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Transparency International New Zealand Welcomes NZ Rugby's Anti-corruption Stance

"New Zealand Rugby's stand against corruption in sport shows strong leadership," said Transparency International New Zealand Chair Suzanne Snively.

As part of its new education campaign to raise awareness of anti-corruption regulations, New Zealand Rugby last night announced top-level players and administrators will pledge to adhere to 'Anti-Corruption and Betting Regulations'. The regulations prohibit everyone involved in professional, or other Rugby where players are paid, from betting on rugby anywhere in the world.

Transparency International New Zealand believes that good governance is a prerequisite for stopping corruption. "Having good policies in place supported by education and prevention programmes strengthen integrity systems and help ensure those vulnerable to corruption are stopped in their tracks.

New Zealand Rugby is proactively considering risk management strategies in relation to corruption which is extremely good practice and to be commended as an important approach to maintaining integrity in both sport," Snively said.

Notes to editors:

1. Transparency International is the global civil society coalition leading the fight against corruption - <http://www.transparency.org/>.
2. **About Transparency International New Zealand:**
Transparency International New Zealand (TINZ) is the local chapter of the global organisation - <http://www.transparency.org.nz/>. TINZ works to actively promote the highest levels of transparency, accountability, integrity and public participation in government and civil society in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.
3. New Zealand Rugby's press release: <http://www.allblacks.com/News/24688/anti-corruption-drive-underway>
4. International Rugby Board's anti-corruption website: www.irbintegrity.com.
5. New Zealand Rugby Unions policy statement can be found on their website: nzru.co.nz/social_responsibility/rugby_integrity.
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