 3	LSF1 vs LSF2	
SF 3	5 plays 8	WSF3 vs WSF4 (PLATE)	
SF 4	6 plays 7	LSF3 vs LSF4	
SF 5	9 plays 10	9 th and 10 th place already ranked in semi final- No Game	

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GRADE: Open B

Kristin School 1 st XV	Whangaparaoa College 1 st XV
Rosmini College 2 nd XV	Northcote College 1 st XV
Westlake BHS 2 nd XV	

Open B – 5 teams in the grade

- *Competition start date – 27th June*
- *Game time – **core** kick-off time is 12.00pm (however when 2nd XV schools are drawn against each other in the draw they can negotiate a 9.30am kick-off (this kick-off time **must** be agreed to by both schools. (Please complete the 'Match Change Request Form' as sent to schools and found under College/Rules, Formats/Forms). This agreed kick-off time **MUST** be communicated to North Harbour Rugby approx. 9 days in advance of the playing week – prior to the weekly draws being sent out). 9.30am games in this grade however will be **dependent on field availability** at the home venue.*
 - *Teams will play two full rounds (10 weeks) with NO Semi-Finals and Finals – total of 10 weeks*
 - *Round 1 points will carry over to round 2*
 - *The team with the most points at the end of round 2 will win. If points are tied it will then follow the tied team formula.*

Competition Playing Dates for Open B Grade

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Week 1	27 June	Round 1 Commences	Week 8	29 Aug	
Week 2	4 July		Week 9	5 Sep	
	11 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)	Week 10	12 Sep	Round 2 Ends
	18 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)			
Week 3	25 July				
Week 4	1 Aug				
Week 5	8 Aug	Round 1 Ends			
Week 6	15 Aug	Round 2 Commences			
Week 7	22 Aug				



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GRADE: Open C

8 teams in the grade

Orewa College 2 nd XV	Takapuna Grammar School 2 nd XV
Rangitoto College 2 nd XV	Westlake BHS 3 rd XV
Massey HS 2 nd XV	Mahurangi College 2 nd XV
Rosmini College 3 rd XV	Long Bay College 1 st XV

Open C – 8 teams in the grade

- Competition start date – 27th June
- Game time – **core** kick-off time is 9.30am
- Teams will play one full round (7 weeks) with Semi-Finals and Finals – total of 9 weeks

Competition Playing Dates for Open C Grade

Week 1	27 June	Round 1 Commences	Week 8	29 Aug	Semi-Final
Week 2	4 July		Week 9	5 Sep	Final
	11 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)			
	18 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)			
Week 3	25 July				
Week 4	1 Aug				
Week 5	8 Aug				
Week 6	15 Aug				
Week 7	22 Aug	Round 1 Ends			

Open C two week's finals structure. Teams will be ranked 1 to 8 from finishing positions *.

Semi-Finals 29th August:	Finals 5th September:
SF 1 1 plays 4	WSF1 vs WSF2 (CHAMP)
SF 2 2 plays 3	LSF1 vs LSF2
SF 3 5 plays 8	WSF3 vs WSF4 (PLATE)
SF 4 6 plays 7	LSF3 vs LSF4

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5th Grade – 12 teams in the grade

Pool Cardinal	Pool White
Rosmini College Blue	Rosmini College Red
Massey HS Hercules	Massey HS Red
Long Bay College	Westlake BHS
Takapuna Grammar School	Kaipara College
Birkenhead College	Orewa College
Mahurangi College	Rangitoto College

Key:

Highlight = Dispensation

Teams split into two even pools – Cardinal (5 teams) and White (5 teams)

- Start date – 27th June
- Game time – **core** kick-off time is 10.40am
- Teams will commence round 1 with 5 weeks of play, then move into round 2 top 6 bottom 6 where another 5 weeks of play will commence.
- Seedings at the end of the second round will be the final placings

Competition Playing Dates for 5th Grade

Week 1	27 June	Round 1 Commences	Week 8	29 Aug	
Week 2	4 July		Week 9	5 Sep	
	11 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)	Week 10	12 Sep	Round 2 Ends
	18 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)			
Week 3	25 July				
Week 4	1 Aug				
Week 5	8 Aug	Round 1 Ends			
Week 6	15 Aug	Round 2 Commences			
Week 7	22 Aug				



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6th Grade

Kaipara College	Mahurangi College
Northcote College	Orewa College
Rosmini College	Takapuna Grammar school
Westlake BHS Red	Westlake BHS Green
Whangaparaoa College	

6th Grade – 9 teams in the grade

- Start date – 27th June
- Game time – **core** kick-off time is 10.40am
- Teams will play 1 full round robin which will consist of 9 weeks of play
- Followed by Finals. 1v2, 3v4, 5v6, 7v8, 9 eliminated
- Seedings at the end of the finals will be the final placings.

Competition Playing Dates for 6th Grade

Week 1	27 June	Round 1 Commences	Week 8	29 Aug	
Week 2	4 July		Week 9	5 Sep	Round 1 Ends
	11 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)	Week 10	12 Sep	Final
	18 July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)			
Week 3	25 July				
Week 4	1 Aug				
Week 5	8 Aug				
Week 6	15 Aug				
Week 7	22 Aug				

6th Grade One week's finals structure. Teams will be ranked 1 to 9 from finishing positions *.

Finals 12th September:
1 vs 2
3 vs 4
5 vs 6
7 vs 8
9 Eliminated

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7th Grade

Takapuna Grammar School	Westlake BHS Green
Kaipara College	Rosmini College
Mahurangi College	Rangitoto College
Westlake BHS Red	

7th Grade – 7 teams in the grade

- Competition start date – 25th July
- Game time – **core** kick-off time is 9.30am
- Teams will play one full round (7 weeks) with a Finals – total of 8 weeks
- Format changed after Rangitoto College entered

Competition Playing Dates for 7th Grade

Week 1	25 July	
Week 2	1 Aug	
Week 3	8 Aug	
Week 4	15 Aug	
Week 5	22 Aug	
Week 6	29 Aug	
Week 7	5 Sep	Round 1 Ends
Week 8	12 Sep	Final

6th Grade One week's finals structure. Teams will be ranked 1 to 9 from finishing positions *.

Finals <u>12th September:</u>
1 vs 2
3 vs 4
5 vs 6
7 vs 8
9 Eliminated

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Entries:

- Birkenhead College
- Mahurangi College
- Rangitoto College
- Kaipara College
- Massey High School
- Takapuna Grammar
- Long Bay College
- Orewa College
- Westlake Girls High School

The Secondary School Girls Grade has 9 teams entered for 2020. This year the teams are in one division as opposed to two. This is because of losing two teams and the time pressures of the season due to COVID-19. We will revisit the two divisions in 2021. All games will be played on Mondays 4.00pm and the season will commence 29th June.

Competition Play:

- Competition start date – 29th June
- Game time – 4.00pm
- Teams will play one round robins with a semi-final, Final and play-off's below 1v2. A total of 11 weeks of play.
- The play-offs will be hosted by the school with the most points at the end of the round robin.
- NO Play Dates – 6th July & 13th July (school holidays)

2020 Playing Dates for Secondary School Girls

Week 1	29 th June	Round Robin Commences	Week 8	31 st Aug	
	6 th July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)	Week 9	7 th Sept	Last Round Robin Game
	13 th July	School Holidays (NO PLAY)	Week 10	14 th Sept	Semi Finals – 1v4, 2v3 plus playoffs 5v6, 7v8
Week 2	20 th July	Round Robin Continues	Week 11	21 st Sept	Final (winner of SF1 vs winner of SF2) plus 3v4 play off
Week 3	27 th July				
Week 4	3 rd Aug				
Week 5	10 th Aug				
Week 6	17 th Aug				
Week 7	24 th Aug				

Grade Format

- a. Competition is 12aside - 6 forwards and 6 backs
- b. Duration – two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half time
- c. Maximum of 20 players
- d. All players must get 1/2 game (does not have to be consecutive minutes)
- e. Substitutions only to be made during a break in play (ie try, scrum, lineout – not a penalty) – Rolling Subs
- f. Non-contested scrums for 2020
- g. Forwards must stay bound until the ball is out of the scrum
- h. NO Defaults – all teams to contact opposition team if they are short of players. A game will go ahead regardless of player numbers. If teams are short on players teams will match or borrow players.
- i. Hosting schools responsibility to supply an associate ref in the event one cannot be appointed by the NHRRA
- j. Sportsmanship Rule applies if a score difference of 25 points occurs

Sportsmanship Rule:

The purpose of this rule being implemented is due to the competition not being split into a development & premier pool creating a big disparity between the top and bottom teams. Research suggests the experience created from putting a big score on another team does not create a good experience for either team. One bad experience can make all the difference in retaining players and teams for 2021. In the event of a team winning by 25 points the sportsmanship rule will apply to create a more even game. This will need to be worked together between both team coaches/managers.

- The losing team gets the ball kicked to them after a try is scored. If catching is an issue losing team begin with a tap
- Don't have all your star players on at once. Subs are made on a like for like basis for example you can have a subbing partner so there is one like for like player on the field at a time.
- Use best judgement on how you can regulate the score