



RUGBY UNION

BY

LAWS



2021

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RULES PERTAINING TO ALL TEAMS

Clause 1: GRADES

(a) Grades catered for shall be:

1st XV 2nd XV 3rd XV 4th XV

10A 10B

Yr 9A Yr 9B

Yr 8A Yr 8B Yr 7A Yr 7B

Yr 6A Yr 6B Yr 5A Yr 5B

(b) Colleges with extra teams may take the opportunity to fill vacancies left by the Colleges in lower grade competitions. These teams will be eligible for all competition points however only the highest placed team from that particular College should be used for aggregate points where applicable.

(c) All grades except for the 6A, 6B, 5A and 5B shall count towards the AIC Aggregate.

Clause 2: COMPETITION POINTS

Win = 2 points Loss = 0 points Draw/Washout = 1 point

Clause 3: SELECTION OF TEAMS AND RESTRICTION ON PLAYERS

- Colleges shall select all higher-grade teams before selecting lower grade teams, whether or not the higher grades compete on a particular day.
- 'A' players are not to play in lower grade fixtures. Lower grade teams are to act as replacements/substitutions for the next higher team
- All teams with the exception of the 1st XV and 'A' teams, may have fresh reserves with a maximum of 23 players per team.
- Year 5A and 6A teams are permitted to have fresh reserves.
- Players in Years 5 - 10 must play in their year level for the calendar season. The exception to this rule is if a player is selected for the 1st XV and approved for the 2 year window playing age criteria.

Clause 4: NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Year 5 teams shall play with 12 players per team
- Year 6 to Open teams shall play with 15 players per team
- Unless an exemption has been sought from and approved by the Rugby AU, all games of age 14 Years and Under and below will play with the rolling substitutions that are unlimited in number, all games of age 15 Years and above will play with rolling substitutions that are limited to twelve (12) movements.
- Also refer to <https://australia.rugby/about/codes-and-policies/all-codes-and-policies>

Clause 5: FORMAT OF MATCHES

1 st XV	=	35 minutes
2 nd XV	=	30 minutes
Open, Years 6 - 10	=	25 minutes
Year 5	=	20 minutes

- Regardless of how much time is left in a particular match, the match following must commence at the prescribed time. The referee of the match following may blow his/her whistle to notify both teams of his/her intention to commence the match and also subtly notify the referee of the match in question that real time, not match time has elapsed.
- There shall be a half time interval of five (5) minutes in all games.
- Time off for injury shall only be applied in 1st XV games.

Clause 6: MATCH TIMES

The following schedule shall apply where possible.

Home Rugby Schedule (these schedules may vary pending college facilities)

TIME	MAIN OVAL	OVAL 2	OVAL 3
8.00am			
9.00am			
10.00am			9C
11.00am		10C	9B
12.00pm	3 rd XV	9A	10B
1.00pm	2 nd XV	10A	
2.15pm	1 st XV		

Away Rugby Schedule (these schedules may vary pending college facilities)

TIME	MAIN OVAL	OVAL 2	OVAL 3
8:00am			
9.00am	7B	8C	5A
10.00am	7A	8B	6B
11.00am	8A	6A	6C
12.00pm			

- Variations to the above schedule are only made when BOTH schools mutually agree to do so. It is the responsibility of the College hosting those games to notify the officially appointed referees of any changes to the schedule.
- All lower grade and/or supplementary matches are to be scheduled around the existing schedules above where possible.

Clause 7: MATCH VENUES

- i. All "Home" competition games shall be played at the College grounds (or affiliated) and organised by the designated "Home" school as stated in the AIC Draw.
- ii. All "Away" competition games shall be played at the College grounds (or affiliated) and organised by the designated "Away" school as stated in the AIC Draw.
- iii. Match venues are to conform to the minimum requirements as set down in the RU/QRU competition rules.
- iv. Sufficient provision shall be made in all grades to keep spectators at a safe distance from the touchline or outside enclosed grounds.
- v. Goal post pads shall be provided on each field for all games.
- vi. Spectators are not permitted on the playing arena at half-time or at the completion of games.

Clause 8: REFEREES

- a) General: All AIC competition games must be refereed by persons who hold a minimum Level 1 qualification from a recognised Referees' Association, unless neither College is able to provide such qualified persons. Provision of referees shall be the responsibility of the home College which may invite the other College it is playing to provide referees for some games.
- b) QRRR Officials shall be asked to control all 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rd XV, 10A, 9A, 8A and 7A matches. Colleges may approach the QRRR for additional refereeing requirements if they so desire.
- c) Student Referees: no student, unless suitably qualified, and unless no person according to Clause 8 (a) above is available, shall be appointed to referee a competition game.
- d) Coach Referees: in no game shall the coach of either team be the referee unless mutually agreed by the rugby coordinators or Heads of Sport.
- e) Referees not turning up: where the appointed referee does not turn up within 15 minutes of the agreed starting time of the game (including QRRR referees), or where QRRR referees are unavailable, a mutually agreed person, suitably qualified, by the rugby coordinators or Heads of Sport will be appointed to the match.

Clause 9: ASSISTANT REFEREES

(a) Assistant Referee. QRRR officials may be appointed to act as linesmen for First XV matches. For every other grade, each school shall supply one linesman who shall be correctly dressed and carry at least one flag. College or other unqualified linesmen shall only officiate on ball in and out of play situations and goal kicks.

Clause 10: EQUIPMENT

- a) In every game, teams shall each provide a minimum of one match ball, which conforms to the laws of the game
- b) For Years 5 and 6, a Size 4 shall be used
- c) For Years 7 and above a Size 5 shall be used
- d) For 1st XV matches a minimum of three match balls must be in use. The minimum requirement for AIC 1st XV matches is an ARU approved 4 ply ball, size 5 football

Clause 11: MISCONDUCT

- a) All incidents that result in a Red Card (send-off) must be notified to the AIC EO by 3pm the following Monday. Players that are sent off will automatically receive a one week suspension, unless otherwise held up via the appeals process. Appeals are to be submitted in writing to the EO within 2 working days and cited by an independent judiciary. The independent judiciary will be made of 3 people as directed by the Management Committee.

Clause 12: RUGBY AUSTRALIA GUIDELINES

The guidelines of competition set by the governing bodies, Rugby AU shall be referred to in AIC competition, along with any variations. Please refer to <https://australia.rugby/about/codes-and-policies/all-codes-and-policies>

For example:

- 90 minute limit for players U19
- Age Dispensation Policy
- Smart Rugby
- Serious Injury Protocol
- Concussion Management

Clause 13: MEDICAL

Adequate sports medicine staff and first aid facilities are to be available

Clause 14: HOSPITALITY

Post-match functions are to be a brief on-field exchange of refreshment and speeches.

Clause 15: WEATHER

- a) If weather causes fields to become dangerous or unplayable, a decision is to be made on the morning of play by the Head of Sport of the home College, with each College taking the responsibility for notifying their own players.
- b) The home College has the responsibility of informing the QRRRA and any other appointed officials.