

# WRFU

## JUNIOR CLUB RUGBY



WRFU Junior Club Rugby is a skills development programme where children are able to 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.

## Weights & Grading for the 2019 Season

The following weights are set by the Wellington Rugby Football Union. Individual clubs committees, administrators or coaches have NO authority to alter these weights or make any kind of dispensation.

- Players must weigh **LESS THAN** the weight shown.
- **The Wellington Rugby Union does not condone, in any way, players being encouraged or advised to lose weight through dieting, changes in eating habits or the practice of 'sweating' in order to meet weight limits.**
- U8-U13 have a compulsory set weigh-in day at the beginning of the playing season. Regardless of when a player first registers for the current playing season they must still weigh less than the maximum weight for their age at the official weigh-in as per the table below.
- In some grades, Females may be allowed to move down one grade. This in the first instance is dependent on their ability and is at the discretion of the Club in accordance with the relevant female grading criteria.  
NOTE: Please refer to the 2019 Guidelines for Grading Female Players for further information.
- **Female dispensation criteria only applies to players eligible by age for Junior rugby i.e. a player who is 13 as at 1st January of the playing year is ineligible to play junior rugby or seek one grade dispensation.**
- 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 it's rules, procedures, policies or codes of conduct.

Year of Birth as at 1st January	Weight At time of player registration and WRFU Junior Rugby Weigh-in Days	Grade	Grade Base Weight Criteria for Club Approved Dispensations
2013 or after	Non-tackle, no weight limit	Under 6	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Players electing to play down a grade according to the Grade Base Weight Rule or the special dispensation for females, will <b>NOT</b> be eligible for nomination to, or selection in any representative team. Players who elect to play up a grade according to the Grade Base Weight Rule <b>ARE</b> eligible for nomination to, or selection in either grade's representative team.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Parents of children already approaching 33kgs should consider moving their child up to Under 8 grade this season. Your club can advise you on this.</p>
2012	Non-tackle, no weight limit	Under 7	
2011	Under 33kg	Under 8	<p>Under 24kg → Under 7</p>
	33kg or more	Under 9	
2010	Under 36kg	Under 9	<p>Under 26kg → Under 8</p> <p>If player is born on or after 1st September 2010 they play in Under 10, if they are over 54kg subject to GPR1 Policy</p>
	36kg or more but under 54kg	Under 10	
	54kg or more	Under 11	
2009	Under 40kg	Under 10	<p>Under 27kg → Under 9</p> <p>If player is born on or after 1st September 2009 they play in Under 11, if they are over 60kg subject to GPR1 Policy</p>
	40kg or more but under 60kg	Under 11	
	60kg or more	Under 12	
2008	Under 46kg	Under 11	<p>Under 31kg → Under 10</p> <p>If player is born on or after 1st September 2008 they play in Under 12, if they are over 65kg subject to GRP1 Policy</p>
	46kg or more but under 65kg	Under 12	
	65kg or more	Under 13	
2007	Under 55kg	Under 12	<p>Under 37kg → Under 11</p>
	55kg or more	Under 13	
2006	Open Weight Grade	Under 13	<p>Under 46 kg → Under 12</p>