

## NSW SUBURBAN RUGBY UNION COMPETITION 2017

### REPLACEMENT/ SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

#### Please remember the Laws and procedures concerning player substitution:

- A maximum of eight substitutions per team per match will be allowed for all teams.
- Substitutions shall include any time one player substitutes another player, including for injury. Within the allowed eight player substitutions, there is no restriction on the number of times an individual player can be substituted or return to the field.
- Exceptions
  - (a) Substitution – Blood
    - (i) If a player has a blood injury and is temporarily replaced by another player that does NOT count as a substitution.
    - (ii) If the blood player returns to the field of play within fifteen (15) minutes actual time and the temporary replacement leaves the field that does NOT count as a substitution.
    - (iii) If the blood player does not return to the field of play within the permitted time, the replacement becomes permanent and that IS a substitution. The blood player is considered injured.
    - (iv) Should a team use up its maximum number of substitutions while one of their players has been temporarily replaced for blood, and the blood player cannot return to the field within the permitted time, the temporary replacement will be required to leave the field at the conclusion of the permitted time i.e. the team plays one short.
  - (b) Temporary Suspension – Yellow Card
    - (i) When a player is temporarily suspended (yellow card) and leaves the field of play that is NOT a substitution.
  - (c) Temporary Suspension – Yellow Card – Front Row Player
    - (i) When a scrum is ordered during the temporary suspension of a front-row player (Player A), and as a result a player (Player B) is required to leave the field to allow another front-row player (Player C) to come on, that does NOT count as a substitution.
    - (ii) If, at the end of the period of temporary suspension, Player A resumes and Player C leaves the field that does NOT count as a substitution.
    - (iii) Player B returning to the field of play is also NOT a substitution.
    - (iv) If, however, the team opts to leave Player C on at the end of the temporary suspension period instead of Player A returning, that IS a substitution
    - (v) Player B returning to the field of play to substitute another player during the period of temporary suspension IS a substitution.
  - (d) Send Off – Red Card
    - (i) When a player is sent from the field of play (red card) that is NOT a substitution.
  - (e) Send Off – Red Card – Front Row Player
    - (i) When a scrum is ordered after the sending off of a front-row player (Player A), and as a result a player (Player B) is required to leave the field to allow another front-row player (Player C) to come on, that does NOT count as a substitution.
    - (ii) Player B returning to the field of play to substitute another player IS a substitution.
- Any player substituted due to injury (except temporarily for blood) may not for any reason return to that match or any subsequent matches played on that day. At matches where there is no doctor available, the Referee remains responsible for establishing if a player is leaving the field of play due to being so injured that it would be unwise for him to continue playing.
- After eight substitutions have been made, no other substitutions will be allowed for any reason, except for an injury to a front-row player where a suitably trained front-row replacement is available to ensure the game can continue with contested scrums. In this situation only, an additional substitution may be made.

- Any substitute who takes the field immediately following the awarding of a penalty kick to his team or after a try has been scored shall not be permitted to kick at goal until after the relevant kick has been taken.

### Procedure For Rolling Substitutions

- Sequentially numbered substitution cards indicating Home 1 - 8 and Away 1 - 8 have been provided to each team and to you. Only use your cards if a team does not provide their own.
- As each substitute takes to the field he shall hand the appropriate substitution card in the correct sequence to you (or the AR if you delegate the responsibility). There is no requirement to record or write anything on the substitution card. The correct sequentially numbered card is simply handed over.
- You receive and retain the cards during the match and monitor each team's use of its substitutes. You are not required to record any information - you simply retain the submitted cards until after the end of the match. Please make sure you return the cards at the end of the match.

### UNCONTESTED SCRUMS

#### Please remember the Subbies uncontested scrum rule:

- All teams must have 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, then at the point in the match when the front row replacement is required, this team must play with one player fewer than would otherwise be allowed.
- Should a team commence the game with a full side (15 players) and contested scrums, and then go to uncontested scrums as a result of an injury, temporary suspension or send-off, then they must continue to play with 8 players in the scrum.
- Should a team not have three suitably trained front row players to commence a game with contested scrums, this team must play with one player fewer than would otherwise be allowed.
- If, subsequently, a qualified front rower becomes available (or returns from either blood-bin or temporary suspension) 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.
- Please note, scrum based moves are ALLOWABLE under the Suburban Rugby uncontested scrum rules.

### MATCH TIMING

- The duration of matches shall be:

Grade	Each Half
1st	40 mins
2nd	35 mins
Colts	35 mins
3rds	30 mins
4ths	25 mins

- **All matches must start on time and finish when the subsequent match is due to start. Please do not go beyond the finish time for your match, regardless of late starts or injuries.** The game must have two equal halves, so please remove equal time from both halves if the game starts late (e.g. take 2.5 mins from each half if the game starts 5 mins late).
- Only first grade matches will have injury time added to the playing time.
- A minimum of 11 players is needed to constitute a team in Suburban Rugby. Any team unable to field 11 players within ten minutes of the official kick-off time, or at any stage during the match, for whatever reason, including temporary suspensions or send-offs, shall forfeit the match without right of appeal. Teams playing against an opposition with less than 15 players are not required to match opposition team numbers.

#### **MANDATORY RED CARD FOR STRIKING**

- Subbies has implemented a mandatory red card for any incident of striking. This follows a spate of striking incidents in 2014 and is designed to wipe this behavior from the game. You must see the strike and it must connect in order for the offence to be sanctioned. Note when filling out a send-off report, that striking is always intentional.

#### **AWARDING OF MEDAL POINTS**

- Please remember - referees for ALL 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Colts matches must award best & fairest medal points on a 3-2-1 basis **through the fusesport app (see the team managers after the game).**

#### **WATER RUNNERS**

- You should insist that only three persons per team can attend to players. Those three attendants **MUST** wear bibs. All other persons, including coaches, must remain outside the playing area bounded by the ropes or enclosure.

#### **GROUND MARSHALS**

- Each club must provide a Ground Marshal (wearing a red bib) to act as your liaison. Please make sure the Ground Marshals are introduced to you, and know that you will hold them responsible for rectifying any problems you bring to them.
- The Ground Marshal should offer you complimentary food and beverages at the conclusion of your match.