



# CONDOR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (Inc)

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### SYNOPSIS

In 1983, a group of rugby enthusiasts comprising administrators, coaches and players of club, provincial and All Black Rugby, came together and established a Rugby Club with its principal objective being to “promote and foster schoolboy and junior Rugby in New Zealand”.

The Condor Rugby Football Club, affectionately called the ‘Condors’ is a constituted Incorporated Society, with an active membership of approximately one hundred fulfilling this objective.

The Condor Rugby Football Club is a professional organization, with elected officers, well qualified to ensure all activities are of a high standard. Condors is grateful for the generosity of sponsors and charitable trusts who fund the annual national tournament.

Over the years, with endeavours to generate maximum interest, tournament venues have ranged from Christchurch, Wellington, Palmerston North, Taupo, Rotorua, Hamilton and in most recent times, due to logistical considerations, in Auckland.

Early on, Condors committed to Secondary School Sevens, with the reason being many young men were initially involved in rugby at school, but then opted out of the game before they left school. Condors perceived this was to either follow other options

or were removed from the game by parents concerned at the perceived, growing physicality of the 15-a-side game. A key objective of the Condors was to retain players within the Rugby fraternity by offering sevens as an alternative to the 15-a-side game. In more recent years, Condors has embraced the growth and opportunity in the women’s game with equal opportunity to play provided to school girls.

With the approval of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sports Council and the New Zealand Rugby Union, Condors annually hosts the Condor Sevens National Secondary School Finals. Condors also select boys and girl’s representative teams at the end of each tournament, with selected players receiving playing gear and a team photograph as confirmation of selection. The senior players also vie for selection into the Condor Sevens NZ team that competes at the World School Sevens event later in December.

The Condors ultimate objective is to have this Condor NZ Sevens team play an overseas Secondary Schools Sevens representative team, ideally as a curtain raiser to a Test Match.

Recent estimates indicate Condors tournaments have had over 30,000 young men and women compete. This creates opportunities for participants to further their rugby careers through the game of Sevens and has provided a pathway for many into the 15-a-side game also.

With Sevens featuring at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, and New Zealand’s continuing success on the IRB Sevens circuit, the Condor Rugby Football Club continues to provide an outlet for further growth in the future.

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Sacred Heart College, Auckland will host the 32nd edition of the National finals from  
November 29<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018