



## Application for Regrading of a Player

### Regrades

- Parents can apply for a regrading to a lower team if they believe their child meets the criteria for regrading.
- Regrading /dispensations can only be granted by the WRFU.
- Applications for regrading of a player must be made on the official WRFU Junior Rugby Application for Regrading Player Dispensation form (JRAB FORM 9) and can be supported by a brief letter from the parent/guardian/caregiver or the player and supporting official medical information.
- The JRAB Regrading Panel may decline to accept or consider any application that has not been satisfactorily completed.
- Applications for regrading made purely on the basis of ability, age and/or weight will not be considered.
- From time to time the Regrading Panel may encounter an application that falls outside the current regrading criteria guidelines.
- In the event of unanimous opinion, the Regrading Panel may determine that special or exceptional circumstances exist. In this instance, they can defer their decision and present the application for consideration by the Junior Rugby Advisory Board (JRAB).

If upon consideration by JRAB it is determined that:

- there is no safety risk to either the applicant or other players
- the request is genuine and not for the purposes of strengthening team ability
- granting dispensation supports the WRFU vision of getting more kids playing rugby and enjoying the rugby experience

The JRAB then has the authority to approve the application and impose any playing restrictions it deems appropriate.

The JRAB's decision will be final and binding on all parties and will, unless stated otherwise, apply only for the playing season in which it is granted.

### Regarding Procedure

- All applications must be made in writing as prescribed above and in the first instance to the Convenors of the Club to which the player is registered.
- If the Club Convenor considers the application worthy of consideration by JRAB Regrading Panel, he/she must sign the application and forward it to the WRFU Junior Rugby Administrator.
- The endorsement of an application by a club in no way constitutes, or should be considered as, a recommendation to the WRFU that the application be granted.
- If the Club concerned, consider the application is not worthy of consideration by the JRAB Regrading Panel then they must retain a copy of the application and reply to the Convenor the reasons they have not endorsed the application.

**Application are to be emailed to [dispensations@wrfu.co.nz](mailto:dispensations@wrfu.co.nz)**

***I/We the undersigned have fully read the information outlined above and confirm that based on this I/we are confident we meet the criteria required for a regrading application to be considered.***

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

# Application for Regrading of a Player

<b>Application</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions apply <i>(see over)</i> Date Received _____ Emailed _____
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**Player Details**M / F *(Circle one)*

NZRU Player # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Grade Played: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this player been regraded before?  YES  NO

In what season? \_\_\_\_\_

According to our Weights &amp; Grading Chart, what grade should the player play in this season? \_\_\_\_\_

What grade do you seek the player be regraded to? \_\_\_\_\_

On what grounds is regrading sought?  Permanent medical or physical condition  Permanent developmental condition  
 Temporary medical or physical condition  Temporary developmental condition

Briefly describe the condition that exists and how this will affect the safety of the player and their enjoyment of the game  
*(this maybe supported with written professional evidence a copy of which must be attached to this application).*

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**Details of the person making this application:**

*This person must be over 18 years old and be legally responsible for the child for whom regrading is sought.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to the child: \_\_\_\_\_

All application forms must be endorsed by the Club Convenor before being considered by the WRFU:

Club Convenor: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that the player needs to be viewed , provide details of training day, location, time and team contact for grade the player should be playing in based on the Weights & Grading Chart NOT the grade applying for regrading to.

**Regrading Decision**

- The JRAB Regrading Panel has the sole right to accept or reject any regrading application.
- Approval to grant an application for regrading must be by unanimous vote of the JRAB Regrading Panel.
- Each application will be viewed on its own merits, however in making its decision the JRAB Regrading Panel must adhere to certain criteria i.e.:
  - Must be consistent and exercise fairness and impartiality
  - Consider at all times the safety and wellbeing of the greater majority
  - Consider the best interests and wellbeing of the child for whom regrading is being applied for
  - Make its decision solely on the grounds of the disability or impediment, its degree and whether there is a clear benefit to be had in regrading the child.
- Once an application has been received, the Regrading Panel may;
  - Request to view the player playing in the grade they have originally been graded for. If a player is viewed, one JRAB Representative and one CDO will visit the team that the player is originally graded for.
  - If viewed the Regrading Panel will meet and make its regrading decision based on the criteria outlined above.
  - Once a decision has been made, the regrading form will be updated with the approval or otherwise and kept by the WRFU JRA.
- If a regrading application is acceptable, the Junior Convenor will ensure it is noted on the official weigh-in team sheet along with any OWPR restrictions if applicable.

**WRFU:** The decision made was by the unanimous vote of the WRFU Junior Rugby Grading Panel for the reasons and/or subject to any conditions stated below:

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**WRFU/JRAB Delegate:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_