

2016 Secondary School Handbook

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Competition By-Laws:

These Competition By-Laws are to be read in conjunction with the World Rugby Laws of the game and the NZRU Domestic Safety Law Variations (DSLVs).

1. Competition Formats

Competitions formats are set by the Manawatu Secondary Schools Rugby Board (MSSRB) and Manawatu Rugby Union (MRU). MSSRB reserve the right to amend formats throughout the course of the season in the best interests of the competitions where necessary.

In competition grades points are allocated as follows: Win=4, Draw=2, Loss=0, Loss by 7 or less points=1.

2. Classification of players

Players must play in the correct grade for their team which corresponds to their age on 1st January 2016. Players may only play down one grade following successful application for dispensation to the MRU. Players may take the field for a team higher than the age grade team they are classified for.

During the course of the season players may move between grades as long as they meet the age grade criteria. Inter-changeability shall not be permitted when players of higher grade have completed their competition or have a BYE or the lower grade is playing a game for grading purposes or a play-off fixture similarly where a school has two teams within one grade players are not permitted to change teams without prior consent from MRU. During play-offs, a player may only play for the lower graded team if he or she has played and is named on the team card a minimum of 50% of the scorecards the MRU is in possession of, this is measured off the team cards that Manawatu Rugby Union has in its possession from the current season.

3. Player Eligibility

All teams competing in the Premier 1 competition must comply with NZSSSC Eligibility Rules and Regulations. Teams must submit the following documents pre-season to the MRU, 5 days prior to the commencement of grading.

- **NZSSSC Eligibility Roster including a wider squad of players**
- **Sports Management System prints out including class schedule and photo of each individual**

Teams are then required to exchange a NZSSSC Eligibility Roster with the opposition team prior to the commencement of each game.

4. Registration of Coaches and Players

Each Secondary School Player must be registered prior to taking the field in a game. This entails filling out a 'Junior Player Registration Form' via www.sporty.co.nz no later than the Friday following the game. Players are not deemed to be registered until the school administrator confirms their registration online.

Any Coach that fulfils an active coaching role with a team during practice or on game day must have attended a RugbySmart which includes the Teenage Coaching Module in the current season where that Coach will have completed a 'Coach Registration Form'. A team cannot play on game day without a registered coach present.

5. Scorecards

New Scorecard System:

From 2016 a new method to record match scores and who played in each fixture will be implemented. The MRU will provide each club team with the new scorecard format and Team Managers will provide team sheets and game results as follows:

- The Home Team will be responsible for completing the match team scorecard (i.e. they fill out their playing squad and get the visiting team to do the same pre-game). The Home Team retains the scorecard until the conclusion of the match.
- The referee will have their own scorecard for recording the score during the match.
- At the end of the match, the following will take place:
- Both teams' representatives sign the scorecard, confirming the players' names (i.e. people who sign are responsible for its accuracy)
- The referee signs the scorecard, confirming the score and indicating any Red and/or Yellow cards issued
- The WINNING team is responsible for submitting the scorecard to the MRU. Competition points will not be officially awarded until the MRU has the match scorecard.
- The scorecard can be submitted to the MRU by one of the following means:

MRU Email: info@manawaturugby.co.nz

MRU Phone: (06) 357 2633

MRU Fax: (06) 354 1670

MRU Text Only: 021 965 888

MRU Post: P O Box 1729, Palmerston North

The deadline for scorecards to be submitted to the MRU is Monday 5pm following the Saturday fixture.

6. Substitutions

All teams competing in MSSRB competition grades will be expected to comply with the NZRU Teenage Rugby Policy “Minimum playing time”. All players in a named squad each playing day at all levels below Premier 2 grade(s) or grades stipulated by MRU are required to play half of a game each match. All substitutions must take the field at half time. No Rolling Substitutions are permitted. Any team found to be in breach of this shall be subject to the penalties outlined in Point 15.

7. Referees

Where a Referee is appointed by the Manawatu Rugby Referees’ Association, this will be indicated on the weekly draw on the Manawatu Rugby Website.

Where a referee is not appointed, teams should consult pre-game and appoint the most appropriate person available to take control of the game. If the appointed person is not an associate or fully qualified referee, the game must take place with uncontested scrums. All schools are encouraged to have at least one Associate Referee within the school in the instance a referee does not show up.

8. Serious Injuries & Concussion

Where a player requires hospital treatment as the result of an injury sustained in practice or in a game, the Coach is required to submit a ‘NZRU Serious Injury Form’ to the MRU within 48hrs of the game or practice.

Any player suspected of suffering from concussion must go to hospital or a doctor immediately, and cannot resume training or playing rugby until cleared to do so by a doctor. The MRU Concussion Policy should be applied to any player who has sustained a suspected concussion.

9. Disciplinary

Where a player is temporarily ordered off (yellow card) or ordered off (red card), the Referee must complete the relevant 'Temporary Ordering Off Report' or 'Ordering Off Report' and submit this to the Manawatu Rugby Union within 48hrs of the game.

A citing complaint (where the Referee did not detect the foul play) may be made against a player in writing via a Secondary School Rugby Administrator, and submitted to the MRU within 48hrs of the game.

The official citing form can be found on the MRU website on the 'Documents' page.

MRU has a disciplinary process for dealing with foul play or misconduct by Secondary School Players as outlined in the NZRU Disciplinary Rules known as 'The Black Book'.

10. Complaints (regarding competition matters)

When an individual, team or club wishes to make a complaint against another individual, team or club, this must be done in writing via a Secondary School rugby Administrator, and submitted to the MRU within 48hrs of the game.

MRU has a process for dealing with complaints in association with the MSSRB.

11. Defaults

A team unable to commence its fixture with the minimum required playing numbers (15 players, including a competently trained front row), 10 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time then defaults the game to the opposition. Coaches should then make arrangements to play a friendly fixture with the available players.

In competition grades, a default win is 4 points to the non-offending team. A 2 point deduction for the offending team shall be applied where a team defaults a fixture after midday on the preceding Friday.

Teams should make every effort to decide at their last training session of the week if they can fulfil their Saturday rugby fixture, and if not, advise the opposition and MRU no later than midday Friday.

12. Held Over Games

All Manawatu Secondary School fixtures will be held as per the published competition draw. Where a team cannot fulfil a scheduled fixture, that team must immediately contact the MRU to seek permission to hold over the fixture, the school shall then contact the opposition team to inform them and set an alternative date. The fixture should be played at the home venue of the opposition team. This fixture is to be completed prior to the conclusion of that competition round.

13. Ranking of teams

At the conclusion of a round, the final ranking of each team will be determined by the number of points gained by that team in that round provided that:

- a. Where two teams have the same number of points, the winner of the game between those two teams shall be deemed to have the higher ranking
- b. Where two teams have the same number of points and the match between the two resulted in a draw, or there was no match between the two, or there were two matches or more between the two, and in any such case, the team with the highest point's differential will be deemed to have the higher ranking.

- c. Where more than two teams finish on equal points then the teams shall be ranked on the basis of point's differential.
- d. Where points differential does not separate teams, points for, then points against, then the toss of a coin will be utilized in that order to determine ranking.

14. Play-off games

Should a play-off game, semi-final or final game finish normal time with the scores tied, the following process will be determined to find the winner (no extra time is to be played in Secondary School Rugby):

- a. The team that scores the most tries in the match shall be declared the winner
- b. Where the same number of tries are scored, the team that scored the first try shall be declared the winner.
- c. Where no tries were scored, the team that scored the first points of the game is declared the winner.
- d. Where no points were scored the winner shall be determined by a coin toss

15. Penalties for non-compliance with Competition By-Laws

Where an individual, team or club fails to comply with the above By-Laws, and the MRU decide that a penalty is appropriate, they may elect to apply one or more of the following penalties:

- Suspension of an individual or team
- Points deduction (in competition games)
- Forfeiture of the match (in competition games)



FORM C - REFEREE REPORT ON TEMPORARY SUSPENSION (YELLOW CARD)

Forms are available in electronic format from the NZRU

Player's Team _____ Player's Name _____

Venue _____ Date _____

Playing Position of Player _____ Player's Number _____

Match & Result _____ pts. _____ pts. _____

Nature of offence (please list applicable Law Number(s) if known and/or short description of the Law)

Period of the match when incident occurred 1st Half 2nd Half

Elapsed time in half _____

Proximity to the incident _____ (metres)

Score at that time _____ pts. _____ pts. _____

What were the circumstances in which the player was temporarily suspended?

REFEREE'S NAME _____ UNION _____

REFEREE'S SIGNATURE _____ CONTACT PHONE _____

REPORT TO BE LODGED WITH THE PROVINCIAL UNION WHERE THE MATCH WAS
PLAYED OR THE NZRU WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE MATCH



FORM A - STANDARD FORM REFEREE'S REPORT ON AN ORDERING OFF

Player's Union: Full name of Player:
Venue: Date of Dismissal:
Player Number: Playing Position:
Match result: pts pts

Nature of offence: Infringement of: Law 3.11(c) Law 4.5(c)
(please circle appropriate offence and give a short description of the Law) Law 10.2(a) (b) (c) Law 10.3(a) (b) (c)
Law 10.4(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (s)
Other

PERIOD (of game when incident occurred): 1st Half 2nd Half Elapsed time in half

Proximity of referee to incident: (metres)

Score at that time: pts pts

Had any cautions been issued to: a) Individual Yes No b) General Yes No

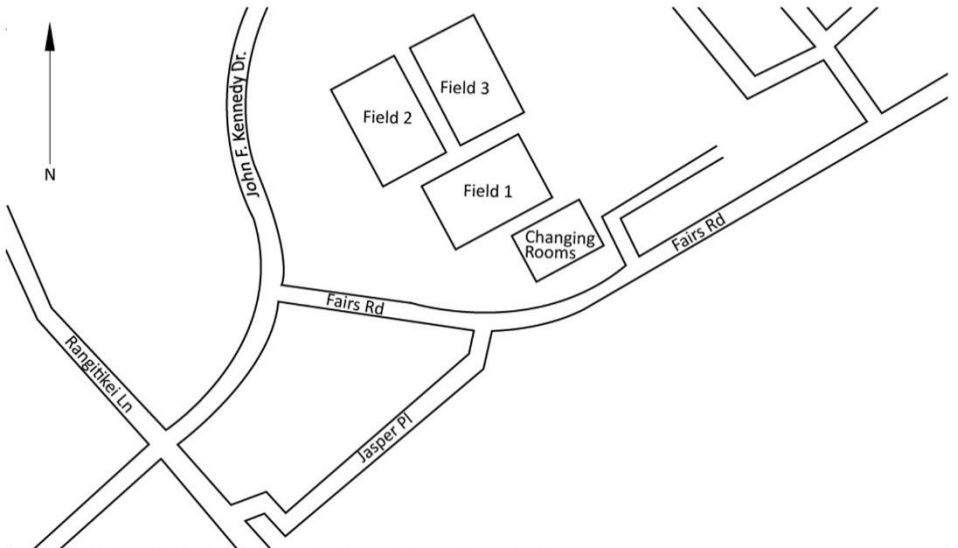
Was the player ordered off further to the report of an assistant referee? Yes No
(If yes, Form 2 may need to be completed and submitted by the assistant referee)

REFEREE'S NAME _____ UNION _____ Date _____

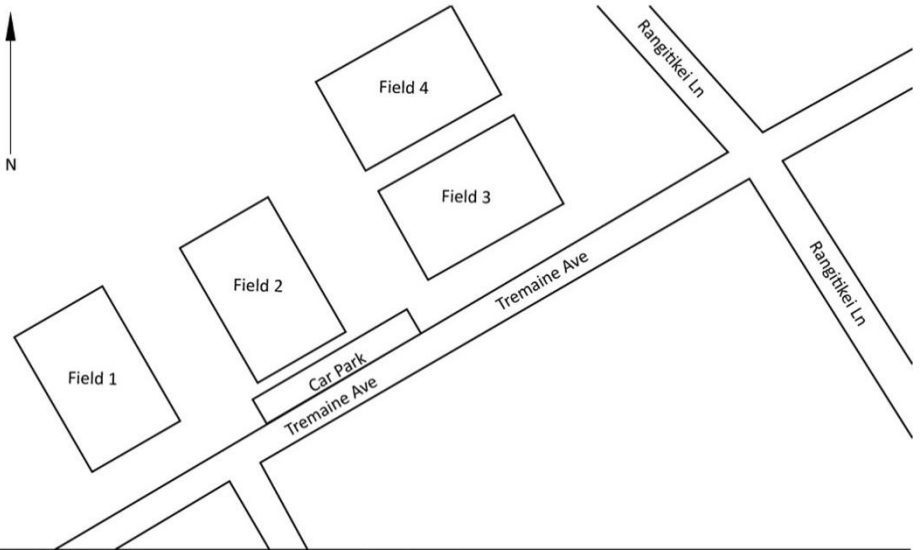
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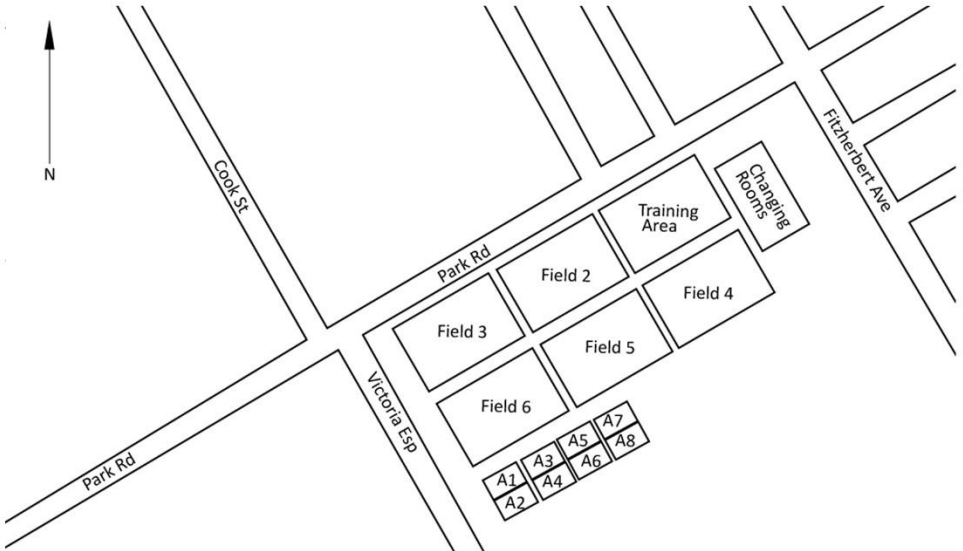
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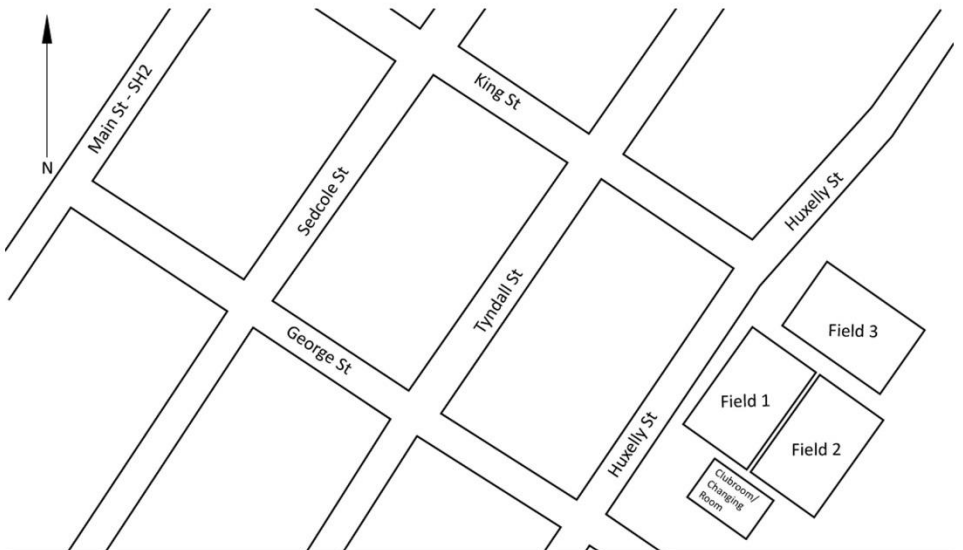
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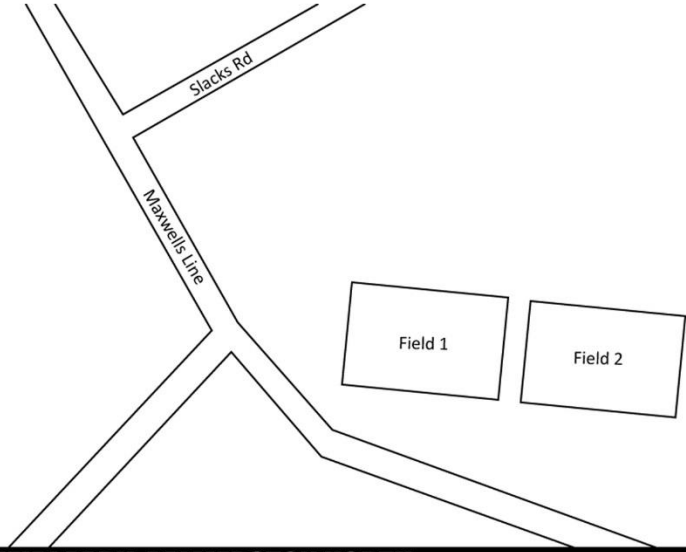
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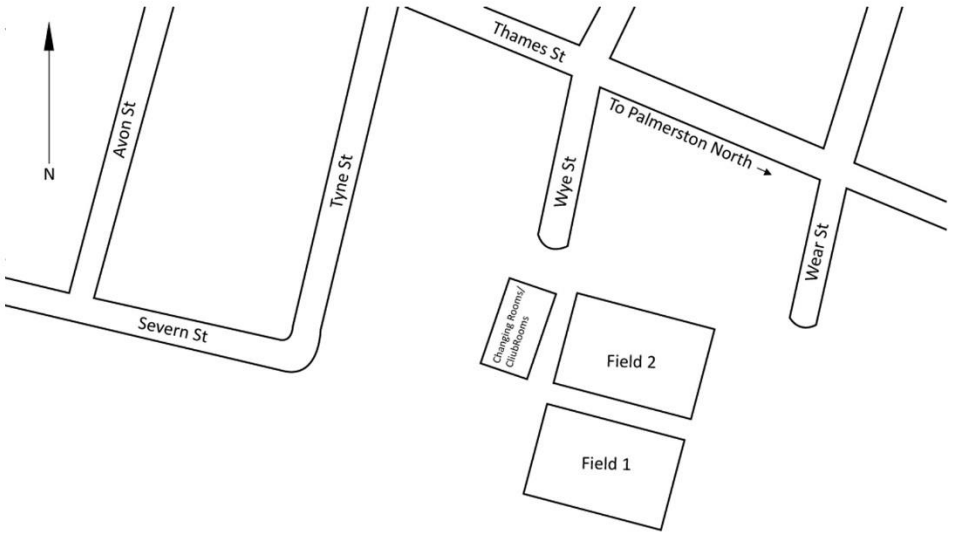
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Teenage Rugby Policies

i) Compulsory Coaching Course

All coaches of Under 18 to Under 14 grades must attend a compulsory coaching teenage module in addition to the annual RugbySmart course. The modules will be run in conjunction with the RugbySmart course, follow a set prescription developed by New Zealand Rugby Game Development staff and be delivered by Provincial Union Rugby Development Officers. Provincial Union feedback was supportive of such a policy, though not totally unanimous.

Management is very much of the view that an extra hour on top of the current 150 hour commitment is not onerous. As with RugbySmart, Provincial Unions will be instructed to withdraw teams if the coach fails to attend the Teenage course.

ii) Minimum Playing Time

All players in a named squad of 23 players each playing Saturday at all levels below First XV grades are required to play half of a game each match. (Please note some squads carry more than 23 players)

Again following discussion at the Teenage Review meeting, Management are refraining from stating a penalty for a breach of the above policy. Management and the TRRG believe a pro-active educational approach is likely to have the most success and become self-policing, however we may come back to the Rugby Committee to seek authority to include a penalty at a later date. This approach was adopted by the Canterbury Union in 2013 and proved successful.

iii) Secondary School Girls pushing in the scrum

First XV Secondary School Girls rugby can push up to 1.5 metres as per DSLV Laws for boys providing coaches and front row players of teams have attended a From Row Factory – scrummaging course.

Feedback from Provincial Unions was varied with safety concerns versus development needs the main factors.

On balance, Management is of the view that providing the game is 15 aside at the highest level of Secondary School Girls Rugby and the coaches and Front Row players have completed the front Row Factory course then a 1.5 metre push limit as per a proposed DSLV would effectively manage the safety risk. Additionally, it would provide suitable development for girls moving on from Secondary School rugby into club rugby. A proposed DSLV will allow the referee to revert to uncontested scrums if the referee deems them unsafe.

iv) Maximum playing time

Management sought feedback on the introduction of a maximum playing time per week for Secondary School age players. The feedback was varied and implications around Age Grade Tournaments structures need to be further considered. Management will re-assess and redevelop a proposal for further consultation.

DSLVs

i) Number of Players:

Where a team is unable to provide 15 players (including three trained front rowers) to start the match, this team shall forfeit the competition points. The match may still be played.

ii) Rationale:

Rugby is a 15 a-side game. To be eligible for competition points a team must be able to start the match with 15 players. Removes current confusion/disputes re whether a team with less than 15 players is eligible for competition points. Still allows players to have a game if one team is short of players.

iii) Scrum:

Current DSLV law requires all grades of rugby Under 21 and below to play DSLV scrum law i.e.

Maximum 1.5 metres push

Referee must stop play and order another scrum if scrum is wheeled and reaches 45 degrees

Halfback cannot advance past the tunnel while ball is still in the scrum

NZ Rugby substitute DSLV Scrum Law with IRB Under 19 Law and that these scrum laws apply at all grades of rugby Under 19 and below. Note IRB Under 19 Law permits the halfback to follow the ball around the scrum.

iv) Rationale:

Adoption of IRB Under 19 Law provides consistency with the global game at Under 19 level. Was previously extended to Under 21 in an effort to reduce serious scrum injuries. Other changes in scrum law have now reduced the risk of scrum injury at grades above Under 19. Reduces the number of DSLV's

v) Off-side for scrum-halves

Retain law at all levels of domestic rugby grades Under 13 and below preventing the scrum half from advancing past the tunnel while the ball is still in the scrum.

vi) Rationale:

Allows for unimpeded distribution of the ball by halfback in Small Blacks rugby and helps develop back play. Retains law that is already in place for these grades. Retain at this level is consistent the law preventing lifting in lineout that applies in the same grades.

vii) Secondary Schoolgirls rugby – Scrum

Introduce DSLV scrum law to all grades of rugby at 1st XV Secondary Schoolgirl level and above, provided coaches and front row players of

teams have attended a Front Row Factory – scrummaging course.

All tens and sevens competitions for Secondary Schoolgirls retain uncontested scrums for all grades.

Rationale:

Currently all grades of rugby at 1st XV Secondary Schoolgirl level play uncontested scrums. Introduction of DSLV scrum law at this level will manage the safety risk and provide suitable development for girls moving from Secondary School rugby into club rugby.

viii) Minimum playing time

All players in a named squad of 23 players or less at all levels of below 1st XV grades must play half of a game each match.

Rationale:

Some Provincial Unions sought the introduction of rolling substitutions. The Review Group considered that with IRB Law permitting a maximum of twelve substitutions in a match the, current DSLV laws (which are well accepted and understood) provide similar flexibility. Introduction of rolling substitutions and the management of the twelve substitutions maximum has the potential to cause unnecessary conflict between coaches and between the referee and team coaches.

Introduction of the minimum playing time is consistent with the findings of the teenage review.

In addition the Review Group recommends the following minor modifications to existing DSLV's in order to reinforce safety provisions and clarify interpretation and application. These do not amend current practice or application, they are to provide clarification re some matters which regularly create debate and in some cases cause conflict.

i) Law 3 – Number of Players

If a team nominates 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 players it must have a minimum of 3 players who are trained to play in front row positions.

Should a team be unable to provide competent players for the front row prior to the game starting they shall forfeit the match. The match may still be played with uncontested scrums but the competition points are forfeited.

ii) Law 5 – Time

Each half of a match at Under 19 level and below lasts 35 minutes playing time. Play in a match lasts no longer than 70 minutes. After a total of 70 minutes playing time, the referee must not allow extra time to be played in the case of a drawn match in a knock-out competition. (IRB Under 19 Law)

Ninety minutes is the maximum playing time permitted in one day for players in all grades of rugby Under 19 and below (IRB Guideline)

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