



NORTH HARBOUR JUNIOR RUGBY SPECIALS PLAYER POLICY

In all grades players in the youngest age bracket are able to be open weight. Open weight players who exceed the 'special' weights for any grade during the season are to be notified by their club as a 'special' and are subject to the following guidelines to ensure the safety and development of all players:

1. All specials must be registered as such with their club and all specials must be notified to the NHRU.
2. There will be a list of specials distributed to all coaches by the start of the season.
3. Specials must wear RED socks at all times when on the field of play.
4. Coaches must discuss and identify the specials in each other's team with each other and the referee prior to the start of the game.
5. Specials should be spread evenly throughout teams if clubs have more than one team in a grade.
6. Specials are limited to three on the field of play at any one time in 15-a-side grades and two on the field of play at any one time in 10-a-side grades.
7. Specials cannot be used to dominate play or team tactics. i.e. lead rushes from free kicks, penalties and run off the back of scrums. (This includes a tap kick and then pass to the special).
8. In the spirit of sportsmanship, any team that has specials can share those players with opposition teams to allow a more even contest and to ensure maximum player participation.
9. IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR ALL COACHES TO FULLY EXPLAIN THE PRINCIPLES CONCERNING SPECIALS TO ALL PLAYERS AND THEIR PARENTS.