

# RIPPA RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR 5 & 6 2019

**DATE:** Qualification Tournament - Monday 1 July 2019.  
**ENTRIES:** Entries close 5pm Friday 24 June.  
**TIME:** Dependant on number of entries. Probably from 9.30am  
**VENUE:** Mainland Football field, Cranford St  
**DETAILS:** This competition is for zone winners to find an overall winner to represent the Canterbury region in Wellington. Zones must have completed their qualifying tournament **before** 23 June. Detailed rules can be found at [www.smallblacks.com](http://www.smallblacks.com)

## RULES

<b>The Rippa Rugby National Championship</b>	Dates TBC- August or September. Travel, accommodation and meal costs provided for 12 people from/to home airport for 10 year 6 players (as below) 1 male chaperone and 1 female chaperone. Team uniforms provided and distributed upon arrival in Wellington.
<b>Ball&amp; Field Size</b>	Ball: Size 4                      Field Size: Approx 60x30m
<b>Players</b>	7 year 5 or 6 players on the field at any one time, 3 of whom must be girls. 10 per team (5 boys and 5 girls). Every player must play at least one half of each game.
<b>Substitution</b>	Substitutions must be made at half time or approximately half way through each half. The referee will allow and signal a Substitution Break except in the case of injury. An injured player can be substituted but only once the injured player has left the playing area.
<b>Minutes per half</b>	7 each way. 2 minutes half time    Change ends at half time. A ½ can only end at the next stoppage in play and cannot end on a penalty. If a penalty is signalled the team awarded the penalty is entitled to a free pass and the game will continue until the next stoppage in play. A rip is not a stoppage in play.
<b>Kick-off &amp; restarts</b>	From centre with a free pass. Non scoring team with free pass from the centre.
<b>Free pass</b>	Start with ball on ground, move the ball slightly forward using the side of the foot, pick up the ball and pass. Opposition must remain 5 metres from free pass and wait until ball leaves hands of player taking free pass. Used to restart play on turnover of possession, if ball carried out of field of play, and infringement of rules. Free passes cannot take place less than 5 metres from the try line.
<b>Ripping (tackle)</b>	One of 2 flags from ball carrier's belt must be removed. Ripper stops, holds flag above head and calls "RIP". Referee calls "PASS". Ball carrier must pass ball within 3 strides. 6 rips is a turnover in possession. After ball carrier has passed ball ripper must hand flag back to reattach to belt before joining play. The only person who can be ripped is the ball carrier. There is no contact in Rippa Rugby.
<b>Knock on</b>	When a player knocks the ball to the ground towards opponents' tryline, a free pass is awarded to the non-offending team – unless advantage can be played.
<b>Offside</b>	Offside only occurs at the rip. When a rip is made, all players from the ripper's team must get back until they are behind where the rip was made.
<b>Passing the ball</b>	Can only be passed in a backwards direction.
<b>Kicking</b>	None
<b>Advantage</b>	Not stopping the game when an infringement happens. Referees should play advantage to the non offending team if there is a chance that they may be advantaged by there being no stoppage. If no advantage occurs within a reasonable period play restarts with a free pass.
<b>Going to Ground</b>	If ball carrier goes to ground or a player dives on the ball – free pass to opposition. Players can dive for a try or dive on the ball for a try.
<b>Other points</b>	If a player accidentally loses a flag when they have the ball, the game is stopped, the flag replaced, and a free pass restarts the game. If a player is <i>ripped</i> before the try line and they don't pass before they get over the line, play is restarted 5 metres out from try line with a free pass. The ball carrier cannot fend defenders off using their hands, or the ball. The ball carrier cannot guard or shield their flags in any way. A player can spin once (360°) in a movement. <b>Mouthguards are compulsory. Bare feet are compulsory.</b>

