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Definitions

For the purposes of these Rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“Affiliated Union” means a body so named in, or admitted pursuant to, the Rugby Australia Constitution as being an affiliated union.

“Association” means an organisation that administers a group of clubs for the purposes of governance and regulatory requirements with respect to competitions, events, tournaments and rugby programs.

“Clearance” means the requirement for a currently registered player wishing to register at another Club on the same registration type during the season.

“Codes, Policies and Procedures” means the codes, policies and procedures of Rugby Australia

“Insurer” means the insurance provider of the Australian Rugby Insurance Plan.

“International Union” means a Rugby Union, Rugby Club, or other body based in a foreign nation and affiliated with the National Rugby Union of that nation.

“Competition” means any match played as part of either (i) a structured competition or series including a trial match, a friendly match, or representative match involving a Rugby Body; or (ii) a Sanctioned Event.

“Competition Manager” is the person deemed responsible by the Union for the day to day operational management of the competition.

“Event Organiser” means an organisation authorised to conduct Rugby Union programs, events, tournaments, and/or matches in Australia, pursuant to the Rugby Australia *Event Sanctioning Guidelines*,

“Judiciary” is the Sub Committee as appointed by the Union.

“Laws of the Game” mean the laws of Rugby as published by World Rugby, including any variations authorised by World Rugby or Rugby Australia.

“Management Committee” is the committee appointed by the Union to oversee the management of the competition.

“Member Union” means an Australian State or Territory union in membership of Rugby Australia.

“Participant” means a Player, match official, selector, coach, trainer, manager, team official, or an individual involved in the organisation, administration or promotion of Rugby including a director, officer or employee of a Rugby Body.

“Player” means a player of the game of Rugby.

“Registered” means a Player and/or non-playing Participant who has completed effective registration and paid all applicable fees and levies.

“Regulation(s)” means the World Rugby and Rugby Australia Regulations, as amended from time to time.

“Rugby” means rugby union football.

“Rugby Australia” or “Rugby AU” means Rugby Australia Ltd.

“Rugby Body” means Rugby Australia, any Member Union or Affiliated Union of Rugby Australia, or any Rugby Union, Club or other body in membership with or affiliated with Rugby Australia, a Member Union or an Affiliated Union.

“Rugby Club” or “Club” means any club affiliated with a Member Union or an affiliated Rugby Body, that is a participant of the competition.

“Rugby Xplorer” means Rugby Australia’s online registration and competition management system.

“Rules” means the National Model Competition Rules and the Competition Rules of the Specific Union.

“Sanctioned Event” means an event, tournament, and/or matches conducted by an authorised Event Organiser that have received formal approval.

“Specific Union” means the governing body of the competition.

“WR” means World Rugby.

Preamble

1 PREAMBLE

These Rules set out the minimum standards and procedures that apply to Competitions conducted under the jurisdiction of Rugby Australia and its Member Unions.

This Competition, as with all competitions played under the auspices of Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Inc, are community competitions. All Participants in the Competition are to be made aware of the [WR Playing Charter](#); which includes the:

- (a) [Principles of the Game](#)
- (b) [Principles of the Laws](#)

All Participants are to be made aware that by virtue of the acceptance of a team into this competition the match organiser e.g. Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Inc and their respective Participants subject themselves and agree to be bound by the Rules of the Competition.

Laws of the Game

2 LAWS OF THE GAME

All games will be played in terms of the [WR Laws of the Game](#), including any of the following variations:

2.1 [Under 19 Variations](#)

- (a) [Rugby AU Under 19 Variations](#)

2.2 [Rugby AU Kids Pathway U8 to U12](#)

- (a) BJRU Permanent Law Variation – The Ground
Under 8: 60m x 25m (ie 1/3 field)
- (b) BJRU U6 – U7 Modified Touch 7s , U8 – U12 – refer Game modification Summary in Appendix E
- (c) BJRU Competition Rule inclusions re participation and skill development

2.3 [10-a-side Variations](#)

2.4 [7-a-side Variations](#)

2.5 [Rugby AU Touch 7s Laws](#) (refer BJRU Modified Touch 7s)

2.6 [Rugby AU Veteran Rugby Laws](#)

Governance of the Competition

3 GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPETITION

All matches in the Competition shall be played in accordance with the [WR Regulations of the Game](#) and Rugby Australia Regulations, Codes and Policies etc. (see section 4 below).

In addition, Rugby AU publishes '[Game Management Guidelines](#)' annually that have been prepared to assist Unions in the administration and playing of the game in domestic competitions within Australia.

Rugby AU Codes and Policies

4 RUGBY AUSTRALIA CODES AND POLICIES

The effective governance and administration of rugby requires adherence to a wide range of codes and policies around safety & welfare, integrity, inclusion, member protection & child safety and privacy etc. Therefore, all matches shall be played in accordance with all [Rugby AU Codes, Policies and Procedures](#):

4.1 [Safety & Welfare](#)

Rugby must be as safe, inclusive and fair as possible. Rugby Australia has several policies and initiatives aimed at ensuring that rugby is safe to play and is enjoyable for all participants.

- (a) Concussion Management;
- (b) Serious Injuries;
- (c) Welfare Initiatives;
- (d) Player Dispensation;
- (e) Match Day Safety; and
- (f) First Aid medical.

4.2 [Child Safety](#)

Rugby Australia is committed to ensuring that rugby is a safe environment for children and young people.

- (a) Child Safe Framework and Guidelines;
- (b) Reporting;
- (c) Working with Children Checks.

4.3 [Integrity](#)

Rugby Australia's Codes, Policies and Procedures have been developed to provide a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment for all rugby participants in Australia. This includes the following:

- (a) *Australian Rugby Disciplinary Rules* - these have been developed to ensure a consistent approach to foul play, citing and judicial hearings;
- (b) *Anti-Doping Code* - all participants are bound by the Anti-Doping Code and must be aware of the requirements;
- (c) *Supplement Policy*;
- (d) *Code of Conduct* – provides a set of standards that everyone involved in rugby is required to comply with to ensure that the image and integrity of the sport is protected. The Code also outlines the procedures for reporting, complaint handling and investigations of any alleged breaches;
- (e) *Medical Policy* - provides information on the use of medications, medical procedures and measures to protect the health and welfare for semi-professional and professional players;
- (f) *Member Protection Policy* – ensures that all Participants feel included and safe in rugby; and
- (g) *Anti-Corruption and Betting Policy* – applies to all Participants and they need to be aware of its requirements.

4.4 **Additionally, the following documents are included as part of these Competition Rules:**

- (a) Inclusion Policy;

- (b) Safety and Participation Policy;
- (c) Registration Regulations;
- (d) Registration Terms and Conditions; and
- (e) Smart Rugby Policy.

4.5 Any concerns that arise as a result of an alleged breach of any of the above provisions can be reported at [Reporting a Concern](#).

National Standard Competition Rules

5 NATIONAL STANDARD COMPETITION RULES

5.1 Registration and Match Day – Rugby Xplorer

- (a) It is a requirement of Rugby Australia that all Players, Non-Playing Members and Match Officials are registered via Rugby Australia's [Rugby Xplorer System](#);
- (b) It is a requirement of Rugby Australia that the Rugby Xplorer Competition Management System (CMS) is also used for all sub-Union Competition matches, both Senior and Junior.

5.2 Draw

The Competition will be conducted in accordance with a schedule of matches drawn up by the Management Committee prior to the start of the playing season and varied as necessary from time to time.

Where possible, all matches in all competitions are to be played in an ascending order i.e. lowest to highest. Where this is not possible, **NO** player who has started in a higher grade is permitted to participate i.e. start / reserve for a lower grade. The only exception being in junior age-grade rugby where a player may play within the same age-grade, or in different eligible age-grades. In the event of matches in the same round being played on different days e.g. rescheduled matches due to wet weather, the selection of players must be the same as if all matches in the same round were being played on the same day.

5.3 Match Team Lists, Scoring and Stats

(a) It is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that:

- (i) All players and team officials (where required by the Competition) must be selected in their respective team list for the match;
- (ii) All details of point scorers are to be recorded;
- (iii) All players who have either been temporarily suspended (yellow card), sent from the field of play (red card) or have a suspected concussion (blue card) must have all their details recorded;
- (iv) All movements of players following an injury (blood or otherwise) or for tactical reasons shall be recorded (where required by the Competition);
- (v) The match day scoring, and stats can be entered by ONE team manager for BOTH teams, or EACH team manager for their OWN team. It is also permissible to have an independently appointed ground manager that does the scoring for both teams;
- (vi) The referee is to confirm the result of the match by confirming this on the Match Day App in the presence of both teams; and
- (vii) All clubs must enter the team list, scoring and stats of all matches online via the Match Day App by no later than noon on the first working day following completion of the match. PLEASE NOTE: Competitions reserve the right to require this information earlier than this timeline if necessary.

(b) Information entered must include:

- (i) All players' details including substitutes;
- (ii) Team Officials' details
- (iii) Result of the match;
- (iv) Point scorers;
- (v) Tries;
- (vi) Conversions;
- (vii) Penalties;
- (viii) Drop Goals;
- (ix) Penalty tries;
- (x) All players temporarily suspended (yellow card);
- (xi) All players sent from the field of play (red card);
- (xii) Players who have a suspected concussion (blue card).

(c) Information entered may include:

- (i) Player's movements for injury (blood or otherwise) or tactical reasons.

PLEASE NOTE: Clubs failing to follow the procedures are liable to receive penalties in relation to Competition points.

5.4 Competition Points

- (a) Where matches are awarded Competition points the following standard points shall be used:

Points for a win – **four points.**

Points for a draw- **two points.**

Points for a loss – **zero points.**

Points for a bye (where applicable) – **zero points.**

N.B. Unions may choose to amend the standard points based on the game format and/or structure of the Competition.

- (b) Competition points may also be awarded as determined and documented by the Union for the competition e.g. for supplying an Assistant Referee for a Junior age-grade match; and
- (c) Competition Points may also be deducted as determined and documented by the Union for the competition e.g. a player not added to the team list that played in a match.

5.5 Ladder Positions (for Competitions with Premierships)

- (a) Positions in the ladder are determined on the ladder sorting options applicable for the Competition. In the event of two or more teams being equal on Competition points (total match points), for any position, the higher placed team will be determined on the ladder sorting options chosen, these include:
- (i) Total Match Points (#1 option)
 - (ii) Points difference
 - (iii) Matches won

5.6 **Forfeits**

- (a) Each match forfeited by a Club will be regarded as having been won by the opposing Club on the day on which the match, but for such forfeit, would have been played. The penalty for a forfeit no points for, and the awarding of twenty-eight match points against.
- (b) A Club that forfeits two games in the same grade in the same season may be issued a *Show Cause Notice* to explain the reasons why its team should remain in that grade.
- (c) In the case of a club withdrawing a team(s) from the Competition, match points (“for and against”) in all matches of such team(s) shall not be counted, and any Competition points shall be cancelled.
- (d) The Management Committee may impose further penalties on Clubs for withdrawing teams from the Competition.

5.7 **Postponed / Abandoned Matches**

- (a) If the venue of a match or matches is unavailable for any reason, it shall be the responsibility of the home club to advise the Competition Manager immediately that the ground is considered unplayable or doubtful of being playable. The Management Committee, after consultation with the clubs involved, shall direct how the abandoned match will be dealt with.
- (b) In the event of a match having to be abandoned for any reason beyond the control of the match officials, the following procedure shall apply:
 - 1. Where a match has been abandoned during the first half, the result may be declared as a draw and no points for or against will be awarded, or the match may be replayed at a time and venue as determined by the Competition Manager in his/her absolute discretion.
 - 2. Where a match has been abandoned during half time or during the second half, the result at the time of the abandonment will be the final result.
- (c) In the event of a match having to be abandoned for any reason involving unacceptable behaviour on the part of players or any other persons, or any other similar reason, the Management Committee shall determine if any penalties will be imposed on the competing teams.

It should be noted that any such action taken under these Rules shall not prevent (and may run in parallel with) other action that is deemed necessary under the Disciplinary Rules, Code of Conduct or other relevant WR or Rugby Australia regulations, codes, policies or rules etc.

5.8 **Playing Field**

- (a) Clubs hosting matches played under these rules shall comply with the [RA Medical and First Aid Requirements](#)
- (b) With respect to medical requirements, both teams are responsible for ensuring that matches are not played if the all the requirements relating to medical care are not in place. Reference should be made to the *Rugby Australia Medical and Safety Recommendations* for further information.

- (c) For all Competition matches the host club shall be responsible for ensuring that the field of play is correctly marked in accordance with the WR Laws of the Game.
- (d) Goal Posts
- All Goal posts within the playing enclosure must be padded.
- (e) Playing Enclosure
1. Entry to the playing enclosure must be restricted by a fence, barricade or rope at a minimum of five metres, where practicable, from the playing area perimeter.
 2. Persons authorised to enter the Playing Enclosure (“authorised persons”) are as follows:
 - Medically Qualified Persons/Sports Trainer – maximum two per team
 - The Teams
 - Appointed match officials
 - Ground Marshalls
 - Water carriers – maximum two per team (three allowed in 7s)
 - A maximum of 4 ball persons
 3. All Authorised Persons permitted to enter the playing enclosure must have some distinguishing mark/bib e.g. high vis vest.
- (f) Technical Zones - where Competition matches require technical zones, two will be provided within the playing enclosure on the same side of the pitch, on either side of the halfway line and outside the field of play.
1. Personnel permitted in the technical zone differs between the XVs and 7s game format.
 - XVs - Maximum of four persons are allowed in the technical zone. Each team is allowed two medically qualified persons and two water carriers.
 - 7s – maximum of ten persons allowed in the technical zone. Each team is allowed a coach, team manager, medical person and five reserve players. One additional person who is either a medical or a coaching member of the team and whose responsibility has previously been notified to the ground marshal.
 2. Roles of personnel in the technical zones.
 - The medical personnel may enter the field of play in accordance with the Laws of the Game at any time a player is injured.
 - Water may only be taken on the field during stoppages in play for injuries in the playing area and when a try has been scored.
 - The water carriers are not permitted in the playing area during penalty kicks at goal.
 - The water carriers must always remain in the technical zone unless they enter the playing area to provide water or when ONE person enters to provide a kicking tee to the kicker for a penalty kick.

- The water carriers must keep the water bottles and carriers with them, and not left in an untidy state within the technical zone.
 - Players may come to the touchline adjacent to the technical zone to receive water.
 - Water bottles must not be thrown on the field of play.
3. Personnel outside the technical zone
- The replacement bench and the location of the coaches should, wherever possible, be outside the playing enclosure (except in the 7s game format).
 - If replacements want to warm up and there is no area available outside the playing enclosure, they may warm up in the opposition in-goal area but must not use balls in their warmup.

5.9 Restrictions for authorised persons

- (a) A sports trainer is a person from each team who is responsible for immediately attending to a player who appears to be injured, and who provides water to the players and must have the necessary accreditations. They also need to identify themselves to the medic of the field.
- (b) Authorised persons do not include a coach or team manager with the following exceptions:
- Where the nominated coach or team manager is required to fulfil one of the listed roles in paragraph 5.8(e)2. No coaching or technical instruction can take place while fulfilling one of the listed roles.
 - Where the nominated coach or team manager is part of a Kids Pathway U6-U9 match.

5.10 Authorised Persons

- (a) Process

It is intended that the Club nominate persons to become “Authorised Persons”.

- No one other than the Authorised Persons shall be permitted in the playing enclosure during a match.
- An Authorised Person (except Ball Persons) must satisfy the minimum accreditation requirements appropriate to their role.
- All Authorised Persons entering the playing enclosure must be registered on Rugby Xplorer – their details may be checked on Rugby Xplorer.
- The home team shall appoint a ground marshal who shall ensure that this requirement is complied with and the ground marshal shall report any breach to the Match Committee.
- Authorised Persons must conduct themselves in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct for and, as part of the accreditation process, they will be required to sign an acknowledgement that they will adhere to the expected standards of conduct.

5.11 Schedule of Penalties

- (a) A first breach of any of the Competition Rule may include any or all of the following:
 - 1. Warning;
 - 2. Loss of Competition points;
 - 3. Issue of a *Show Cause Notice*;
 - 4. Monetary Fine; and
 - 5. Expulsion from the Competition.

- (b) A second or subsequent breach of the Competition Rules may include any or all the following:
 - 1. Warning;
 - 2. Loss of Competition point(s);
 - 3. Issue of a *Show Cause Notice*;
 - 4. Monetary Fine; and
 - 5. Expulsion from the Competition

5.12 Protests

- (a) All protests must be made in writing and signed by either the club President or club Secretary;
- (b) Protests must be received by the Competition Manager by the close of business on the first business day/s after the alleged breach of the Competition Rules;
- (c) All protests must specify the particular Competition Rule that has been allegedly breached;
- (d) All witness statements must be tendered on a signed statutory declaration form;
- (e) The decision on the protests shall be determined by the Competition Manager and such decision will be notified to the parties by no later than close of business on the third business day after the alleged breach of the Competition Rules.
- (f) The Competition Manager shall determine if a club has breached the competition rules on the civil standard of proof (i.e. more likely than not). The Competition Manager will then recommend to the Management Committee the penalties that should be imposed. The Management Committee shall make the final determination in this regard.
- (g) If the club is not satisfied with this decision, it has the right to appeal to the Union Judicial Committee. Appeals from the decision of the Management Committee must be received by the Competition Manager by no later than close of business on the third business day after the decision of the Management Committee is advised to the relevant club. The Judicial Committee shall be entitled to consider whether or not a breach of the Rules has occurred and/or the appropriateness of the penalty and shall have the discretion to vary the decision if they see fit and impose any other penalty as set on in the Rules. The Judicial
- (h) Committee has the sole discretion as to how it will deal with any appeal.

5.13 Extension of Time

- (a) Notwithstanding any of the time limits stated in these Rules, the Competition Manager may in special circumstances exercise their sole discretion to allow reasonable extensions of time if considered to be in the interests of justice to do so.

5.14 Disqualified, unqualified or suspended person/s

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of each club to ensure that no disqualified, unqualified or suspended person(s) take part in any match.

5.15 Impact of COVID-19: Competition Rules

Competition Managers are encouraged to implement the Game On Principles within their Competition Rules in the event matches are impacted by COVID-19.

Law and Regulation Clarifications

6 LAW AND REGULATION CLARIFICATIONS

6.1 **Law 3 - Number of Players – The Team** (number of replacement / substitute players).

Rolling Replacements - World Rugby Law 3.34 is mandatory across all domestic rugby played in Australia:

- (a) Unlimited rolling replacements applies to all rugby aged U19s and below;

Law 3.27 i.e. Temporary Replacement – Head Injury Assessment (HIA), **DOES NOT APPLY AT ANY LEVEL.**

N.B. Unions may submit a request to the *Law Advisory Group* to play standard Law 3 (at any level of the game). Requests must be submitted on the [Local Law Submission form](#).

6.2 **Uncontested Scrums (Appendix F)**

It is recognised that on occasion and due to circumstances, such as unavailability of players starting the match, or that an injury or incident during a match may make contested scrums not possible. Therefore no player number restriction will be imposed during a game for u10-u12 and u13-u18 div 2 – div 6.

From 2023, ALL DIV 1 TEAMS from u13 – u18, MUST have a fully trained front row with replacements – penalty for not complying will be the drop of players, but modified. (The team calling for uncontested scrums will lose a player.)

If a referee calls for uncontested scrums during the game due to safety, no players will be dropped for either team.

Scrumming is an important part of rugby, as such we cannot look at selecting players into Representative teams for contested scrums, that have never scrummed in a contested capacity.

It is expected that Managers from all clubs record uncontested scrums in their Match Day App and indicate minutes of uncontested scrums.

We would like to clarify the following pertaining to the above:

The following penalty was introduced after many discussions and the reasoning behind this was:

- Teams having 23 players listed per game – should be able to field a fully trained front row with trained reserves – you cannot call for uncontested scrums due to safety and all your front rowers stay on the field and still have a squad of 23 players.
- This rule was not implemented to penalise teams that are already low on numbers.

The following direction will be played going forward:

When 23 players are named in a squad, the laws require there to be:

- A starting loosehead prop – a replacement loosehead prop
- A starting hooker – a replacement hooker
- A starting tight head prop – a replacement tight head prop

When a front-row player is yellow carded or red carded, then the following process takes place:

- The player who has been issued with a card leaves the field (-1 player), if scrums are then uncontested (-1 player) the teams reduced by 2 players

Where there IS a suitably trained front row player available to be used:

- If there is another player on the field who is suitably trained to play in the 'vacant' front row position, then, at the next scrum, that player moves into the front row and the game continues with contested scrums (NOTE - teams must have an equal number of players in the scrum.)
- If there is no such player on the field, but there IS a suitably trained player on the reserves/replacements bench, then at the next scrum:
 - a. A player is nominated to leave the field
 - b. The suitably trained replacement player joins the game
 - c. Contested scrums remain in force

Where there is NOT a suitably trained front row player available:

- Scrums will become UNCONTESTED and the team will drop a player
- Uncontested scrums because of a sending off, temporary suspension or injury must be played with eight players
- All teams starting a game with 18 players or less WILL NOT LOSE ANY PLAYERS due to calling for uncontested scrums

6.3 Regulation 4 – Player Status, Player Contracts and Player Movement

(a) International Clearance

(i) The international Player Clearances Policy within Rugby is set out in WR Regulation 4.6.1 and provides:

1. A Player leaving their current Union to play in another Union shall not be registered or eligible to participate in competitions organised, recognised or sanctioned by that new Union until they have an endorsed International Clearance.
2. Therefore, Players wishing to play within another International Union are required to complete the Rugby Australia [International Clearance Form](#).
3. For or Incoming International Clearances (i.e. Players arriving in Australia), please contact the Union you are currently registered with to understand their International Clearance process and obtain, complete and return their current application form.

(b) Domestic Clearance

This relates to Club to club player movements for currently registered players. It is a requirement for a currently registered Player registering in the same season to another club for the same or different registration type. Restricted at XV's, 10s, 7s and Veterans registration types in competition rugby only. The player cannot register unless clearance approval is granted by their 'from' Club and Association

Member Union Standard Requirements

7 MEMBER UNION STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

7.1 **Reportable Incidents**

There are two (2) types of reportable incidents:

- (a) **Player Ordered from the Field** – As per 6.2
- (b) **Protest Report** - A Club may also report in the form of a online report to the Unions Competition Manager by 12 noon Monday following the fixture, any breach of these rules – As per 4.12.
- (c) Any **Code of Conduct** or **Member Protection Breaches** are to be reported via the online <https://australia.rugby/about/codes-and-policies/reporting-a-concern>

7.2 **Player Replacements, Player Movement Dockets, Reserves, Uncontested Scrums**

- (a) **Number of Players** - The Competition does not dictate the maximum numbers of registered players in a team. However, no more than 8 replacement players may be used in a U10 – U18 age group match. These maximum numbers are:

7s

U10 – 18 age group - 12 players

10s

U12 – U18 age groups - 15 players

XVs

U10 – U11 age groups - 20 players

U12 age group - 23 players

U13 – U18 age group - 23 players

If a team has more than the maximum numbers then only the maximum number players are allowed to wear playing jerseys for the game, not adhering to this rule can get your team penalised by losing points gained for this match.

In 2023, photos are required to be uploaded for all Junior Colts (U18s) and Division 1s of U15s and U16s.

- (b) **Uncontested Scrums**

The following applies:

- (i) If a team cannot field a suitably trained front row, because players are either unavailable, injured or sent off, the referee must order uncontested scrums. ALL DIVISION 1 teams must have a fully trained front row with sufficient replacements, penalty for not complying in this division, will be a drop in players, similar to Seniors but a modified version.
- (ii) The period/s of play during which uncontested scrums occurred must be noted on the teams' scorecard. The reason and team that called uncontested scrums are also be noted.
- (iii) All matches played under the U19 Laws can commence with uncontested scrums without penalty except for all div 1 u13-u18.
- (iv) Coaches or Teams are not to call for uncontested scrums when they have available, either on the field or as reserves, players who can play in those positions. This would be viewed as gaining an undue advantage over the opposing team.

(c) **Temporary Suspension (Sin Bin)**

(i) Under 6 – Under 12 (As per RA Pathway Laws)

- Time is Two (2) Minutes u6/u7 and Five (5) Minutes u8-u12
- Player is Replaced
- Place Served & Return to Play

A player sent off as a temporary suspension, shall remain with his team coach or manager and shall not enter the playing area until the time has expired.

(ii) Under 13 – U18 (As per RA U19 Law Variations Law 9 Foul Play)

- Time is Ten (10) Minutes
- Player is NOT Replaced
- Place Served & Return to Play

A player sent off as a temporary suspension, shall remain with his team coach or manager and shall not enter the playing area until permitted to do so by the referee.

1. The temporary suspension of a player must be recorded on the team sheet prior to the signing by the referee.
2. Should a player incur three (3) temporary suspensions in one season he / she will automatically be suspended from playing in the next round of scheduled fixture matches / finals match.
3. Should a player incur five (5) temporary suspensions in one season he / she will automatically be suspended from playing and be issued with a Notice to Appear before the Judiciary.
4. Temporary suspensions do not transfer to the next season.
5. Clubs may receive notification once a player receives two (2) temporary suspensions.
6. Clubs will receive notification once a player receives three (3) temporary suspensions together with the resultant suspension

(iii) Keeping Time

The Referee shall keep the time. Under no circumstances shall the temporarily suspended player return to the field until given permission to do so by the Referee.

(iv) Recording Temporary Suspension

The temporary suspension of a player **must** be recorded on the Match Day scoring app prior to the referee submitting the result. Failure to do so could leave the player and the Club liable to suspension and / or penalty by Competition Management.

(d) **Send Off - Player Ordered Off for Misconduct**

(i) Under 6 – U12 (RA Under 6 – 12 Pathway Laws),

Any player ordered off shall be replaced, providing there are replacements available. In any event, each team on field playing numbers must be equal at all times.

(ii) Under 13 – U18

Any player ordered off **WILL NOT** be replaced. In any event, each team's numbers in the scrum must be equal at all times.

(iii) Players Club's Responsibilities

When a player is ordered off for any reason or any misconduct the Club must comply with the following Rule 4.3(b).

1. Match officials must, by 9.00 a.m. on the first business day following the day of the match, report in writing to the Competition Manager (or designated person) on the approved form, any player or players ordered off the field of play.

2. Any player ordered off the field will be suspended from playing until his/her case has been decided by the Judicial Committee.
3. The Judicial Committee will meet as directed by the Board or when the Judicial Committee deems necessary throughout the season to hear cases. The player / player's club must contact the Competition Manager on the first business day following the match in which he was ordered off to ascertain if the player will be required to attend a hearing of the Judicial Committee. Where possible, the Judicial Committee will meet at 6:00pm on the evening of the first working day following the weekend.
4. Should a player be required, however unable to attend a regular meeting of the Judicial Committee, he/she may give written (signed) permission to be represented by an official of his/her club.
5. In the event of a match official's report not being before the Judicial Committee when a player appears before that committee, the player will be permitted to play without suspension. Subsequently, should the report be received, the Competition Manager will summon the player to appear before the next meeting of the Judicial Committee.
6. There will be a right of appeal against decisions of the Judicial Committee to the Judicial Appeals Committee.
7. RA's Disciplinary Rules are available here <https://australia.rugby/about/codes-and-policies>

(e) **Sanctions i.e. Suspensions – Foul Play**

“Decisions on sanctions and suspensions imposed on Players under WR Regulation 17:

- (i) must be applied universally such that the Player may not play the Game (or any form thereof) anywhere during the period of suspension;
- (ii) must not allow Players to avoid the full consequences of their actions by, for example, playing in Matches prior to the commencement of their suspension, or playing in Matches during a break in the suspension and/or serving their suspension during a period of inconsequential pre-season and/or so-called friendly Matches;
- (iii) must apply and be served when the Player is scheduled to play;
- (iv) must be imposed until a stated date which should be fixed after taking into consideration all playing consequences of such suspension including the application of Regulation 17.19.10;
- (v) shall be effective immediately.

7.3 **Competition Points**

Places in the various 7s, 10s and XVs competitions, under 12 and older age groups will be determined by competition points, for this purpose:

- (i) Points for a win – **four points.**
- (ii) Points for a draw- **two points.**
- (iii) Points for a loss – **zero points.**
- (iv) Points for a forfeit – **four points.** With a for and against awarded of 28 – 0 to the non-forfeiting team.

- (v) Points for a bye (where applicable)- **zero points**.

Where a game has been abandoned by the referee due to misconduct by one or both teams, the allocation of competition points will be determined by the management committee.

7.4 Ladder Positions Determination

- (a) In the event of two or more teams being equal on competition points for any position the higher placed team will be determined on the following basis:
 - (i) Total Match Points
 - (ii) Points difference
 - (iii) Matches won

- (b) **Ladder Position Sorting Options**
 - (i) Total Match Points
 - (ii) Points difference
 - (iii) Matches won

Specific Union Requirements

8 SPECIFIC UNION REQUIREMENTS

8.1 Team Nominations

Participation and, or, competitions shall be initiated by the calling for nominations for each age group, as shown in the BJRU Calendar for that year, or as otherwise directed by the Competition Manager.

(a) **Team Nominations**

Club teams are to be created through the Rugby Xplorer system and final team nominations are to be submitted via email by the advertised date for each competition and must list the age group and name of the team and all information requested by the competition manager, for the purpose of placing the team in the most appropriate competition.

(b) **Condition of Entry**

As a condition of entry into the competition:

- (i) Clubs are to appoint a qualified Coach and Manager in accordance with Annexure E for each team
- (ii) Club are to ensure the Coach and Manager are registered to their club as such in Rugby Xplorer and assigned to the team via squad management.
- (iii) Coaches must be smart rugby compliant.
- (iv) Managers must have completed the Rugby Xplorer Team Manager Program through the Rugby Learning Centre.
- (v) Coaches and Team Management are to read and sign the “Coaches & Team Management Agreement Form” (see Annex A) each season before they commence training. This includes Coaching Co-ordinators / Directors and Assistant Coaches, Managers, Team Officials, team appointed Assistant Referees and Sports Trainers where appointed.
- (vi) A Team must accept the obligation to ensure that one (1) accredited Assistant Referee (where required) is available for all Club matches played by that team.

The Team Nomination Form will be the record of the teams’ acceptance of this condition of entry.

(c) **Team Squad Lists**

Team Squad Lists nominate players to a Team at the beginning of each competition and are used for eligibility purposes. The criteria for submitting Team Lists are:

- (i) Team Squad List - Players must be assigned to their competition team in Rugby Xplorer system by the advertised competition commencement date for each competition including the assignment of the coach and manager to the squad list.
- (ii) Coach and Manager – Must be assigned to the Team Squad List as non-playing members and selected each week, before a team can be submitted via the Match Day app.

(d) **Certifying**

Players must have their eligibility (in respect of age and gender) to play in that age group certified by the Club Registrar of the Club generating the Team Squad List.

8.2 Age Eligibility & Determining Age Group

(a) Determining Age Group

- (i) The age group is determined as per RA Participation Policy.
<https://australia.rugby/about/codes-and-policies/safety-and-welfare/player-dispensation>

(b) Minimum Age

A player MUST turn five (5) years of age before playing in any match under the control of the Union. Three (3) to four (4) year old's may be registered as part of club Little Rugby Groups but cannot play until they have turned five (5) years of age.

(c) Currency of Registration

No person shall be eligible to play with a Club within the Union unless:

- (i) The player is registered to the club as a player for the correct registration type via Rugby Xplorer; and
- (ii) The player has provided PROOF OF AGE to the Club Registrar; and
- (iii) The Club is satisfied that the player is not currently registered with another Team / Club and that they are eligible to play in the team and or competition; and
- (iv) He or she has been assigned to a team for the current season.
- (v) Every registration, which is accepted by the Club, shall be effective for the current season only.

(d) Clearance of Players

- (i) Permission within the Union. A player wishing to move to another club will be granted permission to play for their new club until the player clearance has been completed and rule 7.2 (C) is met.
- (ii) Refund of any club fees is a matter between the two clubs.

(e) Eligibility to Play

For players to be eligible to play in competition rounds in a team they must:

- (i) As per 7.2 (c) and (d) where applicable; or where filling in in another team due to lack of players;
- (ii) Be registered with a lower graded; or younger aged team; or be an appropriately aged player who is voluntarily playing one year above their correct age group, provided that there are insufficient eligible players in the competition team and they comply with Rugby Australia Safety and Participation Policies.
- (iii) Where a player falls outside the Size For Age Guidelines for their relevant age group, they must have completed the Size for Age Assessment; and provided that Level 1 Coach Assessor assessment to their club; and the Association; and assigned to their assessed age group.

8.3 The Competition

(a) Competitions will be organised as follows:

- (i) Competitions will be organised, as the Competition Manager considers appropriate to the number of nominations received; and
- (ii) Where insufficient nominations are received in an age group that age group may be combined with another age group considered appropriate by the Competition Manager; and
- (iii) Where more than one division/group is necessary, before the start of the main competition, a grading round or rounds, consisting of one or more matches, may be used where considered appropriate to facilitate grading; and
- (iv) Competition rounds as appropriate to the number of team nominations received shall be conducted.

(b) **Allocation of Teams U6 – 9**

Teams in these age groups are ungraded and will play predominately in geographical clusters. Where there are uneven number of teams available to play, three-way games will be utilised to ensure teams play each week.

(c) **Grading Under 10 and older**

(i) Club Grading

1. U10 – U11 Age grades – Club teams are NOT to be internally graded. Teams may be balanced. Balancing is the allocation of players between teams to ensure the even distribution of forwards and backs, to ensure proper and safe game structure can take place. This distribution is not based on the best players being placed in one team.
2. U12 – Clubs may grade their teams, HOWEVER, where a club has internally graded their teams, they MUST nominate a Division 1 side.
3. Clubs choosing not to grade their teams, teams should be balanced to ensure the ability to contest scrums and have an even distribution of forwards and backs to teams to ensure proper and safe game structure can take place.
4. U13 and Up – Grading optional

(ii) Competition Grading – U10 and Up occurs as follows:

Each Club shall be asked to nominate teams with detailed information on the name of the team & player numbers in the previous season, any player changes to the team from the previous season and a prediction of a win / loss ratio should the team play every other team in the age group, including the preferred division.

Teams from the previous season shall be ranked. Where the previous season was an ungraded age group, for / against totals shall be used to place teams in an initial order. Where the previous season was graded, the final order shall be used in order of divisions, and usually the top two teams in each lower division shall have grading matches against teams in the division immediately above it.

Using detailed information provided on the Team Nomination, the rank order shall be adjusted to increase or decrease the rank accordingly.

The rankings will be used for arrangement of any skill development / grading matches. The results of these matches will be used to further adjust rankings in an age group.

During grading matches, club registrars are to inform the Competition Manager of any factors that would affect the result eg the team was deficient in numbers, and/or missing key players etc.

(d) **Allocation to Divisions**

Where Divisions are to be played, the appropriate number of divisions shall be determined on the basis of:

- (i) The number of teams nominated;
- (ii) The number of weeks available for competition;
- (iii) The relative strengths of teams (e.g. where there would appear to be a significant break between two teams of adjacent rank, this would constitute a divisional break); and;

- (iv) Where it is not possible to create a division with the required number of matches, non-competition and double point matches can be used to ensure each team plays every other team an equal number of times. HOWEVER, the number of such matches shall be kept to a minimum.

8.4 Premierships

Premierships are awarded as follows:

- (i) **Under 6 to 9** - there will be no premierships held in the Under 6 to Under 9 age groups, therefore there are no Points Ladders.
- (ii) **Under 10, 11** - there will be no premierships held in the Under 10 to Under 11 age groups – therefore there are no Points Ladders.
- (iii) **Under 12** - there will be no finals series with the premiership awarded on a “First Past the Post” basis, as provided for in rule 6.3. Points Ladders are shown.
- (iv) **Under 13** and older - premierships shall be awarded after a finals series as provided for in the Rule Final Series of Matches. Points Ladders are shown.

8.5 Wet Weather Procedures & Alternate Arrangements

(a) Wet Weather Procedure

This procedure is to be strictly followed to ensure everyone is notified of any changes to matches due to Wet Weather:

- (i) **DAY / NIGHT PRIOR** – The Club whose field is unavailable is to inform the Competition Manager (if not available the Board Region Representative) as soon as possible and the procedure for “Field Unavailability” is to apply.
- (ii) **MORNING of MATCH** - The following procedure will occur on the morning of the scheduled match:

6.00 — 6.25am Club Representative (e.g. President) to notify Competition Manager by phone and text message that fields are unavailable after recommendations and decisions of the state of the grounds reached in consultation with Ground Curators, where applicable.

6.25 — 6.50am After direction from the Competition Manager, the Club Representative is to contact opposition Club Contacts to notify them of field closure, or alternate arrangement. Field closure should be posted on clubs facebook and sent via Rugby Xplorer communications to club members.

6.50 — 7.00am Competition Manager will notify the Referee Representative of any field closures and/or alternate arrangements.

Clubs effected notify their Team Managers (youngest age group first) of field closures or alternate arrangements as directed by the Competition Manager. Field closure should be posted on clubs facebook and sent via Rugby Xplorer communications to club members.

7.00am onwards Team Manager notifies Team Members.

(a) Changes to Scheduled Matches – Competition Manager

The Competition Manager reserves the right to alter the time, date and venue of any match due to special circumstances, i.e. wet weather, unplayable surface, or for a special purpose, i.e. - selection trials, special promotion, etc and may, where it sees fit, cancel all matches on a particular date, and make such direction as to alternative arrangements as it sees fit including:

- (i) Playing on a different date, or
- (ii) Removal of matches from the competition, or

(iii) Declaration of all matches as draws.

(b) **Changes to Scheduled Matches – Clubs Mutual Agreement**

Clubs may only reschedule matches once a draw is set by mutual written agreement from both Clubs' Registrars, stating the agreed, date, time and venue. This request must be received by the Competition Manager no later than 9:00AM Friday, one week prior to the original scheduled game time.

8.6 Forfeits

There are a number of reasons that a forfeit may be declared:

(a) **Time**

Any team not able to commence a match at the allocated venue within fifteen (15) minutes of the prescribed commencement time, will automatically forfeit the match as determined by the referee.

(b) **Minimum Numbers before the Match**

- (i) As per Rugby Australia Pathway Laws – age U6 – U12 teams must provide players to opposition team if the team has insufficient numbers to field a complete starting side.
- (ii) For U12 upwards refer WR Law 3 and Under 19 Variations and RA Under 19 Law Variations re less than 15 players requirements.
- (iii) U13 upwards – a team may choose to forfeit a game if they feel that they do not have sufficient numbers to safely play.

NOTE: Whilst a forfeit may be called due to the above, it is encouraged that a friendly game be played with teams either sharing players or matching numbers.

(c) **Minimum Numbers After the Match Has Commenced**

For U13 upwards, if the player numbers fall below 15 players **after** the match has commenced, the match may proceed, however if disparity is so great that safety of players is a concern, the Coach of the team with the lesser numbers should do the following:

- (i) Have the Team Captain notify the Referee STOP the match, and
- (ii) FORFEIT to the opposition, and in conjunction with the other Coach, even up the numbers and give the players a game.

(d) **Finals Series**

For any Final, Semi-Final, Preliminary Final or Grand Final, if a team is not ready to take the field by the scheduled start time as notified by the Competition Manager and as determined by the Referee, that team shall forfeit the match and the non-offending team will be declared the winner.

Where a team has forfeited a match for any of the above reasons, twenty-eight points (28) to Nil will be awarded FOR the non-forfeiting team and AGAINST the forfeiting team. A win and four competition points (4) will be awarded to the non-forfeiting team.

8.7 Duration Of Play (includes ball sizes)

(a) **Playing Times & Ball Sizes**

Matches shall be played (where possible) at the times indicated, as set out by the Board. Start times may vary due to field space availability. Times and ball sizes as follows:

Day	Age	BOYS STANDARD COMPETITION			
		Start Time	Each Half	Half Time	Ball Size
SATURDAY	Under 6	08.20am	7 minutes (x 4)	2 minutes	2
	Under 7	09.10am	7 minutes (x 4)	2 minutes	2

	Under 8	09.50am 10:30am	15 minutes Reset Fields	5 minutes	3
	Under 9	10.40am	20 minutes	5 minutes	3
SUNDAY	Under 10	08:30am	20 minutes	5 minutes	4
	Under 11	09:20am 10.10am	20 minutes Reset Fields	5 minutes	4
	Under 12	10.20am	25 minutes	5 minutes	4
	Under 13	11.20am	25 minutes	5 minutes	5
	Under 14	12.20pm	25 minutes	5 minutes	5
	Under 15	01.20pm	25 minutes	5 minutes	5
	Under 16	02.20pm	30 minutes	5 minutes	5
Lightning Series	Under 17/18	10:20am – 2:30pm	20 minutes for multiple games on the day	5 minutes	5
	Under 17/18	02.20pm	30 minutes	5 minutes	5

GIRLS 7s

Day	Age	Start Time	Each Half	Half Time	Ball Size
SUNDAY	Under 11 - 12	12:30pm	7 minutes	2 minutes	4
	Under 13 - 14	11:00am	7 minutes	2 minutes	5
	Under 15 - 16	9.30am	7 minutes	2 minutes	5
	Under 17 - 18	8.30am	7 minutes	2 minutes	5

GIRLS 10s/XVs

Day	Age	Start Time	Each Half	Half Time	Ball Size
SUNDAY	Under 11 - 12	11:20am	10 - 20 minutes	2 minutes	4
	Under 13 - 14	10:20am	10 – 20 minutes	2 minutes	5
	Under 15 - 16	9.20am	10 - 20 minutes	2 minutes	5
	Under 17 - 18	8.30am	10 – 20 minutes	2 minutes	5

(b) **Maximum Playing Time**

The maximum playing time in any one day for a team, under 19 years of age is to be 90 minutes (Refer RA Under Law Variation – Law 5 – Time; Law 5.1 - players). No matter what the match is called (a trial, or competition match or a knockout match or tournament), the total amount of team playing time in any one day is to be no more than 90 minutes.

(c) **Time Lost Before Commencement**

Where a Junior match (not being a semi-final, final or grand-final) begins after the appointed time, and there is a match scheduled immediately after (where another field is not available), the referee must shorten playing time in the delayed start match by a period equal to the time lost between the appointed and the actual starting time. If a Referee shortens the time under the Rule, the referee shall nevertheless cause two equal halves to be played eg - If play starts 10 minutes late, in an Under 11 match, playing times will be reduced to 15 minutes each way for that match.

(d) **Time Off**

Time-off is NOT permitted in competition matches except:

- (i) Where there is no match following, and where in the opinion of the referee, the weather conditions (i.e. the heat and/or humidity) may cause undue stress on participants in the match, the referee may stop the match once in each half at a

suitable break in play for a maximum of one (1) minute. The match will restart as though there were no break in play and the stoppage time shall not be included in the playing time; and

(ii) Where there is a match following, and where in the opinion of the referee, the weather conditions (i.e. the heat and/or humidity) may cause undue stress on participants in the match, the referee may stop the match once in each half at a suitable break in play for a maximum of one (1) minute. The match will restart as though there were no break in play and the stoppage time shall be included in the playing time.

(iii) Finals

Time-off shall be allowed for “permitted delays” as provided by the laws of the game, in semi-finals, preliminary finals, finals and grand finals only where scheduling of matches will allow for extra time to be played i.e. that the playing time all up does not exceed seventy (70) minutes.

(e) **Extra Time (Draws)**

Extra Time is only allowed as follows:

(i) Competition Matches - there is no extra time allowed.

(ii) Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals, Finals - Equal Points and Extra Time in Finals is determined as follows:

1. XV a side

There is no extra time allowed. If points scored by the teams are equal at the end of play, then the team which entered the match with higher competition place on the points table shall be declared the winner.

2. 10s and 7s

Golden point extra time will be played for Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals, Finals only. It will be capped at five (5) minutes. If points scored by teams are equal after playing extra time, no further extra time shall be played and the team to progress will be determined by BCR 6.3 Ladder Positions Determination.

(iii) Grand Finals - Equal Points and Extra Time in Grand Finals is determined as follows:

1. XV a side

If the points scored by the teams in a Grand Final are equal at full time, an extra five (5) minutes each way shall be played to determine the winner. One minute shall be allowed to change ends at full time and after the first period of extra time. The restart will be by kick off. The team that kicked off at the commencement of the final will restart the first period of extra time and then be alternated for the second period. If points scored by teams are equal after playing extra time, no further extra time shall be played and both teams declared JOINT PREMIERS. In the case of joint Premiers one team will be issued with the Trophy and their pennants will be issued once the subsequent order has been received. The other team shall receive the Premier pennants. Teams are to mutually agree on retaining the trophy for an equal amount of time each.

2. 10s and 7s

Golden point extra time will be played for Grand Finals. It will be capped at five (5) minutes. One minute shall be allowed to change ends at full time and after the first period of extra time. The restart will be by kick off. A coin toss will determine who will kick off at the commencement of the final will restart the

period of extra time. If points scored by teams are equal after playing extra time, no further extra time shall be played and both teams declared JOINT PREMIERS. In the case of joint Premiers one team will be issued with the Trophy and their pennants will be issued once the subsequent order has been received. The other team shall receive the Premier pennants. Teams are to mutually agree on retaining the trophy for an equal amount of time each.

8.8 Player Attire and Equipment

Players Clothing is governed by WR Law 4 and Regulation 12 and reference should be made to the current editions when seeking any clarification.

(a) Player Strip

A player is to play in the Clubs playing strip or jersey, shorts and socks, which has been authorised by the Competition Manager. Restrictions on jerseys are:

- (i) U6 – U9 Designated Scrum Half is to be identified by a either a different coloured jersey or their jersey turned inside out.
- (ii) Identical / Similar Colours - In the event of the opposing team has identical or similar colours, the home team shall supply and wear alternative jerseys; and
- (iii) Numbers - Jerseys shall have a distinguishing number on the back and the number is to be of a minimum length of 150mm and of such colour to be discernible within a reasonable distance; and
- (iv) Duplicate Numbers - No two (2) players, including reserves, in the same team shall wear the same jersey number (Jersey swapping can be overcome by using for instance, tape to change the number from a 9 to 29 etc); and
- (v) Rugby Xplorer - The distinguishing number shall correspond with the information supplied by the Club on the Match Day App and to the fourth referee if appointed for that match.

(b) Mouthguards

It is highly recommended that a mouthguard should be worn at all times whilst playing, during warm ups and during training.

8.9 Playing Fields & Venue Control

The set up and control of playing fields and a venue are critical to the safety and enjoyment of all participants including spectators. The word Union is to replace the word Club in its context as the authority, when the Union is conducting the matches at a venue and a Club has not been appointed to conduct the activity.

(a) Club Appointed Officials

At all matches Clubs are responsible for providing the following:

- (i) A Club Official / Ground Marshall / Game Day Manager must be available and identifiable (wear a high visibility Vest/Shirt marked Club Official), and their duties and responsibilities are:
 1. The Supervision of the venue and all appointed officials; and
 2. Point of contact for all enquiries; and
 3. Responsible for the venue and its adherence to Covid-19 requirements and standards
 4. Responsible for the control and behaviour of players, coaches, officials, parents / guardians, spectators or any other member of a Club and that they comply with the Member Protection Policy and/or Code of Conduct; and
 5. Having access to all necessary keys and passes to ensure emergency access can be obtained to any section of the venue; and
 6. Having access to a phone and the Emergency Phone List; and
 7. Have access to Rugby Australia Protocol for Serious Injury; and

8. If necessary, a Club Official / Ground Marshall may also carry out the duties of a Field Marshall when only one field is in use; and
 9. Report any irregularities or breaches of the rules that they are unable to resolve to the Club for further action.
- (ii) Field Marshall/s (identifiable by wearing an Orange Vest/Shirt marked Field Marshall) is to be appointed for each full-size field and their duties and responsibilities are:
1. Set up, maintenance of and patrolling the Playing Enclosure; and
 2. Preventing the illegal entry of any person into the playing enclosure; and
 3. Assisting the officials (Medical Person, Managers, Assistant Referees and Referee) perform their respective duties; and
 4. Ensuring Assistant Referees and Trainers are carrying out their duties correctly, including not calling out or coaching when inside the playing enclosure; and
 5. Assisting the Club Official implement emergency access: and
 6. Assisting the Club official in the control and behaviour of players, coaches, officials, parents / guardians, spectators or any other member of a Club and that they comply with the Code of Conduct; and
 7. Report any irregularities or breaches of the rules that they are unable to resolve to the Club Official for further action.
- (iii) Suitably Qualified Medical Person/s, as per accreditation requirements – Annexure E is available, identifiable (wearing a clearly marked Vest/Shirt with “MEDICAL’ or the medical uniform of a professional contracted medical service), and be in a prominent position visible to the field. Medics must be appointed to a minimum of one medic per full size field. For U10 and up games they should be located adjacent to the centre of the field, between the areas set aside for reserves. Their duties and responsibilities are:
1. Ensure that an appropriately stocked Medical Kit, ice and a stretcher are available; and
 2. Ensure the Club has a means of communication and contact for Ambulance: and
 3. That the Club has an Emergency List of contacts and addresses for:
 4. After hours doctor;
 5. Nearest public hospital and/or emergency facility;
 6. Local Medical Centre and /or facility;
 7. Local Police; and
 8. Be familiar with and have available a copy of Rugby AU Safety Directives and Concussion Management Guidelines as a reference when seeking any clarification; and
 9. Have on hand copies of the:
 - a. RA Head Injury Fact Sheet
 - b. Concussion Referral & Return Form
 10. Checking with each Team, to establish who is going to attend to players who appear injured in the first instance, and if a Team is using qualified Sports Trainers, then only attend when called for by the Team or Referee, or when the Trainer is not available to attend to the player (regardless common sense must prevail, and the players’ safety comes first); and
 11. To have read the BJRU on the policy for attending players:

*Where the attending medical person in the **first instance** (either home or visiting), **seeks assistance** from another qualified medical person/s, the person with the senior qualification (i.e. Doctor overrides Paramedic, Paramedic overrides Qualified Sports Trainer, Qualified Sports Trainer over rides First Aid, First Aid overrides trainer) shall have precedence in any decisions made. (Amendment 14 July 05)*

- (b) **Restrictions for Coaches, Managers, Team Officials & Trainers to Enter Playing Enclosure**
Restrictions on Pathway Coaches, Managers, Team Officials and Trainer/s to enter the enclosure are outlined below:
- (i) Under 6 and Under 7:
 - a. Coach: On the field.
 - b. Manager & Team Official: Behind the barrier.
 - c. Trainer x 1: Seated just inside the barrier.
 - (ii) Under 8:
 - a. Coach: On the field.
 - b. Manager & Team Official: Behind the barrier.
 - c. Trainer x 2: Seated just inside the barrier.
 - (iii) Under 9:
 - a. Coach: On the field for 50% matches scheduled by the Committee, otherwise behind the barrier.
 - b. Manager & Team Official: Behind the barrier.
 - c. Trainer x 2: Seated just inside the barrier.
 - (iv) Under 10 – Under 18:
 - a. Coach: Behind the barrier. The Coach or Assistant Coach CANNOT act as trainer in any match.
 - b. Manager & Team Official: Behind the barrier.
 - c. Trainer x 2: Seated just inside the barrier.
- (c) **Communication between Team Management and Referees**
Team Management may not engage a referee in relation to the match played, other than to confirm the score and any cards issued and to thank them for refereeing.
- (d) **Co-location of Managers and Reserves**
Both Team Managers and reserves must be co-located on the same side of the field whilst the match is in progress, preferably, near the Medic, in the place designated by the Host Club. The Managers are to be close enough that they can without delay consult each other when necessary. The Coach and remaining team management (excluding trainers), are not restricted on their location outside the 5-metre barrier, except where one of them is performing the role of manager.
- (e) **Playing Surface**
The following applies to the playing surface:
- (i) In terms of Law 1.11 and 1.12. the Referee may elect to abandon or not start a match where the ground safety standards, in the Referee's opinion are not met. In the event of such action being taken by the Referee, the procedure for 7.5 Wet Weather Procedures and Alternate Arrangements is to apply and the matter reported to the Competition Manager.

8.10 Match Day App & Results

It is the responsibility of each team manager to:

- i. Provide via the Rugby Match Day App the results and player statistics for all matches played; and
- ii. Submit via the Rugby Match Day App any red, yellow or blue cards for all matches, no later than the times specified.

- iii. Notify their club/registrars of any players whose names are not appearing as available for selection.

(a) **Online Results Must Include:**

- (iii) All players' details including substitutes and correct jersey numbers;
- (iv) Team Coach and Team Managers details
- (v) Result of the match;
- (vi) Point scorers;
- (vii) Tries;
- (viii) Conversions;
- (ix) Penalties;
- (x) Drop Goals;
- (xi) Penalty tries;
- (xii) All players temporarily suspended (yellow card);
- (xiii) All players sent from the field of play (red card);
- (xiv) Players who have a suspected concussion (blue card).

(b) **Viewing of Opposition Match Day app**

Prior to, during and/or at the completion of each match team managers shall have the opportunity to view the other team's scoring app.

At the end of the match each team manager is to check, and come to an agreement that the result and player information is true and correct. All yellow, red and blue cards are to be completed and checked. Once this is done, the match referee is to check the team managers scoring app, confirm the score and submit the result via the scoring app.

(c) **Match Results - Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the BOTH teams to ensure that the match results have been submitted via the app. Managers should not leave the field without agreement of the score.

8.11 **Match Officials**

(a) **Appointment Of Referees**

Referees in the Union are appointed as follows:

- (i) Under 6 to 9 - The Committee delegates this authority to the home Club who shall appoint a referee from its pool of suitably accredited Club referees. See Annexure E – BJRU Accreditation Requirements. Qualified referees are required to wear their pathway referee vest; and
- (ii) Under 10 and Older - The Appointment Board of the QRRRA (Brisbane) where requested shall have authority to appoint referees to all matches (including semi-finals, finals, grand finals and representative matches) played under the control of the Competition; and
- (iii) Finals - For all Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals, Finals, Grand Finals and Representative Matches the Appointment Board of the QRRRA (Brisbane) shall also appoint Assistant Referees and a Fourth Referee. Where this is not feasible the Competition Manager is to arrange accredited Assistant Referees and a Committee Member or a person authorised by the Competition Manager to act as the Fourth Referee where possible.

(b) **No Appointed Referee**

When there is no appointed referee present the procedure is:

- (i) In the event of a Referee not attending within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start of a match, a substitute shall be appointed by mutual consent of the opposing

coaches. The substitute Referee must be qualified and will assume control of the match until the appointed Referee arrives; or

- (ii) Failing such an agreement between the two coaches being reached, the host club shall nominate an individual to Referee (preferably fully qualified - the minimum requirement is that the person must be Smart Rugby current). On arrival, the appointed Referee shall assume control during the next break in play.

(c) **Referee Unable to Continue**

In the event of the Referee appointed being unable to continue through illness or injury, a substitute shall be appointed for the remainder of the match by such Referee, if this injury or illness is of a nature as will enable this to be done. Where this process will not be able to be followed, then the two team coaches will appoint a Referee to control the remainder of the match, or appoint two Referees, one nomination per team, each controlling half of the remaining time each. If the teams do not agree; the home team appoints the Referee. In all circumstances the Referee must be qualified or at a minimum Smart Rugby current.

(d) **Assistant Referees**

(i) Club Requirements

Clubs are required to appoint an Assistant Referee for every match a team played, except finals. Qualifications are as follows:

1. Under 6 – 7 Teams - This person would normally be an adult and does not have to be accredited;
2. Under 8 – 12 Teams - Be no younger than 13 years of age; and have completed an Assistant Refereeing Kids Rugby U8-U12 certification;
3. U13 and Older - Accredited Level 1 Assistant Referee.

(ii) Age Requirements

Assistant Referees are to be no younger than thirteen (13 years of age);

(iii) Reporting to the Referee

All Assistant Referees shall report to the Referee prior to the start of the match, stating whether they are accredited or not and ask the referee if he has any special requirements of them.

(iv) Dress

Every **accredited** Assistant Referee supplied by a Union Club must be distinguishable as an Assistant Referee, wearing either: An Assistant Referee Vest, or a QRRA Referees or Assistant Referee shirt, or display a Referee or Assistant Referee badge. They shall be equipped with a flag and are to be appropriately dressed including suitable footwear.

(v) Assistant Referee Vests

Clubs are responsible for issuing each of their teams with an Assistant Referee Vest and retain enough spare vests at the Club for temporary issue to any teams that fail to bring their vest. Assistant Referee Vests are Sky Blue with "ASSISTANT REFEREE" on the back and are to **only be worn by qualified Assistant Referees**.

(d) **Coach and Manager as Referee, Assistant Referee, Or Trainer**

The following restrictions apply to the Coach or Manager in respect to being a referee, Assistant Referee or trainer when their team is playing:

- (i) Refereeing - the coach or manager is not to referee their own team without prior approval of the opposition coach except where a there is a referee no show and no

other qualified person is available. Preference should be to the manager (if accredited).

- (ii) Assistant Referee or Trainer - coaches are not to act as Assistant Referees or trainers for their team. Managers are not to act as an Assistant Referee or trainer for their own team, except in exceptional circumstances where no other person is available to perform this task and before being an Assistant Referee ask the opposition if they can appoint one.

8.12 Finals Series Matches

(a) Premierships & Determining Finals Series

Premierships may be determined by either First Past the Post and/or finals series. For the purposes of determining First Past the Post Premierships and teams to play in the Final Series, the Competition Ladder as at 5.00 pm the Tuesday following the last competition fixture will be used. The points for any match results subsequently received will be applied to the Competition Table only at the discretion of the Committee.

(b) Final Series

The Premiership team will be determined by conducting either:

1) **Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals:**

- (i) Minor Semi-Final - team third in the overall competition ladder to play team fourth in the overall competition ladder table; and
- (ii) Major Semi-Final - team first in overall competition ladder to play team second on overall competition ladder table;
- (iii) Preliminary Final – winner of Minor Semi-Final to play loser of Major Semi-Final; and
- (iv) Grand Final - winner of (b) to play winner of (c).

2) **5 team Semi-Finals and Grand Finals:**

- (i) Minor Semi-Final - team fifth in overall competition ladder to play team fourth in overall competition ladder table; and
- (ii) Major Semi-Final - team third in overall competition ladder to play team second on overall competition ladder table;
- (iii) Minor Premiers – have bye the first week of finals
- (iv) Minor Preliminary Finals – winner of Minor Semi-Final to play winner of Major Semi-Final; and
- (v) Major Preliminary Final – loser of major semi-final to play Minor Premiers
- (vi) Grand Final - winner of (d) to play winner of (e).

3) **Semi-Finals and Grand Finals:**

- (i) First Semi-Final - team fourth in overall competition ladder to play team first in overall competition ladder table; and
- (ii) Second Semi-Final - team second in overall competition ladder to play team third on overall competition ladder table; and
- (iii) Grand Final - winner of (a) to play winner of (b).

4) **Finals and Grand Finals:**

- (i) Team first on points table goes straight into grand final; and
- (ii) Teams placed second and third on the overall competition ladder play each other;
- (iii) Winner of (b) plays (a) in Grand-Final.

5) **Grand Finals Only** - Top two teams placed on overall competition ladder become Grand Finalists.

6) **First Past the Post** - As per 8.1

(c) **Times And Venues**

All semi-final, preliminary final, final and grand final matches in all divisions will be played at the venues, and commence at such times, as determined by the Board.

8.13 Finals Directive

A Finals Directive may be issued by the Competition Manager for each finals series and will set out actions and conditions to be met by a team. Failure by a Team or its Management to conform to the Finals Directive may result in the Team forfeiting the match and any other penalties on the Club, Team, or Team Management that the Committee considers appropriate.

8.14 Player Eligibility for Finals

The Competition Manager may issue an eligibility list for each team and from this, dispensation can then be submitted if required. If this is to occur notification will normally be included in the Finals Directive.

Eligibility for finals requires the submission of lists and certain criteria to be met by players, these are set out below.

(a) **Eligibility Lists**

By 6:00pm on the Friday preceding the last set of scheduled matches, or as requested, all teams participating in the finals must submit to the Competition Manager:

- (i) Any submissions for player dispensations, including medical certificates if applicable.

(b) **Player Eligibility Criteria**

The criteria necessary for a player to play in a final series is:

- (i) Be registered with that team and appear on the team match list as available to play in at least 50% of all premierships matches scheduled for that team in that competition;
- (ii) Where the competition has five or less games excluding the finals; be registered with the team and appear on the Team match list and have been available to play in at least three of the premierships matches scheduled for that team in that competition; or
- (iii) Have received dispensation from the Committee.

(c) **Eligible to Play in More than One Team**

No player registered in a higher graded team are allowed to back up/play for the club's lower graded teams in the same age group.

Where a player is registered to a lower graded or aged team but has played 50% of all the Unions scheduled matches in the higher graded or aged team, that player shall be deemed to be registered in the higher graded or aged team.

(d) **Game Count Eligibility**

For a game to count for finals eligibility a player must have met the "availability to play a match" criteria. Availability to play is determined by either:

- (i) Named on the Match Day app and having been part of the starting team or substitutes (maximum player numbers as per Competition Rule 7.2).
- (ii) Named on the Match Day app in the case of a Forfeit as available to play; or
- (iii) A Player who has is injured or ill; a medical certificate stating the duration a player was unavailable due to illness or injury is held by the club registrar and provided for dispensation; or

- (iv) Dispensation request based on representative duties (BJRU, QRU, RUGBY AU, QRFSC Representation only); and
 - (v) **Suspension or Disqualification** – does not count towards eligibility.
- (e) **Cleared Players**
Eligibility for cleared players is determined as follows:
- (i) **Within the Union.** Where a player has played matches for another Club within the union, and a clearance has been granted, matches played for the previous Club will be counted towards eligibility.
 - (ii) **From Another Union.** Where a player has played matches for a Club from another union and a clearance has been granted, correspondence is required from the losing union stating the number of matches played for that other Club in an equivalently graded team for them to be counted towards eligibility.

8.15 **Dispensation**

Dispensation may be applied for in writing to the Competition Manager, by the Club President to enable their Club team to field a full side with at least three (3) reserves; or for players who require dispensation as per 8.14.b or 8.14.e. The Dispensation Committee will comprise the Competition Manager, BJRU President and one other BJRU Committee Member to deal with any dispensations not granted by the Competition Manager.

(a) **Granting Dispensation**

Dispensation applications will be granted under the following criteria:

- (i) The Competition Manager may grant dispensation for:
 1. In the case of sickness or injury, a medical certificate accompanies the application. Dispensation will only be granted on medical grounds if the player has played at least one current competition game; or
 2. Player eligibility based on player clearance from another club or region; or
 3. The player is registered with an equivalently or lower graded or younger aged team under Rule 8.2 (e) if there are insufficient eligible players in the finals team, up to 18 total players; or
- (ii) With approval of the Dispensation Committee:
 - a. be registered with a higher graded team under rule 8.2 (e) if there are insufficient eligible, suitable and available players in the finals team qualified under (1) above and in the case of reserves, take the field only in the case of injury; or
 - b. Allowance for a player who is a prop or hooker to be included as a 19th player to allow for scrums to be contested; or
 - c. In the opinion of the Committee there are extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the player or Club concerned.

(b) **Right of Appeal**

The decision of the Dispensation Committee may be appealed by the club requesting the dispensation, to the Appeals Committee upon receipt of the appeal within 24 hours of the Dispensation Notice being issued.

(c) **Dispensation Outcome**

The outcome of the dispensation request will be provided on a form issued by the Competition Manager with the dispensation outcome being either:

Condition 1: Player is granted dispensation to play in the run on team or as a reserve.

Condition 2: NOT granted dispensation to play.

9 AFFILIATION FEES / PLAYER LEVIES / OTHER PAYMENTS & INSURANCE

9.1 Affiliation Fee

This fee is applicable to affiliated members of the Union (not Satellite Clubs) and an invoice for the Union Affiliation Fee will be forwarded from the Treasurer to each Club that enters the competition at the beginning of each season (March). A club is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if the member's annual subscription is in arrears at the date of the meeting.

9.2 Player Levy

The player levy is paid for as part of their online registration and applied as follows:

- (a) **Once Per Player.** A player is required to pay the QRU and BJRU Association Player Levy only once in any one year. That is, if the player plays in the Under 18 Junior Colts Lightning series and then players Term 2 XV's Season, the levy need only be paid once for that player.
- (b) **Player Insurance.** Player insurance ins convertible if registering to multiple competitions within the same registration type eg XV's, however, is chargeable if registering to different game format types of competitions with different registration types i.e. XV's and 7s.
- (c) **Multiple Competitions.** Where a player participates in more than one type of rugby competition format i.e. 15s, 7s and or 10s, there may be a conversion amount charged to the player upon registration to any additional competition to cover any additional insurance or specific competition fee requirements e.g. referees, medical etc.

9.3 Player Clearances

- (a) **Clearance to another Union.** Once a player has played any game, the player levy will not be reimbursed; and
- (b) **Clearance into the Union (BJRU).** The player may incur a stakeholder player levy. The player will not be charged another insurance levy.

10 POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Policies and Procedures that are current for the BJRU are shown below.

10.1 BJRU / QJRU/ QRU / RA Directives

From time to time it is necessary for the BJRU MC and/or QJRU MC and/or QRU and/or RA to issue directives to the member Clubs. Once a directive is passed it is to have the force of Rule. That is, any breach of a directive will be deemed a breach of RULE and can be dealt with under Rule Penalties.

10.2 Carnivals & Tournaments & Trial Games

- (a) Clubs are encouraged to run Carnivals and tournaments and Trial Games, but they must comply with the following:
 - (i) **Notification to BJRU.** The BJRU is to be informed in writing that a Carnival or Tournament is being conducted and are to be sent a copy of the Instructions / Handout specifying how it is to be conducted.
 - (ii) **Sanctioning.**
 1. The Host Club must complete the Rugby Australia Event Sanctioning Form (when applicable) available through <http://www.rugbyau.com/participate/rugby-administration/insurance> and have written approval prior to any carnival/tournament or trial game being conducted.
 2. **Rugby Australia Special Event Guidelines** provides detailed information about the requirements for sanctioning, what is required to satisfy the guidelines and how an Event Organiser goes about meeting these standards. <http://www.rugbyau.com/participate/rugby-administration/insurance>
 3. The BJRU / QRU reserve their right to amend the conduct of the Carnival / Tournament, or not to sanction it if the Carnival / Tournament does not comply with the Rules, and / or directives of the BJRU / QJRU or QRU.
 - (iii) **Rules.** Carnivals and Tournaments conducted by BJRU Clubs must have in the Instructions / Handout for the conduct of the Carnival, or Tournament, a statement that it is being

conducted using the BJRU Rules and is to also specify length of matches, field size and so forth, if they differ from anything contained in these Rules.

- (b) **BJRU Representative Teams & U12 Carnival.** Representative teams' documents covering the procedures and management of BJRU Representative Teams can be found on the BJRU Web Site: www.bjru.com.au
- (c) **Club Organised Games, Tours and Visits**
The following applies to any club organised game, tour or visit:
- (i) Any game conducted outside the normal competition parameters requires Rugby AU Event Sanctioning to be completed by the host club and approved prior to the game being played. Refer to <https://australia.rugby/participate/rugby-administration/insurance> for guidelines.
- (ii) Notifying.
- a. Within the BJRU.
For games between affiliates of the Union (BJRU), clubs must complete the online Game Sanction Form at least two weeks prior to the scheduled match/es - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gGEpPQ4onE6QayVFyVbtUd3ypASc39Ds4sxGfGzHhRUOTJVRFo1UEM4SzM1OE9GTTZHS05QS09YRIQCN0PWcu>
The Competition Manager, is required to sanction the game before it can be played.
- b. Within the State, including Schools. For games between affiliates of the QJRU, Host clubs must send the Event Sanctioning Form to the Competition Manager, who may sanction the game, provided the other team has had the game sanctioned by their Union. The QRU is to be informed.
- c. Interstate. For games Interstate, Host clubs must send the Event Sanctioning Form to the Competition Manager, who may give initial sanctioning, provided the other team has had the game sanctioned by their Union. The BJRU then informs the QRU, and / or RA) of any tours, and / or visits, either to, or from Teams / Clubs that are based interstate or overseas. Visiting Teams must have the game sanctioned by their Home Union.
- d. Overseas. For tours, and / or visits, either to, or from Teams / Clubs that are based overseas, visiting Teams must have their Tour and game(s) sanctioned by their Home Union prior to request for BJRU Sanctioning. The BJRU may give initial sanctioning, and forward to the QRU, and RA to confirm approval.
- (iii) **Guidelines.** Clubs are to also read the current policy documents in relation to Rugby Tours – found at - <https://australia.rugby/participate/rugby-administration/tour-applications> that deals with Tours to ensure they comply with the current guidelines.
- (iv) **Laws.** Visiting Clubs / Teams are to conform to the Laws of the Game and U19 variations as directed by RA and for pathway Under 6 - 12 must conform to RA Relevant Pathway Laws for that age group including the BJRU 2021 U6 – U9 Law Variation Pilot. (refer Appendix F)
- (v) **Competition Rules.** All games played within the Union are to be played under the BJRU Competition Rules and the opposition teams are to be informed of such. When visiting a Team outside of the Union the Competition Rules of that Union would apply.
- (vi) **Sanctioning.** No game which has not been programmed by the Competition Manager (BJRU) is to proceed without the appropriate Event Sanctioning Form / RA Tour Approval being completed and full sanction being granted by the required governing Rugby bodies.
- (vii) **Referees.** The BJRU will assist in organising QRRR referees for any games which are not programmed by the BJRU once approval has been granted for any U10 and upwards games. Any recompense required is a matter between the Club and the QRRR (Brisbane). For any U6 to U9 games, clubs are to ensure that an appropriate Referee is appointed any

10.3 **Entry Of New Clubs Into The BJRU Competition**

Enquiries regarding the entry of new clubs into the BJRU Competition should be directed to: secretary@bjru.com.au.

10.4 **Forfeit Procedure**

PLEASE follow the procedure listed below when forfeiting a game

The team that is forfeiting is to:

1. Contact their own AND opposition Club Registrar by phone informing them of the forfeit. Where possible give the Registrar a reason.
2. Contact the QRRA (Referee Association) by both text and emailing:

Scott Chapman – 0407 388 138 (identify your age, club and team name, time and venue)
Email - juniorappts@qrra.com.au
3. Contact the Competition Manager by text or phone and follow up with an email informing him/her of the forfeit.

By following this procedure, we will not have teams or referees turn up unnecessarily to games that won't happen!

10.5 **Medical Policy**

SPORTS TRAINERS AND MEDIC PROCEDURE

As per the BJRU competition rules, each home club is to appoint a suitably qualified medic to each full-sized field being used. The appointed medic is to be clearly visible and identifiable in the green/yellow medics vests or Sports Med shirt.

Sports trainers appointed by teams who hold Rugby AU accreditation, a current senior first aid certificate or its equivalent can run as medical for their teams. They must be clearly identified by wearing the sports trainers vest. However, the procedure is as follows:

1. Prior to the commencement of the game, the sports trainer must notify the home clubs appointed medic that they will attend their teams' injuries for that game AND will call for assistance if required.
2. A sports trainer or medic is to enter the field of play to attend an injured player when it is safe to do so and at an entry point that does not interfere with the run of play.
3. During the game, if more than one player becomes injured at the same time, the home club appointed medic will attend to one of the players. This places the decision regarding injury into the medics' hands.
4. Where assistance has been called for, by the sports trainer, the higher medically qualified person makes the call on the player treatment. If this means that the player is called injured, this CANNOT BE OVERRULED BY THE TEAM MANAGEMENT. Please also refer to Law 3.20; 3.21 and 3.22.
5. Parents are NOT TO ENTER the field of play for an injury unless invited by the referee (who should check with the medical attendees prior to making this call).
6. Sports Trainers who DO NOT HAVE MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS ARE NOT TO TREAT INJURED PLAYERS. They are to call for medical assistance immediately.
7. The QRRA referees have been advised of the following:

- a. *If possible, all referees should advise medical attendants / team runners / team management (depending on availability of those personnel at any game) prior to the game of the situation to apply in the event of an injury to a player.*
- b. *If they (medics/sports trainers) note that a player is down with an apparent injury, they should immediately go to the player to assess the injury - they should not wait to get the permission of the referee to enter the field of play.*
- c. *If the injury appears to be serious or play is continuing in reasonably close proximity to the injured player, they (medics/sports trainers) should then get the attention of the referee to stop the play so that the injury can be dealt with. All referees should be aware that the safety of the injured player is paramount in these circumstances (particularly in comparison to game continuity).*
- d. *The referee should act in such a manner that the trainer or medical attendant is enabled to carry out their role safely and efficiently. The referee should not offer medical advice under any circumstances, but simply facilitate the treatment of the injured player.*

Please be reminded that host club appointed medics number one concern is player care and as such base their decisions for treatment and determination of a player's injury status on this. They are not interested in the outcome of the rugby game and do not determine a players' injury based on giving a team an advantage.

10.6 PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING POLICY

The BJRU policy on game photography or videoing is that it is the club/venues right to make policy on such matters. Players are fully clothed, so concerns such as those in Surf Lifesaving are not applicable.

When making any policy a commonsense approach needs to be instituted and clubs are to include the following:

1. The BJRU will authorize persons to take photographs & videos at BJRU sponsored events such as Finals & the U12 Carnival, and at times general competition games. These persons may be given permission to be inside the barrier, but under no circumstances are they to be within 3 metres of the Touch or Dead Ball lines.
2. The BJRU may authorize persons to take photographs and video games for media, training, selection, and memorabilia purposes.
3. If a Parent or Guardian wishes that a photograph or video of their child not be used for media purposes, they are to inform the club or official at the venue and follow it up in writing.
4. The club/venue can restrict anyone (except the BJRU) from taking Photographs or Videos.
5. For any game, any person who is not a parent, guardian, team member or member of the Team Management or member of the BJRU management committee, must inform the Club Official or Field Marshall that they are going to video or photograph the game.
6. To avoid any misunderstandings, it is recommended that anyone who is going to video or photograph a game comply with 5 above.
7. The following should not be restricted:
 - a. Persons authorized by the club responsible for the venue;
 - b. Parents/guardians/relatives and teams who take photographs as memorabilia or for team/club history;
 - c. Parents/guardians/relatives who video games as keepsakes;
 - d. Teams who video their games for training purposes, and even video their potential opposition leading into finals;
 - e. Referees who take photographs and video games for training purposes and as a means of recording history and for memorabilia purposes; and
 - f. Representative Team Management or their authorized representative who take videos for training and selection purposes.
8. EXCEPTION to 7 – Where a parent/guardian has safety concerns with family court matters, can request that their child not be videoed or photographed, and the this will take precedence over photo and video permission.
9. Concerned about someone, tell a committee member or official at the club or an official at the venue.

**BRISBANE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
COACHES & TEAM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FORM**

Introduction

1. The aim of this form is to ensure that Coaches & Team Management are aware of their responsibilities when coaching or working with a Junior Rugby Union Team and that through their knowledge, behaviour and guidance ensures the game can be enjoyed by all participants, including parents and spectators.

Administration

1. All Coaches, including Assistant Coaches, Coaching Co-ordinators / Directors, Managers & Assistant Managers, Team Officials, Assistant Referees, Team Sports Trainers, Club Appointed Referees are to complete this form.
2. Original to Club Secretary, if required a photocopy can be produced for the Coach / Manager.
3. This form is to be retained by the Club for a period of 12 months.
4. A new form is to be filled out for each calendar year.

Presidents Responsibilities

1. Presidents are to make available to the Coach / Team Management the documents listed below and ensure they allow a reasonable time for them to digest the information before this form is signed.
2. The Club President is to witness the signing of the form by the Coach / Team Management; this also signifies that the above paragraph has been complied with.

Coaches / Team Management Responsibilities

1. Ensure you have read the documents listed below and are familiar with their contents. Ensure that they are current for this year.
2. Be currently smart rugby accredited, registered in Rugby Xplorer as a coach or manager.
3. The President should be able to answer or direct you to a source, to any questions that may arise.
4. Sign the form in front of the Club President and maintain the duplicate copy for your records.

Documents

1. Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Competition Rules.
2. Laws of the Game including U19 Variations (for Under 12 upwards Coaches)
3. Game Management Guidelines as issued yearly by Rugby AU.
4. Annex B & F, relating to Pathway Laws (for Pathway personnel).
5. Rugby AU Code of Conduct.
6. Member Protection Policy
7. Concussion & Serious Injury Management Guidelines

AGREEMENT

As the _____
(Insert position held i.e. Coach, Asst Coach, Coaching Director, Age Co-ordinator, Manager, Team Official, Touch Judges, Sports Trainer etc)

of _____
(Insert full name of Team and /or Club (i.e. Pine Rivers U12 RED))

having read the current documents listed above, I am now aware of the responsibilities pertaining to my role in the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union Competition and my Club. I am also aware that failing to diligently implement those responsibilities will be a breach of this agreement and contrary to the ethos of Junior Rugby Union.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Witnessed by:

Signature

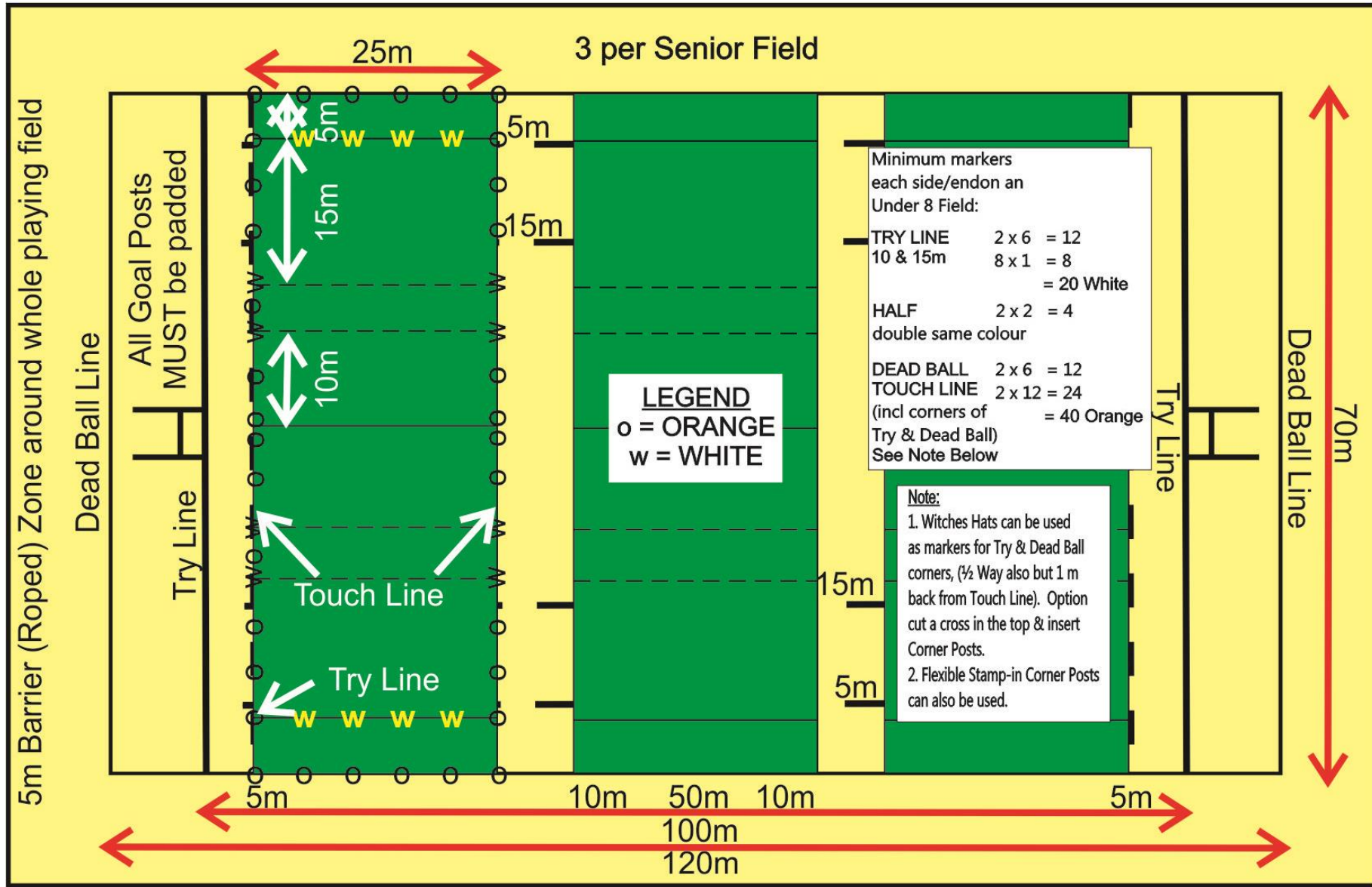
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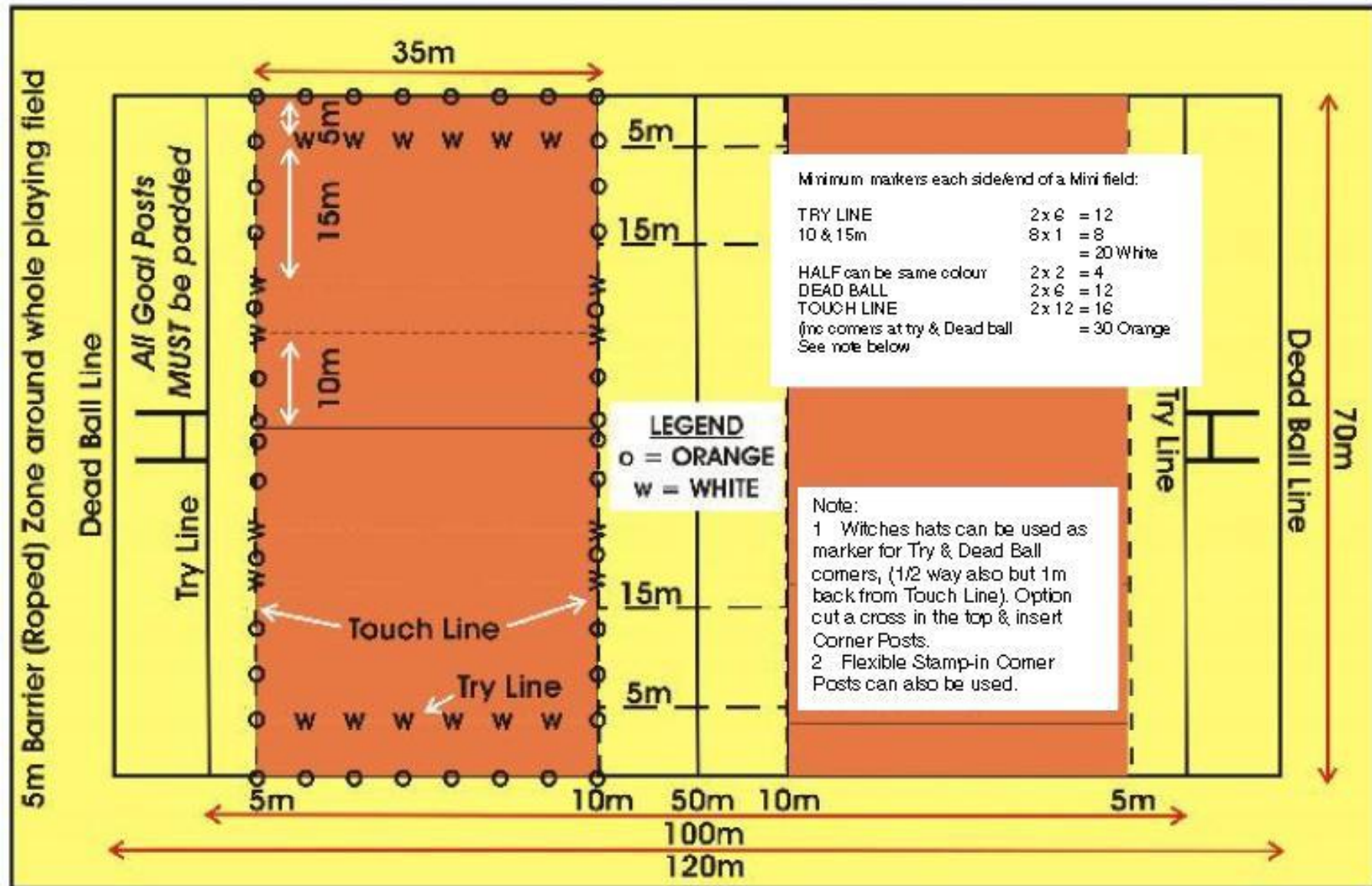
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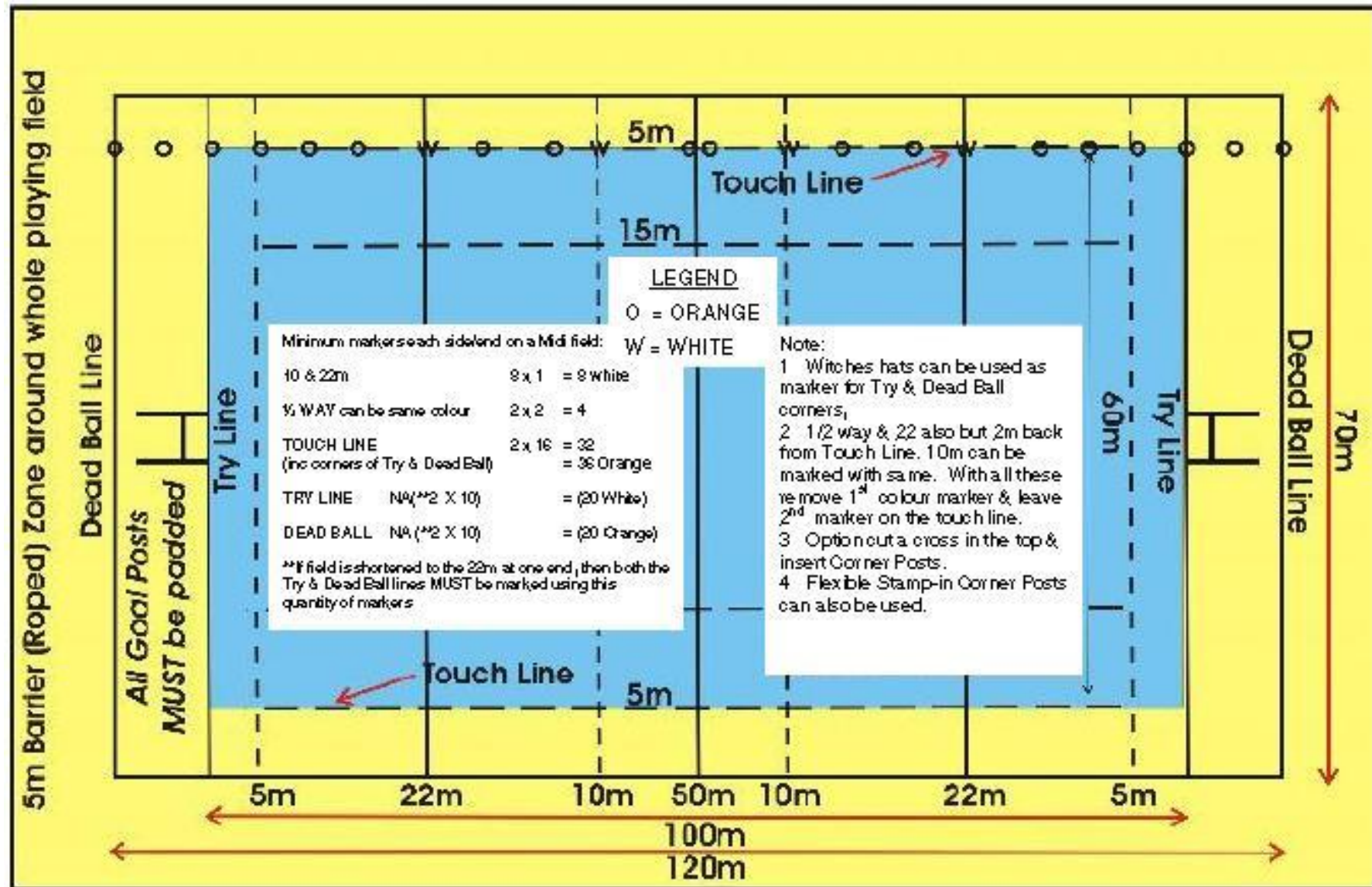
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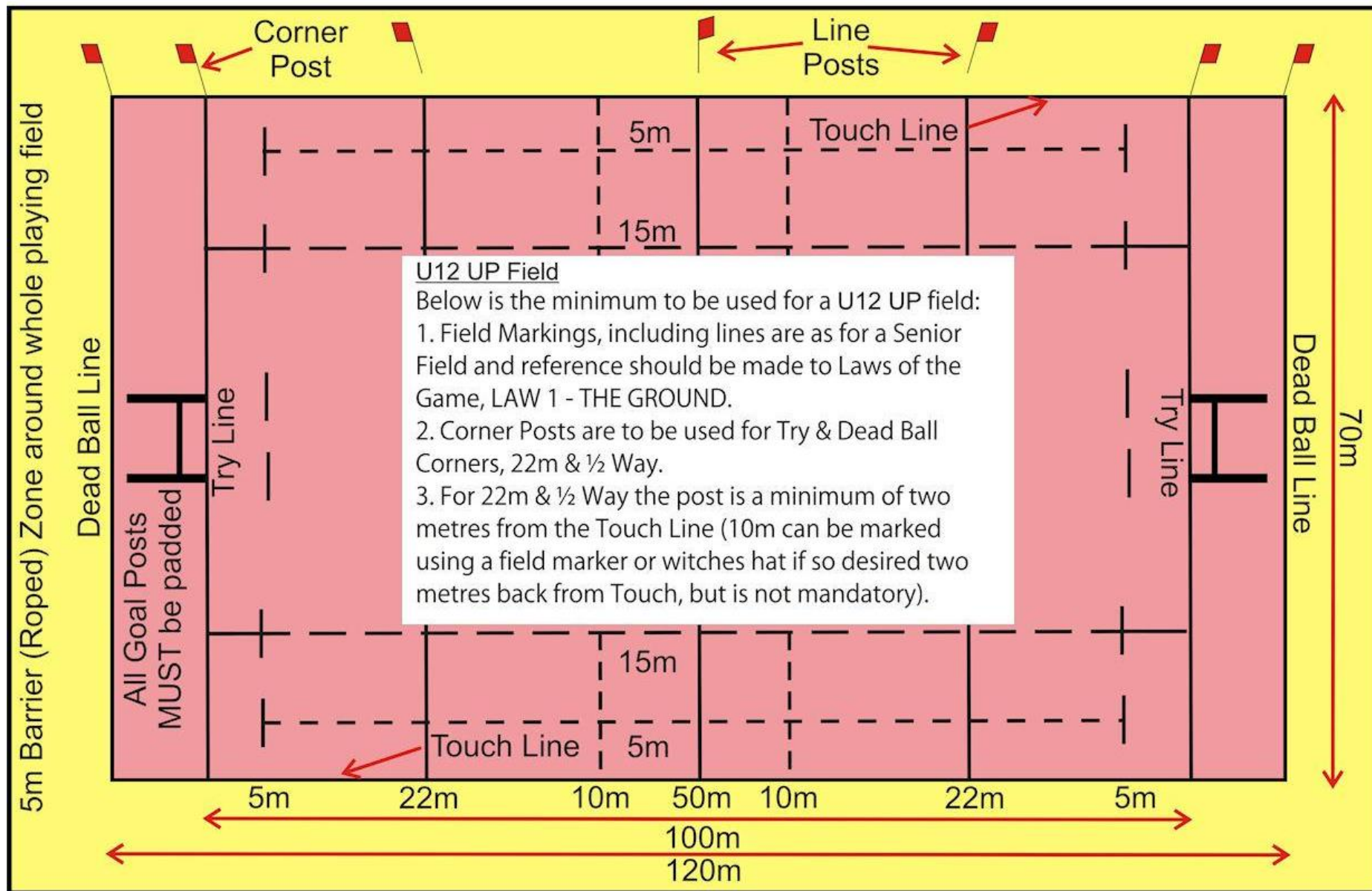
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U10 & U11 FIELD MARKING DIAGRAM



U12 & UP FIELD MARKING DIAGRAM



BRISBANE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION Inc
PROTEST REPORT

1 Full Name of Person Submitting Report: _____

2 Position Held: _____ Organisation: _____

3 Full Name of the Person / Team / Club Named in Report:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Club: _____ Team: _____

Position at Club (player, manager, official, spectator, etc.): _____

4 Where it Occurred: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

5 Describe precisely the grounds on which the Report is being made, including reference to the Laws of the Game, and/or the BJRU Competition Rules that have been breached (please attach other pages if insufficient room to describe incident). This form is not to be used for reporting Code of Conduct or Member Protection Policy breaches:

6 List Accompanying Statements & Documentation (signed Statutory Declaration Forms):

7 I agree that the events mentioned above are true and correct.

Details of Person submitting Report

Full Name: _____ Presidents/Secretary Name: _____

Signature: _____ Presidents/Secretary Signature: _____

This form and accompanying documentation can be forwarded to Competition Manager by 5.00pm on the first business day after the match, to:

E-mailed: as a scanned PDF document to kim.schuck@bjru.com.au

This form is not to be used for reporting Code of Conduct or Member Protection Policy breaches. Please use the following link: <http://www.rugbyaustralia.com.au/runningrugby/PolicyRegister.aspx>

**BRISBANE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION INC
ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS
CLUBS, TEAM OFFICIALS & MATCH OFFICIALS**

CLUB REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation			Member Protection Contact Fact Sheet	Member Protection and Inclusion	Code of Conduct
MEMBER PROTECTION CONTACT Program (All clubs need to identify a designated MPC)						
All Clubs & Age Groups					✓	✓

GROUND MARSHALL REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation					Ground Marshall Course
Age Group						
Under 6 – Under 7						✓
Under 8 – Under 12						✓
Under 13 – U18						✓
Rugby 7s						✓

REGISTRAR REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation				Rugby Xplorer Club Admin Program	Rugby Xplorer Team Manager Program
Age Group						
Under 6 – Under 18					✓	✓
Rugby 7s, 10s, Carnivals					✓	✓

FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation			First Aid in Rugby (WR Online)	Senior First Aid / Sports Trainer Certificate	Concussion & Serious Injury Management
Age Group						
Under 6 – Under 18				✓	✓	✓
Rugby 7s, 10s, Carnivals				✓	✓	✓

COACHING REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation		Game Management Guidelines 2021	Smart Rugby (included in CKR & Level 1)	Coaching Kids Rugby	Foundation (includes Smart Rugby)	Level 1
Age Group							
Under 6 – Under 7				✓	✓		
Under 8 – Under 12			✓	✓	✓		
Under 13 – U18			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rugby 7s			✓	✓		✓	✓

TEAM MANAGER REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation				Rugby Explorer Team Manager Program	Member Protection / Inclusion
Age Group						
Under 6 – Under 7					✓	✓
Under 8 – Under 12					✓	✓
Under 13 – U18					✓	✓
Rugby 7s					✓	✓

REFEREEING REQUIREMENTS	Accreditation	Age Specific Law knowledge	Game Management Guidelines	Smart Rugby	Referee Ready	Referee Level 1 Accreditation	Referee Level 2 Accreditation
Under 6 – Under 7 (encouraged)		✓		✓			
Under 8 – Under 9		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Under 10 - Under 12		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Under 13 – U18			✓	✓		✓	Encouraged
Rugby 7s & 10s			✓	✓		✓	

ASSISTANT REFEREE REQUIREMENTS (*Must be at least 13 years of age)	Accreditation			Smart Rugby	Assistant Referee - Kids Rugby 8* - U12	Level 1 Assistant Referee
Under 6 – Under 9 (encouraged)					✓	
Under 10 - Under 12				✓		✓
Under 13 – U18				✓		✓
Rugby 7s				✓		✓

LAWS SUMMARY FOR U6 TO U12

	U6 – T7s	U7 – T7s	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
Player Numbers	7		7	10	12		15
Playing Area	$\frac{1}{3}$ field L:60m; W:25m		$\frac{1}{3}$ field L:60m; W:25m	$\frac{1}{2}$ field L:60m; W:35m	Full field less 10 m L:100m, W:60m		Full field L:100m, W:70m
Playing Time	2 x 7 min halves x 2 games or 2 x 15 mins	2 x 7 mins x 2 games or 2 x 15 mins	2 x 15 mins	2 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins		2 x 25 mins
Game Style	7-a-side Modified Touch 7 rules	7-a-side Modified Touch 7 rules	7-a-side Tackle	10-a-side Tackle	12-a-side Tackle		15-a-side Tackle
Skills Focus	Evasion and Tag Catch and Pass Running Scoring Tries Enjoyment		Tackle Ruck Maul	Attack Defence	Kick in General Play Contested Scrum and Lineout		Positional Awareness
Ball Size	Size 2 or 2.5		Size 3		Size 4		Size 4
Conversions	No		In front, 10m back (Optional*)		Yes Not past 15m line		Yes Not past 15m line
Kick-off	Punt 5m Exclusion zone		Punt 5m Exclusion zone		Drop		Drop
Restart	Punt on halfway by scoring team		Tap on halfway by non-scoring team		Kick-off by non-scoring team		Kick-off by non-scoring team
Kicking	No		No		Yes		Yes
Tackle	1 handed tag below shoulders. Ball Place (preferred) or Pass		Yes		Yes		Yes
Lineout	Quick throw in No contest	Quick Throw in No contest	2 players No contest	4 players No contest	5 players Contested No lifting		7 players Contested No lifting
Lineout Receiver		Must pass	Must pass		All options		All options
Scrum	Turnover - Pass restart	Turnover	3 players No contest	5 players No contest	6 players Contested 1m push		8 players Contested 1m push
Scrum half		Pass restart	Must pass		All options #8 moves Illegal		All options
When is Lineout and Scrum over?	Ball received by first receiver		Passed by fly-half or bounces		Ball out		Ball out
Penalty Kicks and Free Kicks	Pass restart Opp 5m back		Tap only Opp 5m back		All options Opp 10m back		All options Opp 10m back

COMMON PATHWAY LAWS FOR U6 TO U12

Player Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equal number of players on each team. If one team is short, teams MUST share players to reach the maximum number of equal players possible. Unlimited rolling replacements. 		
Scrum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrum engagement sequences is CROUCH – BIND – SET. When crouched, the distance between opposing front rows should be close enough that players’ heads are interlinked approximately ear to ear. There must be a clear non-verbal pause between ‘bind’ and ‘set’. Defending scrum-half can’t go past midline and cannot leave the scrum. 		
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Drop Goals No Penalty Goals 	Tackle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slinging tackles, fending to the head and squeeze ball illegal
Lineout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Quick Throw-ins No variation in numbers allowed Must have a lineout receiver 	Foul Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow card = (U6 & U7) 2 mins Yellow card = (U8 – U12) 5 mins A player given a Yellow card or Red card may be replaced.

Competition Rule Adjustments U6 – U9

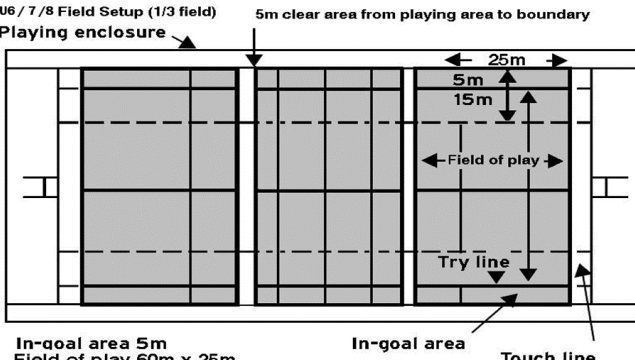
U6 – U7

- ◆ A minimum of one (1) player per half is to be a designated half back. Identifiable by a different coloured jersey/bib or their jersey turned inside out.
- ◆ The player may only play the position of scrum half for maximum of half (½) a game only. The position of scrum half should be rotated through the entire team during the season.
- ◆ Only the designated half back can pick up the ball. Pick and drive is not allowed in u6/u7.
- ◆ The Scrum half must pass the ball from the ball place.
- ◆ No Mauling

U8 – U9

- ◆ The scrum half must pass from set piece or ruck. Once the scrum half has passed the ball cleanly to the first receiver, the opposition can move up and defend.
- ◆ No Counter rucking in U8

Modified Touch 7s Rules for Under 6 and Under 7 - 2023

The Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The field size is a third of a field which is 60m x 25m. <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">U6 / 7 / 8 Field Setup (1/3 field)</p>  <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;"> 5m clear area from playing area to boundary Playing enclosure 25m 5m 15m Field of play Try line In-goal area 5m Field of play 60m x 25m In-goal area Touch line </p>
The Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For players aged 6 or 7 and under we recommend using a size 2 or 2.5 ball
Number of Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 7 players ◆ A team may have up to 5 substitutes. ◆ Teams can make unlimited number of substitutions during play ◆ A player being substituted must cross the touch line and tag their replacement player (slap hands) before the replacement player can enter the field of play. ◆ If a player is injured the referee may signal to allow a replacement player to enter the field of play before the injured player has left the field of play. ◆ If there is a serious injury, the referee should stop play so that the player can be treated.
Timings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Under 6 & U7- There are 4 x 7 min quarters/halves with a 2 minute break between each 7 minutes or 2 x 15 min halves, with 2 min half time. ◆ There is no time off for injury or other stoppages. ◆ If time expires and the ball is still in play, the match finishes upon the next Ball Place or Turnover, or when the ball is next dead.
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A try is awarded with five points.
Kick-off and Restarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All Kick-offs are punt kicks. ◆ After a try, the scoring team kicks off from the centre of the halfway line. ◆ The receiving team at a kick-off must be at least 10m metres back from the halfway line. ◆ If a kick-off is unsuccessful in any way (eg: wrong kick, doesn't reach 5 metres, goes dead or in touch on the full) a Ball Place is awarded at the centre of half-way to the receiving team. (In matches with young players, or low skill players, another chance may be provided by the referee.) ◆ There is a 5-metre radius circle 'exclusion zone' around a player attempting to field the ball after a kick-off where the ball is kicked above head height on the full. No opposing player can enter this zone until the receiving player has played the ball or the ball bounces (penalty).
The 'Touch'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A touch is when the player with the ball is touched by an opposing player with minimum of one hand. ◆ The player making a touch has the option to call "Touch!" as they make a successful touch if they think the touch may not be recognised. ◆ Touches are not permitted above the shoulders (Penalty). ◆ Touches with forced are regarded as dangerous play (Penalty). ◆ When a player is touched, Ball Place is the preferred option and should be encouraged. ◆ The referee will keep count of how many times a team has been touched. ◆ If the ball or the ball carrier touches the referee and either team gains an advantage, the referee adds one to the touch count and the game is restarted with a Ball place.

<p>The “Ball Place”</p>	<p><u>Attacking Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ After a player has been touched, they have to GO TO GROUND (turn and face their own goal-line) and place the ball on the ground. (Go to Ground) ◆ A Ball Place must take place at or directly behind the mark where the touch occurred. ◆ A supporting attacking player (or designated scrum half) then plays the ball and play continues. No pick and drive allowed for u6 and u7. ◆ If a supporting attacking player doesn’t immediately play the ball, the referee may call “Use it!”. If the attacking team do not then use the ball the referee may award a Turnover. <p><u>Defending Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If a touched player opts for a Ball Place, defending players must move back behind an offside line 5 metres from the mark of the Ball Place. ◆ Defending players cannot move forward until the ball is played/passed at least once by the supporting attacking player (Penalty). ◆ A defending player who is offside at a Ball Place can only take part in play after retreating behind the 5 metres line from the previous Ball Place (Penalty).
<p>The “Offload”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ After a player has been touched, they can pass the ball to a teammate. ◆ This must happen within 2 seconds of the touch. ◆ The player can take a maximum of 2 steps before passing. ◆ If the player offloads the ball, there is no offside line for defending players and general play continues. ◆ If a player takes longer than 2 seconds or runs further than 2 steps, the referee will blow the whistle and order a Ball Place. ◆ The third time the referee needs to intervene to order a Ball Place during a set of seven touches, a Turnover will be awarded to the defending team. ◆ If a player is touched within 2 meters of their opponents goal line, they may Offload or Ball place (on the 5m line), but will not be able to score a try themselves. They may score if their foot is on the goal line when touched.
<p>The “Turnover”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Once a team has been “touched” seven times, the referee should immediately award a turnover to the other team. The touch count restarts at zero. ◆ That team restarts play with an offload at the place of the 7th touch. ◆ The opposing team must stand back 5m from this offload.
<p>Knock-on and Forward Pass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A knock-on or forward pass by either team results in a Turnover. ◆ If the referee judges that the non-infringing team may gain an advantage from play continuing, the referee should allow play to continue, but call out the infringement and reset the touch count to zero as play continues. ◆ Any intentional contact with the ball from the defending team where the ball is re-gathered by the attacking team results in the touch count being reset to zero.
<p>Quick throw in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ When the ball or a player with the ball goes into touch, play is restarted by a quick throw in. ◆ The team who did not last touch the ball before it went into touch will take the throw in. <p><u>Attacking Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The throw-in may be taken anywhere from where the ball crossed the touch line into touch, back to the goal-line of the team throwing in. ◆ If the ball is kicked out over the touch line on the full, the throw in may be taken anywhere from the place in line with where the ball was kicked, back to the goal line of the team throwing in.

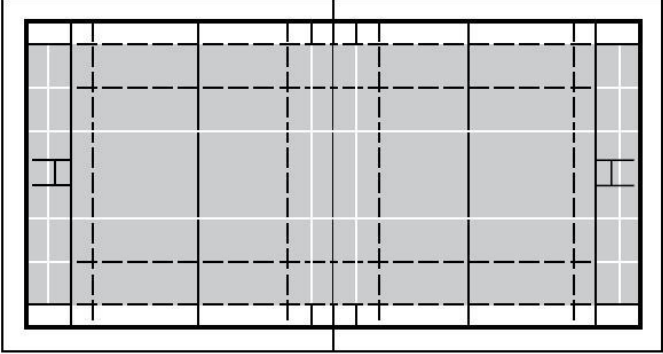
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A quick throw-in must travel straight or towards the throwing team's own goal-line. ◆ The quick throw-in must travel 5 metres before being caught or played by a teammate of the thrower. The thrower cannot throw-in to themselves. ◆ The referee may award a Turnover if the quick throw is taken incorrectly. <p><u>Defending Team</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Defending players at a quick throw-in must be behind an offside line 10 metres from the place where the quick throw-in is taken. Defending players cannot move forward until the ball is thrown in. ◆ A defending player who is offside at a quick throw-in can only take part in play after retreating behind the 10 metres line from the quick throw-in (Penalty).
Kicking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No kicking in general play allowed ◆ If a player kicks the ball, the referee awards a Turnover to the non-infringing team, at the place where the ball was kicked.
Penalties and Advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If the referee stops play for a Penalty infringement, play restarts with an Offload by the non-infringing team. The infringing team must stand back 5m from this Offload. The touch count is reset to zero. ◆ If the infringement occurs before the first touch of a set of 7, the referee may advance the mark for a Penalty 10 metres up the field from the place of the first infringement. The referee will manage the infringing team back 5 metres from the new mark before allowing the Offload to be taken. ◆ When a Penalty infringement occurs, and the referee judges that a team may gain an advantage from the play continuing, the referee should allow play to continue, but call out the infringement and reset the touch count to zero as play continues.
In Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If the ball becomes dead in-goal, (except when kicked dead from in the field of play), play restarts with a Ball Place to the defending team, 5m out from their goal line. ◆ If a team kicks the ball through their opponents' in-goal and it goes dead, the defending team chooses to have a Ball Place either 5m from the defending team's goal line, or at the place where the ball was kicked. ◆ If a player is touched inside their own in-goal, play restarts with a Ball place to the team in possession, 5m out from their goal line. ◆ If a player is touched inside their opponents' in-goal (at least one foot on the goal line), they may ground the ball to score a try.
Foul Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No tackling allowed Any action intended to bring an opponent to the ground is considered dangerous play (Penalty) ◆ When the ball is loose on the ground and being contested, there is to be no heavy contact. This includes bumping, pushing or driving another player from the ball. The primary responsibility for this is with the team who last played the ball. ◆ Yellow Cards (2 mins temporary suspension) and Red Cards (Send Off) may be used. A player give a Yellow card or Red card may be replaced. ◆ Dangerous play, dissent or any act contrary to good sportsmanship, will not be tolerated (Penalty). A Yellow Card may be appropriate. ◆ Kicking and throwing the ball into an opponent intentionally is considered foul play (Penalty). A Yellow Card is appropriate. ◆ Time wasting is considered foul play and player who intentionally waste time (including by intentionally or repeatedly infringing) should be strongly sanctioned. A Yellow Card may be appropriate.

Under 8 and Under 9 Game Modifications 2021	
Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No finals series allowed ◆ Competition ladders and premierships are actively discouraged ◆ Coaches are not allowed on the field beyond the first half of the season in the U9 age group.
The Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Under 8: 60m x 25m (ie 1/3 field – Permanent Law Variation) ◆ Under 9: 60m x 35 m (ie 1/2 field) <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Under 9 Field Setup (1/2 field)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In-goal area 5m Field of play 60m x 35m</p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Under 8 Field Setup (1/3 field)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In-goal area 5m Field of play 60m x 25m</p> </div>
The Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Size 3
Number of Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Under 8: 7 players ◆ Under 9: 10 players ◆ Teams MUST match numbers on the field during play. ◆ A minimum of one (1) player per half is to be a designated half back. Identifiable by a different coloured jersey or their jersey turned inside out. ◆ The player may only play the position of scrum half for half (½) a game only. The position of scrum half should be rotated through the entire team during the season. ◆ If either team has fewer players than the standard number of players during play, then teams must share players to get the maximum number of players on the field, while maintaining equal numbers. ◆ If a team has few or no reserve players, the coach or manager should inform the opposing team before the game starts that they may be required to share players at some point during the game. ◆ Rolling replacements are allowed and these are unlimited in number, but can only be made when the ball is dead. ◆ It is recommended that the maximum size of a team's squad be 10 players for Under 8 and 14 players

	for Under 9.
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Under 8: 2 x 15 min halves, 5 min half time. ◆ Under 9: 2 x 20 min halves, 5 min half time. ◆ There is no time off for injury or other stoppages.
Scoring* Conversions are to be taken where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A try is awarded 5 points. ◆ Drop Goals and Penalty Goals are not permitted. ◆ Conversions, if allowed by the competition organiser, can be either a drop kick or a place kick, and are taken on a line through the centre of the goal posts from 10m away. ◆ Players may not charge a Conversion attempt.
Foul Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No fending to the face or head allowed (PK). ◆ No jersey swinging tackles allowed. (PK). ◆ No kicking allowed in general play (scrum). ◆ A red card = sent off and cannot return. ◆ A yellow card = 5 mins in the sin-bin and if the time period has not expired when half- time or full-time is called, the temporary suspension ends. ◆ When a yellow or red card is issued, the player may be replaced. ◆ 'Squeeze ball' (ball placed between legs) technique is illegal (PK).
Kick-off and Restarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kick-offs to begin each half are punt kicks or drop kicks. ◆ The receiving team at a kick-off must be at least 5m back from half-way. ◆ If a kick-off is unsuccessful in any way (eg. wrong kick, doesn't go 5m, goes dead etc), another chance is provided until the kick is successfully taken. ◆ There is a 5m radius circle 'exclusion zone' around a player attempting to field the ball after a kick-off. No opposing player can enter this zone until the receiving player has caught or picked up the ball (PK). ◆ After a try, the non-scoring team takes a tap restart from the centre of the half-way line. ◆ Where a drop-out would normally occur under Law, the team entitled to the drop out will restart play with a tap restart at the centre of the 15-metre line.
Tackle/Ruck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Referees are reminded to encourage players to only play for the ball when they are on their feet. After the tackled player has passed or released the ball, no player may play the ball while on their knees. ◆ Once the scrum half has passed the ball cleanly to the first receiver, that player must pass the ball again to another teammate. (2 pass from breakdown). ◆ Defence cannot move forward until the first receiver has passed the ball. (This call may be made by the defensive coach) ◆ No counter rucking in u8
Lineout Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No quick throw-ins allowed. ◆ 2 players (in Under 8s) or 4 players (in Under 9s) from each team stand as catchers 1 metre from the opposition players in a single line 4 metres away from the touch line. ◆ The thrower of the team in possession stands on the line of touch. ◆ The thrower's immediate opponent must stand on their side between the lineout and the touch line, and 2 metres from the line of touch. ◆ There must be a receiver (scrum-half) 2 metres back from the lineout. The receiver must stay in position until they receive the ball from the lineout. ◆ All other players not taking part in the lineout must be back at least 5 metres. ◆ If the setup is not right, the referee awards another lineout with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right.

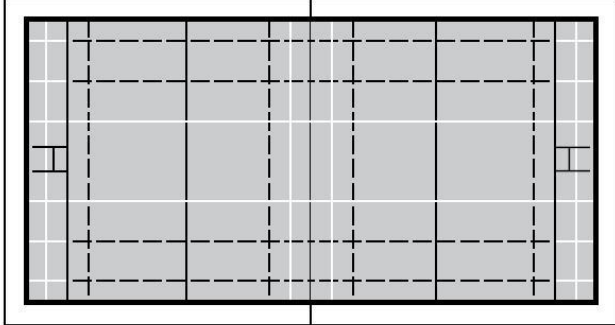
Lineout Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The team throwing the ball must win it. ◆ The ball is passed or knocked to the receiver who must then pass it to a team mate. That player must pass the ball again to another teammate. (2 pass from Lineout). ◆ If the wrong team wins the ball or the receiver doesn't pass, the referee awards another lineout with the same time throwing in, so the players can get it right (if there is repeated infringement, a PK may be awarded).
Lineout Offside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The lineout does not end until the ball is either passed by a team mate (2 pass), or touches the ground, after being passed by the receiver. ◆ Opposition backline players must stay onside and lineout players must stay in the lineout until the lineout is over. (This may be called by the defensive coach) ◆ If players are offside, the referee awards a Penalty Kick.
Scrum Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 3 players (in Under 8s) or 5 players (in Under 9s) from each team form the scrum. ◆ Both scrum-halves must stand on the same side of the scrum. ◆ All other players not taking part in the scrum must be back at least 5 metres. ◆ If the setup is not right, the referee awards another scrum with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right.
Scrum Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Scrum engagement sequence is CROUCH - BIND - SET. When crouched, the distance between opposing front rows should be close enough that players' heads are interlinked approximately ear to ear. There must be a clear non-verbal pause between 'bind' and 'set'. ◆ There is no pushing in the scrum and the team throwing in the ball must win it. ◆ After gathering the ball, the scrum-half must pass it to a team-mate. ◆ If the scrum-half doesn't pass, the referee awards another scrum with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right (if there is repeated infringement, a PK may be awarded).
Scrum Offside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The scrum does not end until the ball is either played by a team mate, or touches the ground, after being passed by the receiver. ◆ The defending scrum-half cannot go past the midline of the scrum and must stay within 1 metre of the scrum on the feeding side until it is over. ◆ Opposition players must stay onside or stay bound until the scrum is over. ◆ If players are offside, the referee awards a Penalty Kick.
Tap Restarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All Penalty Kicks (PK) and Free Kicks (FK) are taken as a tap restart. ◆ The opposing team must run back at least 5 metres from the mark. ◆ At a tap restart the ball must be either kicked out the hands, or put on the ground and kicked a visible distance. The player must not hold the ball and tap with the foot without letting go. Another chance is provided until taken correctly.

Under 10 and Under 11 Game Modifications 2021

Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Finals series, competition ladders and premierships allowed. (No premierships in BJRU competitions)
The Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 100m x 60m (ie full field minus 10m width) <p> Playing enclosure Minimum 5m clear area from playing area to roped boundary </p>  <p> Field of play 100m x 60m In-goal area 10m </p>
The Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Size 4
Number of Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12 players ◆ Teams MUST match numbers on the field during play. ◆ If either team has fewer than 12 players during play, then teams must share players to get the maximum number of players on the field, while maintaining equal numbers. ◆ If a team has few or no reserve players, the coach or manager should inform the opposing team before the game starts that they may be required to share players at some point during the game. ◆ Rolling replacements are allowed and these are unlimited in number, but can only be made when the ball is dead. ◆ It is recommended that the maximum size of a team's squad be 17 players.
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 x 20 min halves, 5 min half time. ◆ There is no time off for injury or other stoppages.
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A try is awarded 5 points. ◆ Drop Goals and Penalty Goals are not permitted. ◆ Conversions are taken on a line through the place where the try was scored, up to but not beyond the 15-metre line (ie 10 metres from the touch line). ◆ Players may not charge a Conversion attempt.
Foul Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No fending to the face or head allowed (PK). ◆ No jersey swinging tackles allowed. (PK). ◆ A red card = sent off and cannot return. ◆ A yellow card = 5 mins in the sin-bin and if the time period has not expired when half- time or full-time is called, the temporary suspension ends. ◆ When a yellow or red card is issued, the player may be replaced. ◆ 'Squeeze ball' technique is illegal (PK).

Kick-off and Restarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kick-offs and restarts are drop kicks. ◆ If a kick-off or drop kick is unsuccessful in any way (eg. wrong kick, goes dead etc), another chance is provided, and if the second kick is also unsuccessful, then a scrum is awarded at the centre of the half way line or 22m line with the throw in to the non-infringing team.
Lineout Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No quick throw-ins allowed. ◆ 5 players from each team stand as catchers 1 metre from the opposition players in a single line 5 metres away from the touch line. ◆ The thrower of the team in possession stands on the line of touch. ◆ The thrower's immediate opponent must stand on their side between the lineout and the touch line, and 2 metres from the line of touch. ◆ There must be a receiver (scrum-half) 2 metres back from the line-out. The receiver may not switch positions or join the lineout until the ball is thrown. ◆ All other players not taking part in the line-out must be back at least 10 metres. ◆ If the setup is not right, the referee awards another lineout with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right.
Lineout Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ If the throw is incorrect (eg not straight), the referee awards another lineout with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right. If the second attempt is also incorrect, a scrum is awarded to the non-infringing team. ◆ There is no lifting or supporting allowed (FK).
Scrum Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 6 players from each team form the scrum. ◆ Both scrum-halves must stand on the same side of the scrum. ◆ All other players not taking part in the scrum must be back at least 5 metres. ◆ If the setup is not right, the referee awards another scrum with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right.
Scrum Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Scrum engagement sequence is CROUCH - BIND - SET. When crouched, the distance between opposing front rows should be close enough that players' heads are interlinked approximately ear to ear. There must be a clear non-verbal pause between 'bind' and 'set'. ◆ A team must not push the scrum more than 1 metre (FK). ◆ No Number 8 moves allowed (FK).
Scrum Offside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The scrum is not over until the ball is completely out of the scrum (eg even if the scrum-half has hands on the ball it is not out). ◆ The defending scrum-half cannot go past the midline of the scrum and must stay within 1 metre of the scrum on the feeding side until it is over. ◆ Opposition players must stay onside or stay bound until the scrum is over. ◆ If players are offside, the referee awards a Penalty Kick.

Under 12 Game Modifications 2021

Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Finals series, competition ladders and premierships allowed.
The Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 100m x 70m (ie usually full field) <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Playing enclosure Minimum 5m clear area from playing area to roped boundary</p>  </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Field of play 100m x 70m In-goal area 10m</p>
The Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Size 4
Number of Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 15 players ◆ Teams MUST match numbers on the field during play. ◆ If either team has fewer than 15 players during play, teams must share players to get the maximum number of players on the field, while maintaining equal numbers. ◆ If one team has few or no reserve players, the coach or manager should inform the opposing team before the game starts that they may be required to share players at some point during the game. ◆ Rolling replacements are allowed and these are unlimited in number, but can only be made when the ball is dead. ◆ It is recommended that the maximum size of a team's squad be 20 players.
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2 x 25 min halves, 5 min half time. ◆ There is no time off for injury or other stoppages.
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A try is awarded 5 points. ◆ Drop Goals and Penalty Goals are not permitted. ◆ Conversions are taken on a line through the place where the try was scored, up to but not beyond the 15-metre line. ◆ Players may not charge a Conversion attempt.
Foul Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No fending to the face or head allowed (PK). ◆ No jersey swinging tackles allowed (PK). ◆ A red card = sent off and cannot return. ◆ A yellow card = 5 mins in the sin-bin and if the time period has not expired when half-time or full-time is called, the temporary suspension ends. ◆ When a yellow or red card is issued, the player may be replaced. ◆ 'Squeeze ball' technique is illegal (PK).

Kick-off and Restarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kick-offs and restarts are drop kicks. ◆ No second chances for incorrect kick-offs or drop-outs.
Lineout Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No quick throw-ins allowed. ◆ 7 players from each team stand as catchers 1 metre from the opposition players in a single line 5 metres away from the touch line. ◆ The thrower of the team in possession stands on the line of touch. ◆ The thrower's immediate opponent must stand on their side between the lineout and the touch line, and 2 metres from the line of touch. ◆ There must be a receiver (scrum-half) 2 metres back from the lineout. The receiver may not switch positions or join the lineout until the ball is thrown. ◆ All other players not taking part in the lineout must be back at least 10 metres. ◆ If the setup is not right, the referee awards another lineout with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right.
Lineout Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No second chance if the throw is incorrect (ie not straight). ◆ There is no lifting or supporting allowed (FK).
Scrum Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8 players from each team form the scrum. ◆ Both scrum-halves must stand on the same side of the scrum. ◆ All other players not taking part in the scrum must be back at least 5 metres. ◆ If the setup is not right, the referee awards another scrum with the same team throwing in, so the players can get it right.
Scrum Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Scrum engagement sequence is CROUCH - BIND - SET. When crouched, the distance between opposing front rows should be close enough that players' heads are interlinked approximately ear to ear. There must be a clear non-verbal pause between 'bind' and 'set'. ◆ A team must not push the scrum more than 1 metre (FK).
Scrum Offside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The scrum is not over until the ball is completely out of the scrum (eg even if the scrum-half has hands on the ball it is not out). ◆ The defending scrum-half cannot go past the midline of the scrum and must stay within 1 metre of the scrum on the feeding side until it is over. ◆ Opposition players must stay onside or stay bound until the scrum is over. ◆ If players are offside, the referee awards a Penalty Kick.

Appendix F – Uncontested Scrums

UNCONTESTED SCRUMS - Dropping a Player - Division 1 from U13-U18 (2023)

World Rugby Law 3			If team can't start with appropriate FR reserves	Yellow/Red Card		Injury		Substitution	
Squad Size	Front Rowers Required	IRB Team Replacements Composition		FR Replacement Available	FR Replacement Unavailable	FR Replacement Available	FR Replacement Unavailable	FR Replacement Available	FR Replacement Unavailable
15 or fewer	3	-	No penalty or change	No penalty for going uncontested - do not have to drop additional player if FR replacement unavailable. Team that loses FR player to Card will play with 1 less player. If team loses FR player due to injury - they will play with 1 less player due to lack of replacements. Scrums must stay 8 v 8 based on IRB Law 19 Cl 6 U19 Law variation which states "If a team cannot field such suitably trained players for whatever reason, then the referee must order uncontested scrums. Uncontested scrums as a result of a sending off, temporary suspension or injury must be played with eight players per side"					
16, 17 or 18	4	Either a prop or a hooker	No penalty or change	If FR player receives card and FR Replacement available: - scrums remain contested - team must play with 14 on field due to card so must replace a back with FR replacement to maintain contested scrums with 8 v 8.	If FR player receives card and no FR Replacement available: - scrums go uncontested with no penalty - team must play with 1 less on field due to card so must drop a back with replacement to maintain scrums with 8 v 8. ** If yellow carded player becomes available - scrums can go back to being contested	If FR player injured and FR replacement available: - scrums remain contested. No change	If FR player injured and no FR replacement available: - scrums go uncontested with no penalty - injured player replaced with substitute - scrums remain 8 v 8 ** If injured player becomes available - scrums can go back to being contested	If FR player substituted and FR replacement available: - scrums remain contested. No change	If no FR replacement available - effectively no replacement can occur. FR player must remain on field to maintain contested scrums as comp rules state that scrums must remain contested if player available. ** Team can go uncontested with no penalty applicable
19, 20, 21 or 22	5	Both a prop and a hooker	Penalty applies: Drop a player if calling for uncontested scrums	Same as squad of 23	Same as squad of 23	Same as squad of 23	Same as squad of 23	Same as squad of 23	Same as squad of 23
23	6	Loose-head prop, tight-head prop and hooker	Penalty applies: Drop a player if calling for uncontested scrums	If FR player receives card and FR Replacement available: - scrums remain contested - team must play with 14 on field due to card so must replace a back with FR replacement to maintain contested scrums with 8 v 8.	If FR player receives card and no FR Replacement available: - scrums go uncontested - penalty applies for going uncontested - team must drop a player - team must play with 2 less on field due to card & uncontested penalty so must drop backs with replacement to maintain scrums with 8 v 8. ** If yellow carded player becomes available - scrums can go back to being contested	If FR player injured and FR replacement available: - scrums remain contested. No change	If FR player injured and no FR replacement available: - scrums go uncontested - penalty applies for going uncontested - team must drop a player ** If injured player becomes available - scrums can go back to being contested	If FR player substituted and FR replacement available: - scrums remain contested. No change	If no FR replacement available - effectively no replacement can occur. FR player must remain on field to maintain contested scrums as comp rules state that scrums must remain contested if player available. ** Team can go uncontested but drops a player. ** If FR player returns to the field (rolling sub rules) - Scrums go contested again

** If a referee calls for uncontested scrums during the game due to safety, no players will be dropped for either team.

*** It is expected that Managers from all clubs record uncontested scrums in their Match Day App and indicate minutes of uncontested scrums.