

# Weights & Grading for the 2024 Season

Wellington Junior Club Rugby is a skills development programme where children can thrive in an environment of fun, learning and the challenge of fair and even competition.

The age/weight policy and modified rules are designed to allow children to play rugby with other children of similar age, weight and ability in the safest environment possible.

The WRFU or any member thereof, has the authority to immediately suspend any player, coach, administrator or team if they are found to be in breach of any of its rules, procedures, policies or codes of conduct.

The following weights are set by the Wellington Rugby Football Union in consultation with Club Junior Convenors and the Junior Rugby Advisory Board. Individual clubs, committees, administrators, or coaches have NO authority to alter these weights or make any kind of dispensation.

Weigh-ins only necessary if applying for dispensation or moving grade based on weight.

GPR Policy Key Points:

- ✓ Player cannot run off back of scrum (Y7/8)
- ✓ Player cannot be first receiver for tap penalties 5m out
- ✓ Players must not be used as battering rams in general play
- ✓ Subs must be made on ¼ time, no rolling subs.

**ALL Players physical & emotional safety is paramount.**

## TO USE THIS WEIGHTS & GRADE CHART:

Find your child's school year, follow along the same section and line up your child's current weight and subsequent grade.  
DO NOT move into another section.

Year of School	Official Weight At Junior Rugby Weigh-in Days	Grade	Criteria for Club Approved Dispensations
Y0/1	Non-tackle, no weight limit	Y0/1	
Y2	Non-tackle, no weight limit	Y2	
Y3	Inclusive	Y3	optional move to Y3/4 Combined Rip
Y4	Inclusive	Y4	Under 27kg optional Dispensation to Y3 Or Y3/4 Combined Rip
Y5	Inclusive	Y5	Under 30kg optional Dispensation to Y4
			If player over 60kg subject to GPR Policy
Y6	Inclusive	Y6	Under 35kg optional Dispensation to Y5
			If player is over 65kg subject to GPR Policy
Y7	Inclusive	Y7	Y7 Under 40kg optional Dispensation to Y6 Player over 70kg subject to GPR policy
Y8	Inclusive	Y8	Y8 Under 50kg optional Dispensation to Y7 Players over 80kg subject to GPR policy

Team structure should take into consideration teams that have played together stay together. Teams should NOT be created to bring together all the strongest/best players. Junior rugby is about friends playing together, building relationships.

Ensuring clubs can field teams is paramount and smaller clubs can create a combined Y7/8 team who will be placed in the most appropriate grade/pool.

Year 9 players **MUST** play for college where there is a team available. Any Year 9 player without a team at college can apply for dispensation as per the policy and framework. Y8 boys <55kg can play U55kg for a college or a team can be created and play in that competition. Y8 girls can play U15 at a local college. Please contact WRFU to support this process