

SCHOOL COMPETITION NOTES 2017

Specific to GPS/CAS/ISA 1st and 2nd XV, GPS 3rd XV and ISA 16A

All competitions play Australian U19 law variations. Some specific points to note:

Contested scrum – number of players – if a team cannot play eight suitably trained players in a contested scrum then both teams play with the same number of players in the scrum as the team with the fewest trained forwards (no less than five). The formation must be 3-4, 3-2-1 or 3-2 (read the U19 law variation for Law 20.1e).

Uncontested scrums –an uncontested scrum has the same laws as a normal scrum. The only difference is that the feeding team must win the ball and there is no pushing.

If a team starts the game with 15 players and contested scrums, and then later goes to uncontested scrums due to a forward being injured, cautioned or sent off, then they must play with eight players in the (uncontested) scrum (2017 law trial).

GPS & CAS - There is no sanction if a team cannot replace an injured front rower (i.e. they don't have to drop a player).

ISA only – There must be five players who can play in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement hooker is required, and on the first occasion that a replacement prop forward is required, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums.

Should a team not be able to meet this obligation for any reason during a game, or should a team not have three suitably trained front row players to commence a game with contested scrums, then the team concerned must play with **one player fewer** than would otherwise be allowed.

If, subsequently, a qualified front rower becomes available so that scrums can be contested then that player will be allowed onto the field and the team may return to the appropriate complement of players.

If neither team has suitably trained front row players to start a game with contested scrums, the above arrangements do not apply to the game, even if qualified front rowers subsequently become available.

Wheeling and pushing more than 1.5m

A team may not intentionally wheel the scrum (PK) and if it wheels more than 45 degrees and no one is at fault then it must be reset (same team to feed).

A team may not push the scrum more than 1.5m or hold the ball at the base of the scrum (FK).

Crutch Bind Law Trial

CAS 1st and 2nd XV only will use the International U19 laws for scrum, which means locks are allowed to bind between the legs of props (i.e. crutch bind allowed).

All other age groups and competitions will continue to use Australian U19 law. This includes when a CAS 1st or 2nd XV team plays a team from a competition that is not trialling the International U19 scrum law.

Automatic send-off

Players who punch or stamp another player (and connect) must be sent-off (red card).

Substitutions

GPS – 3 substitutions (tactical). Unlimited replacements (injury). This is not rolling subs.

CAS – 8 substitutions/replacements allowed (3 front rowers and 5 other). Reserves must have played at least half a game in a lower grade that day.

ISA – rolling subs with 12 movements (noting that injured front-rowers can still be replaced after the 12 movements in order to maintain contested scrums).

Send-offs

Send the send-off report to Luke as usual (text him immediately and email it by 10am Mon).

Time

1st XV 35 min halves with injury time.

2nd XV 30 min halves with no injury time.

3rd XV 25 min halves with no injury time.

5 min half time.

Pre-game schedule

CAS has a specific schedule they expect you to follow. It's a good example for the other associations:

3:05pm – 2nd XV game finishes

3:05pm – Referee gives 1st XV managers 10 min warning.

3:10pm – Tunnels ready for teams to enter field (ground marshal responsibility to manage).

3:12pm – Home team enters field.

3:13pm – Away team enters field (and referee).

3:14pm – Teams shake hands. Coin toss (if not done when you spoke with the captains, when you should have done it!).

3:15pm – Three cheers for opposition.

3:15pm – Kick-off 1st XV.

Any exception to the above must be agreed to by both Sportsmasters prior to the day of competition.

Under no circumstances is the following permitted:

- War cries from 1st XV players prior to the start of the match.
- Keeping the opposition waiting on the field for a lengthy period of time.
- Starting the game later than 3:15pm.

Scrum scenarios

- 1) GPS 3rd XV. Both teams commence the game with 15 players and contested scrums. One team suffers an injury to a prop and is unable to replace them with another trained front-rower.
 - a. Both teams continue to play 15 on 15 (assuming they have a replacement on the bench) with uncontested scrums.
- 2) GPS 3rd XV. Both teams commence the game with 15 players and contested scrums. One team has a prop sent-off and do not have a trained replacement.
 - a. The teams play 14 on 15 with uncontested scrums. Both teams must have 8 players in the scrum.
- 3) GPS 3rd XV. Both teams commence the game with 15 players and contested scrums. One team has a prop sent-off and they do have a trained replacement.
 - a. The team takes another player from the field and brings their trained front-row replacement on. The teams play 14 on 15. The scrums are contested with 7 players per team in a 3-4 formation.
- 4) ISA 1st XV. Both teams commence the game with 15 players and contested scrums. One team has a hooker sent-off and do not have a trained replacement. This is the first occasion they've been required to replace a hooker.
 - a. The team takes another player from the field and plays 13 on 15. Scrums are uncontested and both teams must have 8 players in the scrum.
- 5) CAS 1st XV. A CAS team plays a GPS team. Can they crutch bind in the scrum?
 - a. No. Both teams must apply Australian U19 law, with locks binding around the waist of the front-row.