

PBRFU SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITIONS RULES & REGS

Overview

- These regulations shall apply to all players in all competitions within the PBRFU region or teams from other regions which may join the PBRFU Secondary Schools Competition.
- Teams must be present and punctual every week as required by the competition draw.
- Minimum of one registered RugbySmart coach per team MUST be present and responsible for players each week.
- All players must be registered and play half a game. (see National Rugby Policy – Half Game Rule) **Exception for 1st XV**
- All correspondence and requests from PBRFU in relation to rugby are to be actioned and/or responded to promptly.
- Schools and participants must adhere to competition rules and regulations.
- For further information please contact your School's RAIS Delegate for the correct process and procedures.
- Mouthguards are compulsory.
- Blue Card process for Concussion will be followed when a trained referee is appointed.

1.0 General Provisions including DSLVs

- 1.1. Where appropriate or where not covered by these regulations, Secondary Schools Rugby will refer to JAB Competition Rules & Regulations.
- 1.2. If a team is unable to provide 15 players (including three trained front rowers) to start the match, this team shall forfeit competition points. The match may still be played with uncontested scrums.
- 1.3. Secondary School Girls play uncontested scrums.
- 1.4. A team must have a minimum of 3 players who are trained to playing 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 points. The match may still be played with uncontested scrums.
- 1.5. Each game will consist of 35 minute halves and the match must last no longer than 70 minutes playing time. After 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.

2.0 Grades

- 2.1 Two age grades generally referred to as Senior Secondary U18 and Junior Secondary U15.
- 2.2 Female grades as above if numbers allow.
- 2.2 JAB reserves the right to alter grades at its discretion with regard to player numbers and team entries.
- 2.3 Ages will be as of 1 January 2019.
- 2.4 JAB or PBRFU may require proof of age with registration of a player or at any time during the season.

3.0 Eligibility Refer to JAB Rules

4.0 Player Transfers

- 4.1 Player Transfers
 - a) School students are expected to play for the school that they attend.
 - b) If for some reason they are unable to do so they must firstly receive a release from their school and send this as part of an application to the JAB committee via their Schools delegate.

4.0 Half Game & Maximum Playing Time

- 4.1 Each team coach/manager MUST ensure each player receives at least a half a game each week. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. This is a New Zealand Rugby Union directive.
- 4.2 Players will be swapped at ½ time only. No rolling subs.

4.3 No game should continue for longer than 70 minutes.

4.4 Players must not play more than a combined total of 90 minutes per day.

5.0 Team Defaults and Deferred Games- Refer to JAB Rules

6.0 Player Apparel & Equipment - Refer to JAB Rules

7.0 Weekly Results & Team Sheets - Refer to JAB Rules

8.0 Competition Format

8.1 The format for all grades will be confirmed for the main season as soon as entries are finalised, in a round robin format.

8.2 Teams throughout the season will accumulate points on a championship table.

9.0 Competition Points

GRADE	TRY	CONV	PG	DG	PEN TRY
All Grades	5	2	3	3	7 (no conversion)

WIN	DRAW	WBD	Loss Margin 7 & under	4 or more Tries
4	2	5	1BP	1BP

No results = No points

10.0 Score Blowouts - not applicable

11.0 Haka - Refer to JAB Rules

12.0 Finals Eligibility, Format and Rules - Refer to JAB Rules

12.4 Semi Finals

- In the case of a draw between teams at the end of the round robin, the team which won the last fixture between the 2 teams will have a higher position on the standings table.
- Top 4 will play off in a knock out semi final format: 1 v 4, 2 v 3. Winners progress to finals.
- Bottom 4 will follow the same format if team numbers allow.
- A maximum of 22 players are permitted, for semis and finals games.
- A team list of players in semis and finals must be handed in to the Union office no later than the Thursday of the week of semi final matches.
- The half game rule still applies. No rolling subs.
- In the case of a drawn semi-final the team with highest ranking at the completion of the round robin will progress to the final.
- Play must not continue for longer than 70 minutes.

12.5 Finals

- The same rules as in Semi Finals for each grade will apply on finals day.
- If scores are tied at full time the trophy will be shared.
- Play must not continue longer than 70 minutes total.

13.0 Penalties

Teams which fail to comply with any of the outlined criteria, rules and regulations and eligibility requirements may be subject to the listed disciplinary actions on a case by case basis:

Team and school warning; and/or Forfeit points from game and/or Written warning; and/or One week suspension of team; and/or Coach suspended for rest of season. New coach must have completed relevant coaching courses specific to that grade.

14.0 Disputes & Complaints – Refer to JAB rules

15.0 Appeal - Refer to JAB rules

ANY OF THESE RULES MAY BE UPDATED AND CHANGED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JAB COMMITTEE.