



# Hamilton Boys' High School

8 June 2020

## ADJUSTED 2020 HBHS RUGBY INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Rugby Players

It is wonderful to be able to “re-welcome” you to the 2020 rugby season at HBHS. Obviously, we have had to wait patiently to get clarification of what our rugby season would look like under the Covid 19 guidelines, and we are now able to provide the following information that will help your family prepare for the upcoming season. Please be aware that a lot of our normal practices have had to be changed. Our key objective this year is to simply get as many students on the rugby field as safely and happily as we can.

**COMPETITION DATES:** The Waikato Secondary School competitions will run for a maximum of 9 weeks in Term 3 from Sat 25 July to Sat 19 Sept.

**SIGN-UPS:** Thankfully, this was completed prior to the lock-down. If you signed-up but no longer want to play or you didn't sign-up and you do want to play, you need to contact Mr Miller ASAP [tmiller@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:tmiller@hbhs.school.nz)

### TRIAL AND TEAM SELECTION DATES:

- **Senior teams including 1st XV, 2nd XV, Sen Colts (Y13), Sen Gold (Y11/12) and Sen Black (Y12), Sen Blue (Y13), Sen Red (Y12), U16 Red and U16 Black:** All trial games have been cancelled except for a “hit-out” for the 1st, 2nd and Colts training squads on Thurs 11th June 3:45-5:30pm. **Teams to be posted Fri 12th June on B Block Noticeboard.**
- **U15 A, B, Red and Black:** Trial games Tues 16 and Weds 17 June. **Teams to be posted Fri 19th June on B Block Noticeboard.**
- **U14 A, B, Red and Black:** Trial games Tues 16 and Thurs 18 June. **Teams to be posted Fri 19th June on B Block Noticeboard.**
- **U65:** No trial. **Team to be posted Weds 17th June on B Block Noticeboard.**
- **U55 Red, Black, White and Blue:** No trial games. Teams have been chosen by Mr Miller to distribute experience and positions. **Teams to be posted Weds 17th June on B Block Noticeboard.**

**WEIGH-INS:** We are waiting to hear the outcome of the proposal to have the U55 and U65 kg weight restrictions be lifted to U57 and U67 kg, which will support the natural physical growth and development of these students in the extra time they have had to wait to be officially weighed in. The weigh in date is still to be confirmed but is likely to be after the school holidays before the first games.

**COACHES AND MANAGERS:** Each team must have a coach and manager to be entered into the Waikato Competition. We have a number of staff, parents and other volunteers who have already committed their time to take teams. However, the current number of volunteers does not cover all

22 HBHS rugby teams. I will notify, by email, the teams that do not have a coach or manager in place and be asking for parents/brothers/uncles/neighbours/friends to step up and take a role so we can get the team on the field.

**TRAININGS:** Teams will train once or twice a week after school on the back fields at HBHS. The specific training night/s will be confirmed once team coaches are confirmed.

**FEES:** Must be paid before the end of Term 2 once teams have been selected either through the School Shop or through a direct online payment to Westpac: 031556-0085411-00. Please ensure the bank reference states the student's name & rugby fees.

**\$65.00 - U55, U65, U14, U15 and U16** (players are to provide their own HBHS jersey, shorts and socks - available at the SHOP).

**\$95.00 - Senior Black, Red, Gold and Blue** (jerseys will be provided and laundered but players are to provide their own HBHS shorts and socks - available at the SHOP).

**\$120 - Senior Colts** (all playing gear to be provided and laundered).

**\$TBC - 1st and 2nd XV**

**UNIFORMS: U55kg, U65kg, U14, U15 and U16** players are to provide their own HBHS jersey, shorts and socks - available at the SHOP. **Senior team** players will have jerseys provided and laundered but they are to provide their own HBHS shorts and socks - available at the SHOP.

**Jerseys = \$120, Shorts = \$38, Socks = \$16.50.** You are welcome to find second-hand jerseys, shorts and/or socks through your own efforts (the school SHOP does not sell second-hand items). All players are able and encouraged to purchase a school tracksuit to be worn to and from games, but this is not compulsory. Some senior teams will be advised to have a travelling uniform, including white shirt and school tie, blazer and black trousers.

**REGISTRATIONS:** All players must be NZRU Registered. Returning Players will be emailed their forms to update and register online. New players will be registered by the school once the teams have been selected. Being registered ensures that you are recognised for your efforts and are supported by your local Provincial Rugby Union and New Zealand Rugby. Registered rugby members are also covered under the New Zealand Rugby Personal Accident Insurance. **What Happens to Your Information?** The information on your registration form is entered into a secure national rugby membership database managed by your local Provincial Rugby Union. The database is used for rugby administration purposes and your details can only be viewed by your club or school, your local Provincial Rugby Union, and New Zealand Rugby.

**DRAW:** The Rugby Draw for all Waikato Secondary School competitions will be available on the Mooloo website: <http://www.mooloo.co.nz/Community-Rugby/Secondary-Schools>

Despite the delay and the challenges that are still around us in 2020, we are looking forward to getting everyone back out onto the rugby field.

Yours faithfully

**John Steel**  
**TIC RUGBY**

**Todd Miller**  
**TIC JUNIOR RUGBY**