

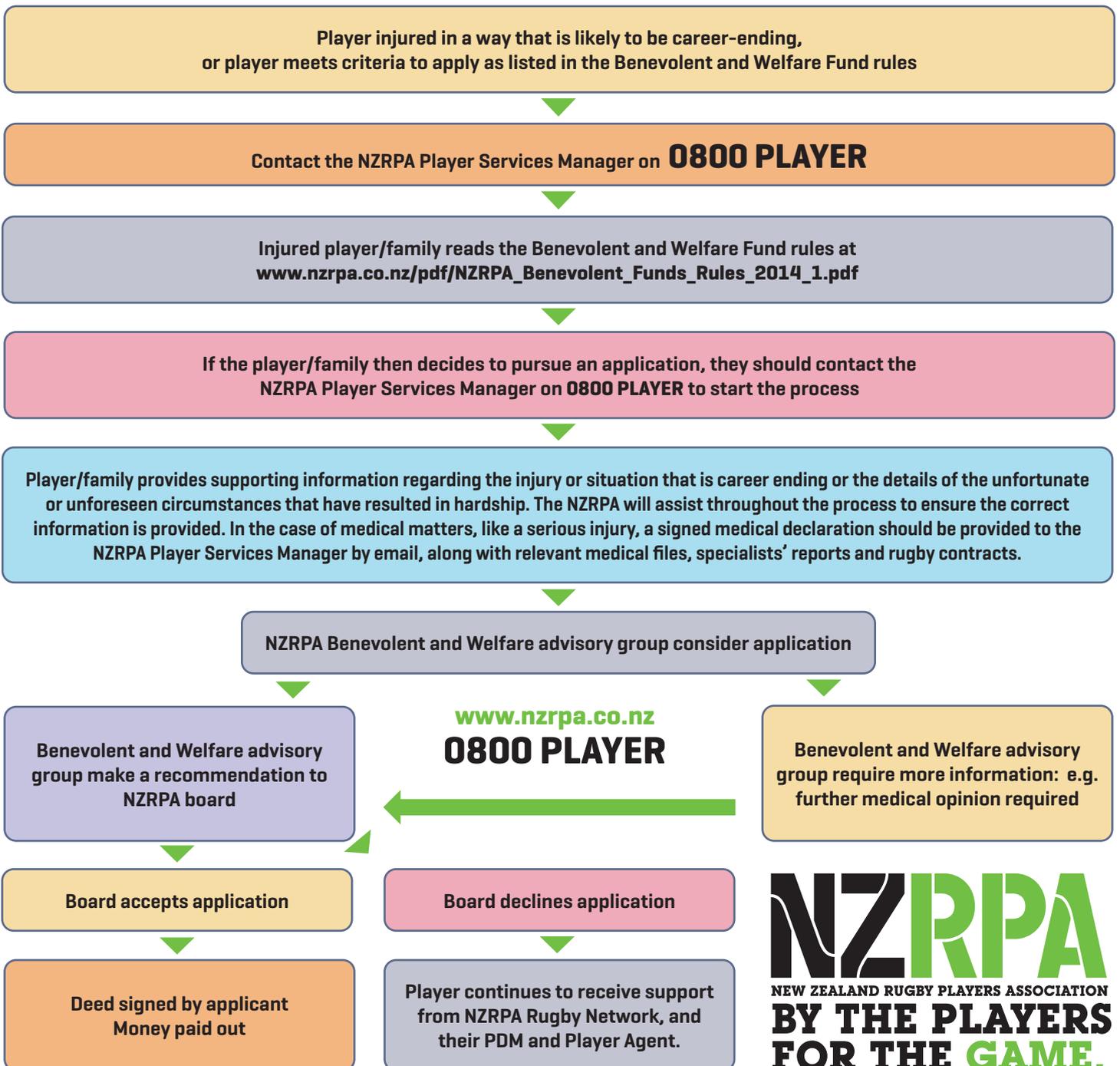
# NZRPA BENEVOLENT AND WELFARE FUND APPLICATION PROCESS

**THE NZRPA BENEVOLENT AND WELFARE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS TO APPLICANTS WHEN AN NZRPA MEMBER IS NO LONGER ABLE TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL RUGBY DUE TO SICKNESS, INJURY, ACCIDENT OR DEATH, AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE SUFFERING HARDSHIP.**

Each application is considered by an advisory body, which then makes a recommendation to the NZRPA board. The NZRPA board then decides whether the application is successful or not in accordance with the rules of the Benevolent and Welfare Funds Rules and at their discretion. The advisory body's

recommendations and the NZRPA board's decisions are based on professional, medical and other specialist opinions, any other relevant information and assessments, and the rules under which the fund operates.

The application process and timing of decision-making depend on the individual circumstances of the applicant. In respect of injury in particular, the time taken for the process to be completed and an outcome provided will vary, and not all applications are successful. Below is an outline of how the process works.



Support during this process is provided by the NZRPA Player Services Manager, Personal Development Manager, The NZRPA Rugby Network, Player Agent and Instep.

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