



# **WANGANUI RUGBY SETTLER'S HONEYSEVENS**

**2016 TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK**

**Wanganui Club Men's and Women's Invitational Rep7's**



*Everybody has a ball!*

**Marton Rugby Club, Saturday 12th November 2016**

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## TEAM INFORMATION

- Number of Men's club teams attending: **6**
- Number of Women's provincial teams attending: **7**
- Each team may comprise **up to 14 players, with 12 dressed per game**, and three team management personnel.
- Team Managers must provide a **Final Tournament Squad** with a maximum of 14 player names no later than **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** to [pk@wanganuirugby.co.nz](mailto:pk@wanganuirugby.co.nz)
- Players must wear the numbered playing jersey as recorded on the 14-Player Tournament Squad Declaration Form to assist with representative team identification and selection.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### FIELDS

- Tournament matches will be played on the two Marton rugby fields on Follett Street. Field 1 is the field adjacent to the clubrooms. **Team tents** can be set up around the fields, but please no closer than 4 metres from any field line markings.

### FIELD ENTRY

- Both teams will need to be ready to enter the field of play 2 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off; an official time will be given to all teams at the managers' meeting.
- Teams are required to be **at halfwaytwo minutes before kick-off**, whereupon the Referee on the field will call both teams onto field prior to kick-off.
- Once teams are enter the field, substitutes and coaches can go directly to their sub benches.

### COIN TOSS

- The coin toss will take place at the **Wanganui Rugby tent at the half time of the preceding game**. Any team not present for the coin toss will forfeit the coin toss.
- In the event neither team is present then the Referee shall decide the outcome.

### JUDICIAL

- Paul Kenny (Wanganui Club Development Officer) and Matt Peters (Regional Referee Education Officer) are the citing officers appointed to this tournament. Any incidents of serious Foul Play may be referred to the Wanganui Judicial Officer.

- Hearings for any citations, red cards or a player's third yellow card of the tournament will be held with a Wanganui Judicial Officer and, where practical, will be held prior to that player's next match.

#### **MANAGERS' MEETING**

- There will be a managers' meeting at **9:30 am** at the Wanganui Rugby tent.

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

- Tournament referees                      Wanganui, Taranaki, Manawatu RRA's
- Assistant referees                          **One required per game from each team**
- Score/Time keepers                        Responsibility of the referee; hooters will be used  
for starts and stoppages

- The referees will be managed by WRU Operations staff and any questions regarding match officials should be directed to Matt Peters.

#### **MEDICAL**

- **Teams are responsible for bringing their own first-aid kit.** We will have some ice available at the pavilion and ambulance on mobile. Due to the large cost attached to providing a St. John's ambulance on the day—and wanting to keep costs to schools as low/nil as possible—there will not be an ambulance on site.

#### **PARKING**

- Parking spaces will be available along Follett Street for team vehicles and the general public. **No vehicles may access the grass area at any time.**

#### **SHOWERS**

- Shower and changing facilities allocated are available to be shared by all teams in the Changing Room Block in the Marton clubrooms. The upstairs toilets will be reserved for women's teams.

#### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- No rolling subs in the men's club division
- Subs must enter the field at the half-way line after signaled permission from the referee

#### **TROPHY PRESENTATIONS**

- Tournament training tops for women's and men's finals, and a cheque for the men's winners will be presented on the field directly following the match. There will be no presentation for placings other than 1<sup>st</sup> Overall.

#### **WATER, ICE AND FOOD**

- The kitchen in the clubrooms will be available for women's teams; there is a tap located in the shower bay downstairs for men's teams. Some ice will be available for injury and medical purposes, however teams are encouraged to bring their own ice.
- There is a Countdown within 100 m of the ground along the main street in Marton

## Tournament Regulations

1. The Regional Sevens Tournaments (the "Tournament") will be played over one day according to the International Rugby Board (IRB) Laws of the Game and Regulations with Seven-a-Side variations as framed by the IRB.

IRB Laws & Regulations - <http://www.irb.com/lawregulations/index.html>

## Team Composition

2. Each team shall comprise:
  - a. up to fourteen players who meet the eligibility criteria set out below; and
  - b. up to three management.
3. Only players declared to WRFU shall be permitted to play for a team entered into the Tournament. The players are to be in numbered jerseys and these details are to be advised to competition administrators prior to the start of the Tournament. Each player must wear a jersey with his/her nominated number in every match in which he/she plays in the Tournament.

## Tournament Format

4. The Tournament format will be determined by WRFU following the entry close off date for the Tournament. This will be outlined in the Tournament Handbook to be circulated prior to the Tournament.
5. Competition points will be awarded for the pool matches on the following basis:

Win	= 3 points
Draw	= 2 points
Loss	= 1 points
No Show	= no points
6. If a team refuses to play, or willfully abandons a match in progress, without the prior consent of the Match referee, then, subject to confirmation by the WRFU, that team will be expelled from the Tournament. If a team is expelled from the Tournament, for whatever reason, then all matches against that team will be deemed null and void. This means that any competition points awarded in matches against the expelled team, or points or tries scored or conceded against the expelled team, will not be taken into account determining standing in the pool.

## Determining Standings at Conclusion of Pool Matches

7. Positions in pool competition table shall be determined by completion points as set in clause 5.
8. In the event that two or more teams in a pool are tied on points at the conclusion of

pool play the finishing position will be determined in accordance with the following criteria, which will be applied in the order in which they appear until the tie is broken:

**a. Where two teams are tied on points:**

- i. The team that won the match between the two teams shall be deemed to have finished higher;
- ii. The team with the highest points difference for and against in pool play shall be ranked higher;
- iii. The team with the highest positive margin of tries scored for and against in pool play shall be ranked higher;
- iv. The team that has scored the highest amount of points in pool play shall be ranked higher.
- v. The team that has scored the highest number of tries in pool play shall be ranked higher.
- vi. In the event the tie cannot be broken as set out above then the tie will be resolved by the toss of a coin between the team managers concerned.

**b. Where three or more teams are tied on points:**

- i. The team with the highest points difference for and against in pool play shall be ranked higher;
- ii. The team with the highest positive margin of tries scored for and against pool play shall be ranked higher.
- iii. The team that has scored the highest number of points in pool play shall be ranked higher.
- iv. The team that has scored the highest number of tries in pool play shall be ranked one.
- v. In the event the tie cannot be broken as set out above then the tie will be resolved by the toss of a coin between Team Managers concerned.

**Play Offs**

9. Following the completion of the pool matches all teams will go forward to the play-offs as outlined in the Tournament Draw.

10. During the play-offs, in the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time, extra time will be played until a winner is determined. Following the end of normal time, a two minute break will be observed. Extra time will be in periods of five minutes. The Team that first kicked off will do so again in the first period of extra time, and subsequent kick-offs will alternate between the two sides. After each period the Teams will change ends without interval. In extra time the Team which scores first will immediately be declared the winner without further play.

11. The winner of the FINAL will be recognised as the Tournament Champions for that year.

12. At the completion of the Tournament all teams will be given a final ranking based on their results in that Tournament.

### Duration of the Matches

13. The duration of all pool play and play off matches (except the Final), will be seven minutes each way, with a two minute interval. No extra time will be played in pool play matches.

14. The duration of the Men's and Women's Final will be **ten minutes each way**, with a two minute interval.

### Abandonment of Matches

15. Apart from the wilful abandonment of a Match and subsequent expulsion under Clause 7, in the event of a Match having to be stopped after its commencement under the provisions of the Laws of the Game, then subject to confirmation by the Tournament Director, the following procedure shall apply:

#### a. Pool Play Matches

i. Where a Pool Play Match has been abandoned either at half-time or at any time in the second half the result and any points and tries scored by each Team in the Match shall stand.

ii. Where a Pool Play Match has been abandoned during the first half the result shall be declared a draw.

iii. Where a Pool Play Match has been declared a draw then for that Match each Team will be awarded two Match points and any points and tries scored will count towards the total points and tries scored by each Team in all their pool.

#### b. Play-Off Matches

i. Where a Match has been abandoned either at half time or at any time in the second half the result shall stand.

ii. If a Match has been abandoned during the first half the result shall be declared a draw.

iv. In b (i) & (ii) above, where the match is drawn, then the team having been awarded the most competition points in pool play shall be declared the winner.

v. If this does not produce a winner, then the provisions of Clause 9 shall be used to ascertain the winner with points scored in all Matches in the Tournament taken into consideration. However, if one of the Teams participated in a Pool where a Team was expelled, for whatever reason, then the matter will be referred to the NZR Tournament Director which shall decide the most appropriate method for determining the winner of the tied knock out Match.

### Player Eligibility

#### MEN'S CLUB

16. All players must be registered to a local club.

17. Two players per team may be registered outside the region/union and compete.

18. If a player is not currently registered to any club in 2016, then it is the responsibility of the team contact person to register the player prior to the competition starting. (Registration form will be available on the day)

19. School students and university students are eligible to play for a club.

### **WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL**

20. Players must meet the selection criteria of their home unions.

### **Judicial**

21. WRFU shall appoint a Judicial Officer and a Citing Commissioner for the Tournament.  
(Matt Peters, Paul Kenny)

22. A player ordered off for breach of the laws or cited will be dealt with as early as practicable by the Judicial Officer.

23. WRFU will also appoint an Appeal Officer.

24. The Judicial Officer, Citing Commissioner and Appeal Officer will operate in accordance with IRB Regulation 17 as it applies to Sevens Matches with appropriate modifications.

IRB Regulation 17 can be found at [www.irb.com/lawregulations/index.html](http://www.irb.com/lawregulations/index.html) - direct link IRB Regulation 17

### **Match Officials**

25. WRFU will appoint Referees for the Tournament.

26. All Referees must be recognised referees. Law 6.B.6 of the Laws of the Game applies in relation to their reporting foul play and misconduct to the referee for the match.

28. Referees will strictly enforce Law 10.2 and 10.3 of the Laws of the Game and in particular Law 10.2 (b) of the Laws of the Game regarding “wilfully to waste time.”



- If a player is not currently registered to any club or school in 2016, then it is the responsibility of the team contact person to register the player *prior* to the competition.