

UNDER 9

Priority objective: “resolve the emotional issues arising from the clash”

REGULATIONS

NUMBER OF PLAYERS	8-a-side	
REPLACEMENTS	Unlimited during the interval and/or for injuries	
PLAYING FIELD	35 metres X 30 metres	
PLAYING TIME OVER ½ DAY	32 minutes	
PLAYING TIME OVER 1 DAY	35 minutes	
MAXIMUM TIME PER PERIOD	8 minutes	
INTERVAL TIME	3 minutes between periods – 5 minutes between two matches	
REFEREEING	1 teacher-referee	
FOUL PLAY	Temporary 2 minute replacement up to sending off, depending on the seriousness of the offence. A replacement is mandatory. If characterised or repeat brutality, expulsion from the tournament.	
RESTART	Where?	How?
KICK OFF	Centre of the field	Free kick Opponents 5 metres away
KICK OFF After try	Centre of the field by the team conceding the try.	
RESTART KICK	5 metres from the in-goal line	
FORWARD Or unplayable ball	At the site of the offence, 5 metres from any line	
PENALTY	Replaced by a free kick	
FREE KICK	At the position of the offence, 5 metres from any line.	Free kick Opponents 5 metres away
TOUCH OR INDIRECT TOUCH	Where ball went out of play, 5 metres from any line.	
DIRECT TOUCH	Kick beyond 5 metres: where the kick took place	
	Kick in-goal or less than 5 metres: Where ball went out of play	
EACH TIME THE REFEREE BLOWS THE WHISTLE, THE BALL CARRIER IMMEDIATELY PLACES IT ON THE GROUND OR IS PENALISED (FROM FREE KICK TO REPLACEMENT)		
GAP OF 5 TRIES AT HALF-TIME: SCORE ACQUIRED FOR THE WINNING TEAM AND RE-EQUABILITY FOR THE END OF THE MATCH		
OTHER THAN THESE MODIFICATIONS, THE LAWS OF RUGBY UNION APPLY		

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Open play	Going forward individually and collectively in possession and defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation in the playing area • Advance towards the opponent • Avoid the opponent • Stop the person ball carrier • Block and oppose the ball carrier • Acknowledge one's teammates
Managing contacts and contests	Protect and channel the ball in the consolidation, drive opponents back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contesting at core of the consolidation • Enter into contact with the opponent • Keep ball away from opposition • Drive using shoulders
Set pieces	Oppose your strength to opponent's weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive forwards in open spaces • Play individually with one's strengths: challenge or avoid
Applying the rules	Apply the 4 fundamental rules Mark Rights and obligations Off-side Tackling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be "usable" and "available" for the play • Play safely despite increased intensity of running games and contests. • Allow the game to flow.