



## NORTH HARBOUR JUNIOR RUGBY DISPENSATION POLICY

1. The purpose of dispensations is to allow players, who will be adversely affected by playing in the correct grade for their weight/age to be re-graded to play in a lower grade. These will be granted only in very special circumstances.
2. Parents/guardians must apply to their club committee, whom, if deemed worthwhile will forward onto the JRC for consideration.
3. All dispensations must be received with team entries, prior to the start of the season after which decisions will be made. Players that need to be viewed will be viewed in the first 3 weeks of rugby in the grade they are eligible for.
4. Each dispensation will be determined on an individual basis. Factors the JRC will take into consideration are:
  - a. Primary Factors (Players must meet one of the primary factors)
    - Safety/Risk of injury
    - Medical reasons
    - Exceptional circumstances
  - b. Secondary Factors
    - No impact on the grade
    - No other team to play for
    - Without this player not enough numbers to make a team
5. Players who are sufficiently skilled and considered capable of playing in their grade will not be dispensates.
6. Dispensated players may compete in the junior tournament as long as they fit the grade chart.
7. All clubs will be notified of all dispensated players and the team and grade they play in.
8. Players that apply for dispensation must stay in the grade they are eligible for until a decision is made to dispense into a lower grade.
9. Players that have their dispensation declined and have no team to play for at the club of choice will have the option of playing at another club in the correct grade.

Official [dispensation forms](#) can be found at:  
[www.harbourrugby.co.nz](http://www.harbourrugby.co.nz) under Club, Forms, Rules and Formats