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# Queensland Rugby Union

## QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY COMPETITION RULES 2016

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# Definitions

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## 1 Definitions

- 1.1 **ARU** is the Australian Rugby Union Ltd.
- 1.2 **QRU** is the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd.
- 1.3 **THE ASSOCIATION** is the Rugby Union Association of the local district.
- 1.4 **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** is the committee elected to oversee the management of the competition.
- 1.5 **COMPETITION MANAGER** is the person deemed responsible for the day to day operational management of the competition.
- 1.6 **CLUB** is the rugby body that is a participant of the competition.
- 1.7 **JUDICIARY** is the Sub Committee as appointed by the Management Committee.
- 1.8 **PREMIER RUGBY** is matches played in Premier Grade, Premier Reserve and Premier Colts
- 1.9 **PARTICIPANT(S)** includes, but not limited to; Club Committee Members; Players; Coaches; Managers; Match Officials; Medically Trained Persons
- 1.10 **UNION** is the governing body of the competition
- 1.11 **WR** is World Rugby (formerly International Rugby Board (iRB))

# Preamble

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## 2 Preamble

- 2.1 This Competition as are all competitions played under the auspices of QRU are amateur competitions. All participants in the Competition are to be made aware of the [WR Playing Charter](#); / <http://laws.worldrugby.org/?charter=all> all which include:
- (a) Principles of the Game
  - (b) Principles of the Laws
- 2.2 All participants are to be made aware that by virtue of the acceptance of a team into this competition the Match Organiser e.g. QRU Affiliate / another recognised legal entity (Outside Provider) and their respective Coaches, Managers, Players, Match Officials; Medical Officers, Sports Trainers; Water Runners; Volunteers; and any other person entering the playing enclosure related to the QRU affiliate subjects themselves and agrees to be bound by the rules and the disciplinary processes of the competition.
- 2.3 All games, wherever possible, in all competitions are to be played in an ascending order i.e. lowest to highest. Where this is not possible NO player who has started in a higher grade is permitted to participate i.e. start / reserve for a lower grade.

# Laws of the Game

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## 3 Laws of the Game

All games will be played in terms of the [WR Laws of the Game](http://laws.worldrugby.org/?law=showallbynumbers) / <http://laws.worldrugby.org/?law=showallbynumbers> including / not including, as applicable, the following variations:

3.1 [Under 19 Variations](http://laws.worldrugby.org/index.php?variation=1) / <http://laws.worldrugby.org/index.php?variation=1>

3.2 [ARU Under 19 Variations](http://www.rugby.com.au/Portals/22/2015%20Laws/ARU%20U19%20Laws%202015.pdf) / <http://www.rugby.com.au/Portals/22/2015%20Laws/ARU%20U19%20Laws%202015.pdf>

3.3 The following Law Variation, as advised by ARU, applies to the top grade of Premier Rugby Only:

*“Penalty options after time expired to include playing a line-out (so if time is up on the clock for half time or full time, a team may kick for touch and play out the line out - same as scrum option).“*

# Regulations of the Game

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## 1 Regulations of the game

All games will also be played in accordance with the [WR Regulations of the Game](http://www.worldrugby.org/regulations) / <http://www.worldrugby.org/regulations>

# ARU and QRU Policies and Regulations

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## 2 ARU and QRU Policies

All games will also be played in accordance with all [ARU and QRU Policies and Regulations](http://www.redsrugby.com.au/PremierRugby/PoliciesProcedures.aspx) / <http://www.redsrugby.com.au/PremierRugby/PoliciesProcedures.aspx>

# Law and Regulation Clarifications

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## 3 Law and Regulation Clarifications

### 3.1 Law 3 Number of Players - Premier

- (a) Nominated number of players is 23
- (b) Laws 3.15 applies with a maximum of 8 player movements

### 3.2 Law 3 Number of Players - Premier Reserve

- (a) The nominated number of players is 15
- (b) Law 3.15 applies with a maximum of 8 player movements

### 3.3 Law 3 Number of Players - Premier Colts (Under 19)

- (a) Nominated number of players is 23
- (b) Law 3.15 applies with a maximum of 12 player movements

Note: Law 3.14 applies to Blood Injury and Front Row replacements.

### 3.4 Scrums

- (a) The following Laws are to be noted as they are applicable  
Law 3.5; 3(6)(b); (c); and (d)  
**NB** Law 3.6(c) does not apply to Premier Reserve

### 3.5 Rolling Substitutions

[Rolling Substitutions /  
http://www.redsrugby.com.au/PremierRugby/PoliciesProcedures.aspx](http://www.redsrugby.com.au/PremierRugby/PoliciesProcedures.aspx)

### 3.6 Regulation 11 Advertising in the playing enclosure

[Regulation 11 – Advertising in the playing enclosure:  
http://www.redsrugby.com.au/Portals/10/2015/documents/PremierRugby/QRU011%20-%20Branding%20regulations%20for%20On%20Field%20Apparel.pdf](http://www.redsrugby.com.au/Portals/10/2015/documents/PremierRugby/QRU011%20-%20Branding%20regulations%20for%20On%20Field%20Apparel.pdf)

### 3.7 Regulation 12 – Provisions relation to Player Dress

The ARU has directed this does not apply to females of any age, however, applies to males Under 15 and above:

Underwear – “Underwear: an undergarment, that covers the body from the waist, having short or no legs but does end above the knees, and worn next to the skin or under clothing, and not attached to the jersey or shorts”. In other words, “skins” that have legs



that go past the knees are not permitted to be worn by players participating in a rugby game”

### 3.8 Regulation 17 – Illegal and foul play

#### (a) Temporary Suspensions (Yellow Cards)

The temporary suspension of a player must be recorded on the team sheet prior to the signing by the referee.

Should a player incur three (3) temporary suspensions in one season he/she will automatically be suspended from playing in the next round of scheduled fixture matches / finals match.

Following this suspension the matter is deemed to have been heard and the players’ temporary suspensions count shall revert to nil.

Temporary suspensions do not transfer to the next season.

Clubs may receive notification once a player receives two (2) temporary suspensions

Clubs will receive notification once a player receives three (3) temporary suspensions together with the resultant suspension.

#### (b) Send Offs (Red Cards)

Match Officials must, by 9.00am on the first business day following the day of the match, report in writing to the competition manager (or designated person) on the approved form, any player or players ordered off the field of play.

Any player ordered off the field will be suspended from playing until his/her case has been decided by the judicial committee.

The judicial committee will meet as directed by the management committee or when the judicial committee deems necessary throughout the season to hear cases. The player/player’s club must contact the competition manager on the first business day following the match in which he was ordered off to ascertain if the player will be required to attend a hearing of the judicial committee. Where possible, the judicial committee will meet at 6.00pm on the evening of the first working day following the weekend.

Should a player be required, however unable to attend a regular meeting of the judicial committee, he/she may be given written (signed) permission to be represented by an official of his/her club.

In the event of a match official/s report not being before the judicial committee when a player appears before that committee, the player will be permitted to play without suspension. Subsequently, should the report be received, the competition manager will summon the player to appear before the next meeting of the judicial committee.

There will be a right of appeal against decisions of the judicial committee to the judicial appeals committee.

QRU’s rules for judicial hearings are available here : <http://www.redsrugby.com.au/PremierRugby/PoliciesProcedures.aspx>

### 3.9 Sanctions i.e. Suspensions – Foul Play

Decisions made on sanctions and suspensions imposed on players under WR regulation 17

- (a) must be applied universally such that the player may not play the game (or any form thereof) anywhere during the period of the suspension;
- (b) must not allow players to avoid the full consequences of their actions by, for example, playing in matches prior to the commencement of their suspension, or playing in matches during a break in the suspension and/or serving their suspension during a period of inconsequential pre-season and/or so-called friendly matches;
- (c) must apply and be served when the Player is scheduled to play;
- (d) must be imposed until a stated date which should be fixed after taking into consideration all playing consequences of such suspension including the application of Regulation 17.19.10(c);
- (e) Shall be effective immediately.

# Standard Competition Rules

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## 4 Standard Competition Rules

### 4.1 How ladder positions are determined (for competitions with premierships)

In the event of two or more teams being equal on competition points for any position the higher placed team will be determined on the following basis:

- (a) Number of wins during the regular season; then if not resolved:
- (b) Basis of the best ratio of points scored for and against; then if not resolved:
- (c) The team that has scored the most number of tries in competition rounds: then if not resolved:
- (d) That matter shall be determined by a toss of a coin.

### 4.2 Postponed / Abandoned Matches

- (a) In the event that the venue of a match or matches is unavailable for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the "home" club to advise the Competition Manager immediately the ground is considered unplayable or doubtful of being playable and the Management Committee, after consultation with clubs involved, will direct how the abandoned match will be dealt with.
- (b) In the event of a match having to be abandoned for any reason beyond the control of match officials, the following procedure will apply:
  - (i) Where a match has been abandoned during the first half the result will be declared as a draw and no points for or against will be awarded.
  - (ii) Where a match has been abandoned during the second half the result will be the result
- (c) In the event of a match having to be abandoned for any reason involving unacceptable behaviour on the part of players or any other persons, or any other similar reason, the Management Committee will determine if any penalties will be imposed to the competing teams.

(It should be noted that such action should neither prejudice nor replace individual action that may be required under the citing, judicial or breaches of the code of conduct).

### 4.3 Playing Field

- (a) Clubs hosting matches played under these must comply with the QRU Medical and Safety Policy with respect to medical requirements. Both teams are responsible for ensuring that matches do not progress if the requirements for medical care are not in place. Reference should be made to the QRU Medical and Safety Policy when seeking any clarification.
- (b) For all competition games the host club shall be responsible for ensuring that the field of play is correctly marked in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

#### 4.4 **Goal Posts**

- (a) All Goal posts within the playing enclosure must be padded.

#### 4.5 **Playing Enclosure**

- (a) Entry to the playing enclosure must be restricted by a fence, barricade or rope a minimum of five (5) metres, where practicable, from the playing area perimeter.
- (b) Persons authorised to enter the playing enclosure:

Medically Qualified Person - maximum two (2) / team

Teams (2)

Match Officials, including:

Referee

Assistant Referee(s) / Touch Judge(s) (2x) / Substitution Controller(s)

Sports Trainer(s) – maximum two (2) / Team)

A maximum of 4 ball attendants.

Technical Zone

#### **WR Technical Zone / Water Carriers Protocol**

##### ***Dimensions of the Technical Zone***

For all Premier Rugby Matches two (2) Technical Zones shall be provided within the playing enclosure on the same side of the pitch, each one on either side of the halfway line and outside the field-of-play.

These Technical Zones must be marked on the ground.

The line nearest the touchline must be parallel to the touchline.

The Technical Zones commence a minimum of five (5) metres from the half way line. The Technical Zones must not exceed ten (10) metres in length and three (3) metres in width and must not be less than three (3) metres from the touchline (see attached schematic).

Wherever practically possible the Technical Zones must be behind advertising hoardings with easy access to the field of play.

No advertising is permitted within the Technical Zone. No grass signage is permitted. The only advertising permitted in the Technical Zone is that worn by the designated medical personnel.

##### ***Personnel permitted in the Technical Zone***

No more than two (2) medically trained persons (The team doctor and team physiotherapist only) and two (2) water carriers (who may not be the Head Coach or Director of Coaching but may be an Assistant Coach), a total of four (4) per Team are permitted to operate from the Technical Zones.

No other person (including Team officials or players) is permitted in the Technical Zones.

Pursuant to WR Regulation 17, section 17.24, no player who has been sent off (Red Carded) or currently under suspension may be involved in any match day activities including running water.

One (1) of the medically trained personnel permitted to operate from the Technical Zone, as listed in above, may be positioned on the far side of the playing area on the touch line opposite the Technical Zone and may move along the touch line.

The second medically trained person permitted to operate from the Technical Zone as listed above may be positioned on the near side of the playing area on the touchline, and may move along the touchline. The two (2) medically trained personnel may not be together on the same touchline.

Where practically possible the medical personnel must stay outside the advertising hoardings. The medical personnel may keep up with play, but must pay due regard to the needs of the players, match officials, spectators, broadcasters and commercial partners. The medical personnel may enter the field of play in accordance with Law at any time a player is injured. They must not obstruct, interfere or aim comments at match officials.

### ***Roles of personnel in the Technical Zone***

Water may only be taken onto the field during stoppages in play for injuries in the playing area and when a try has been scored.

The two (2) water carriers are not permitted in the playing area during penalty kicks at goal.

The water carriers must remain in the Technical Zone at all times unless they enter the playing area to provide water or when ONE (1) enters to provide a kicking tee to a kicker at a penalty kick. Water carriers must not obstruct, interfere or aim comments at Match Officials.

Players may come to the touchline adjacent to the Technical Zone to receive water.

Water bottles must not be thrown on to the field of play.

### ***Management of the Technical Zone***

All personnel permitted in the Technical Zone will be required to wear bibs to clearly identify them and their role when in and around the Field of Play. Each Club will be responsible for the manufacture of these bibs – Medical Orange; and Water; Yellow. It is the responsibility of the Team manager to ensure their four personnel permitted in the Technical Zone wear these bibs at all times during the game.

In the first instance the Substitution Controller(s) will manage the Technical Zones. If there is a dispute this will be resolved by the Match Manager (if appointed). Continued non-compliance will be reported to the Referee.

The Referee may caution any offender or at his discretion expel the person(s) from the playing enclosure for any breach of the protocol.

Any breach of the protocol may be reported to the Competition Manager who shall be entitled to undertake investigations and lodge Misconduct Complaints pursuant to WR Regulation 18 against the Club(s) and/or person(s) concerned.

Should any person be expelled from the playing enclosure for a breach of the protocol they must be reported by the Referee to the Competition Manager who shall be entitled to undertake investigations and lodge Misconduct Complaints pursuant to WR Regulation 18 against the Club(s) and/or person(s) concerned.

### ***Personnel outside of the Technical Zone***

The replacements bench must, wherever possible, be outside the playing enclosure.

All coaches unless a Water Runner **NB this cannot be the Head Coach as per above** must be located outside of the playing enclosure for the duration of the match.

If replacements require to warm-up and there is not an area outside the playing enclosure, they may warm-up in the opposition in-goal area but must not use balls or any other rugby equipment in their warm-up. Balls and hit shields may be used where there is a designated warm-up area away from the in goal area. All other equipment for the purposes of warm-up must only be used outside the playing enclosure or another designated area away from the playing enclosure.

## **4.6 Match Ball Protocol**

The purpose of this protocol is to inform Clubs as to what arrangements have been made with regard to Match Balls for their home competition matches.

### **Pre Match Delivery**

QRU will liaise with the Clubs for the collection / delivery to the Club of BLK Queensland Premier Rugby Gilbert branded Barbarian Match Balls for mandatory use in their home matches. Three (3) Match Balls are required to be provided by the Home Club at each home match.

### **Prior to Match Day**

The Match Balls are to be inflated to the required psi of 9.5-10.0 lbs per square inch (psi) as required by Law 2 of the WR Laws of the Game.

### **Match Day Management**

In the lead up to the match the Match Balls are to be checked for pressure and be available for inspection by Match Officials or Teams if required.

Each Team captain will take possession of one (1) ball to run out onto the field with. The third Match Ball will be held by the ball persons.

At no time during the match should a ball other than a Gilbert Barbarian Match Ball be used in the match. This will require instruction to all ball persons to be vigilant.

At the conclusion of the match all Match Balls are to be collected and returned to the designated person from the Home Club.

#### 4.7 **Restrictions for authorised persons**

The sports trainer is a person or persons from each team who is or are responsible for immediately attending to a player who may appear to be injured, and who provides water to the players.

Note the authorised persons does not include a coach with the following exceptions:

Where the nominated coach is required to fulfil one of the above listed roles. No coaching or technical instruction can take place while fulfilling one of the listed roles.

#### 4.8 **Accredited Persons**

##### (a) Background

There has been a problem in relation to the control and disciplining of persons entering the playing enclosure. It is intended for the 2016 season to extend the 2011 trial for the accreditation of persons entering the playing enclosure.

##### (b) Process

It is intended that the club nominate persons to become accredited persons.

No one other than the Teams, Match Officials, ball boys and girls and Accredited Persons shall be permitted in the playing enclosure during a match.

Clubs seeking accreditation will do so as directed by the Union as part of the Union's nomination process. The Union may decline to accredit a person at its absolute discretion.

An Accredited Person must have completed a Smart Rugby course or higher qualification.

All Accredited Persons entering the playing enclosure must have ready access to their ARU issued Rugby Link Card which details their respective Accreditation.

The home team shall appoint a field marshal who shall ensure that this rule is complied with and the field marshal shall report any breach of these rules to the Match Committee.

A coach of the team playing cannot be an Accredited Person for that match.

Accredited Persons must conduct themselves in accordance with the relevant codes of behaviour for people in their capacity and as part of the accreditation process will be required to sign an acknowledgement and agreement to comply with the code of behaviour and be bound by the disciplinary provisions.

#### 4.9 **Schedule of penalties**

##### (a) 1<sup>st</sup> breach of any competition rule may include any or all of the following:

- (i) Warning
- (ii) Loss of competition point(s)
- (iii) Issue of a show cause notice
- (iv) Monetary fine

- (v) Expulsion from the competition
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> or any subsequent breach of the same competition rule may include any or all of the following:
  - (a) Warning
  - (b) Loss of competition point(s)
  - (c) Issue of show cause notice
  - (d) Monetary fine
  - (e) Expulsion from the competition

#### 4.10 **Protests**

- (a) All protests must be made in writing and signed by either the Club President or Club Secretary.
- (b) Protests must be received by the Competition Manager by the close of business on the first business day after the alleged breach of the competition rules.
- (c) All protests must specifically nominate the competition rule (by number) under which the breach occurred.
- (d) All witness statements must be tendered on a signed statutory declaration form.
- (e) The decision on the protests shall be determined by the Competition Manager and such decision will be advised to all affected parties by no later than close of business on the second business day after the alleged breach of the competition rules.
- (f) The Competition Manager shall determine if a club is guilty of a breach of the competition rules. The Competition Manager will then recommend to the Management Committee that penalties shall be imposed. The Management Committee shall make the determination in this regard.
- (g) The Club, if they are not satisfied with this decision on receipt of the decision, has the right to appeal to the QRU's Judicial Appeals Committee at their discretion. Appeals from the decision of the Management Committee must be received by the Competition Manager by no later than close of business on the third business day after the decision of the Management Committee is advised to the relevant Club. The Management Committee and Judicial Appeals Committee shall be entitled to consider the appropriateness of the penalty, having regard to all of the circumstances, and shall have the discretion to vary the penalty if they see fit.

#### 4.11 **Extension of Time**

Notwithstanding any of the time limits stated in these rules, the competition manager may in special circumstances exercise his discretion to allow reasonable extensions of time.

#### 4.12 **Uncontested scrums**

- (a) It has been agreed by the participating clubs that contested scrums are and should be an important part of the game competed at Premier level.



- (b) That to be successful in the competition at this level a team should have contested scrums.
- (c) It is recognised that from time to time due to particular circumstances such as unavailability of players starting the game with contested scrums may not be possible.
- (d) If a team commences the game with non-contested scrums as confirmed by the referee the Competition Committee shall require the team to provide an explanation and depending upon all of the circumstances the Competition Committee shall determine whether any penalties are to be imposed in relation to that match and may have regard to the penalties referred to in clause 7.9.
- (e) No decision shall be made until such time as the club has had the opportunity to be heard and provide details of the circumstances which led to the match starting with uncontested scrums.
- (f) There is no appeal against the decision of the Competition Committee to the Judicial Appeals Committee or otherwise except against the decision to disqualify the team from participation in the competition.

# Specific Union Requirements – Premier Rugby

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## 5 Specific Union Requirements – Premier Rugby

### 5.1 Players Eligible to play

Any player who is correctly registered that year with a club affiliated with the QRU/ an affiliated club of a QRU affiliate.

- (a) Subject to a written request for dispensation / QRU approval; players who have a Super Rugby/ ARU contract i.e. a member of the St.George Queensland Reds Squad or any other Super Rugby squad; cannot participate in any game lower than Premier Grade.
- (b) Subject to a written request for dispensation / QRU approval; players who have an academy or 7's ARU / QRU contract cannot participate in any game lower than Premier Grade: or if eligible, Premier Colts (Under 19)

### 5.2 Team Participation

- (a) Participation and, or, competitions shall be initiated by invitation by the QRU Board. The club must respond to the invitation in a timely manner
- (b) The Club must list the coaches for those teams and their accompanying ARU registration number so that their mandatory SmartRugby compliance may be assessed.
- (c) All nomination fees and/or player levies must be paid in accordance with the National Registration Regulations
- (d) A Club can only participate in these competitions if that Club has signed the Participation Agreement submitted to them by the QRU

### 5.3 Competition

Participating clubs:

Bond University  
Brothers  
Easts  
GPS  
Norths  
Souths  
Sunnybank  
University of Queensland  
Wests

#### 5.4 Draw

The competition will be conducted in accordance with a schedule of matches drawn up by the management committee prior to the start of the playing season and varied as necessary from time to time.

#### 5.5 Competition Points

Points for a win – four (4)

Points for a draw- two (2)

Points for a bye (where applicable)- four (4)

Points for loss by seven points or less – One (1)

Points for four tries or more – One (1)

#### 5.6 Forfeits

- (a) A forfeit in any higher grade will result in an automatic forfeit in the lower grade(s) in the same round
- (b) Each match forfeited by a club will be regarded as having been won by the opposing club on the day on which the match, but for such forfeit, would have been played. The penalty for a forfeit shall be loss of two (2) competition points, no points for, and the awarding of the greater of 28 points or the maximum number of points (including competition points) scored by any team in fixture games in that round as points against.
- (c) In the case of a club withdrawing a team(s) from the competition, match points (“for and against”) in all matches of such team(s) shall not be counted, and any competition points shall be cancelled.
- (d) The Management Committee may impose further penalties on Clubs for withdrawing teams from the competition.

#### 5.7 Duration of Matches

- (a) All matches are to be played in accordance with the laws of the game, specifically Law 5 and the appropriate Under 19 variations.

Grade	Time	Injury Time	Half Time
Premier	2 x 40 minutes	Yes	10 minutes
Premier Reserve	2 x 35 minutes	No	5 minutes
Premier Colts	2 x 35 minutes	No	5 minutes

- (b) Any team not prepared to commence a match within 5 Minutes after the designated kick off time shall forfeit the match (as determined by the referee).

#### 5.8 Number of players

The aforementioned Clause 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 shall apply.

#### 5.9 Match Results and team sheets

- (a) It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM to:

- (i) Text the half time score of the premier colts game to Brendan Hertel – 0411 376 150
  - (ii) Text the full time score of the premier colts game to Brendan Hertel – 0411 376 150
  - (iii) Text the half time score of the premier reserve game to Brendan Hertel – 0411 376 150
  - (iv) Text the full time score of the premier reserve game to Brendan Hertel – 0411 376 150
  - (v) Text the half time score of the premier game to Brendan Hertel – 0411 376 150
  - (vi) Text the full time score of the premier game to Brendan Hertel – 0411 376 150
  - (vii) Enter online via RugbyLink the full time score of all three (3) games including full details of point scorers. Both teams to be entered within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the game.
- (b) Information must include:
- (i) Date
  - (ii) Grade i.e. Premier; Premier Reserve; Premier Colts
  - (iii) Competing club(s)
  - (iv) Result of game
  - (v) Point scorers (full names and details for both teams) i.e.
    - Tries
    - Conversions
    - Penalties
    - Dropped Goals
    - Penalty tries
- (c) It is the responsibility of both teams to act in terms of the following instructions:
- (i) All players who took the field are to be listed on the respective Team Sheets i.e. DO NOT list the reserves who did not play
  - (ii) All details of point scorers are to be listed
  - (iii) All players (both teams) who have either been temporarily suspended (yellow card) or sent from the field of play (red card) are to be listed
  - (iv) The referee is to confirm the result of the game by signing where indicated – preferably in the presence of both teams
  - (v) Teams are to swap a copy of the Team Sheet (Blue Copy) and retain the White and Yellow Copy
  - (vi) A Copy of the Team Sheet is to be provided to the Competition Manager on request

- (vii) All clubs must enter the results of all games on line via the ARU Rugby Link competition management system by no later than noon on the first working day, usually Monday following completion of the game.
- (d) Information entered must include:
- (i) All players who played / reserved i.e. took the field
  - (ii) Result of game
  - (iii) Point scorers
  - (iv) Tries
  - (v) Conversions
  - (vi) Penalties
  - (vii) Dropped Goals
  - (viii) Penalty tries
  - (ix) Players temporarily suspended (yellow card) – both teams.
  - (x) Players sent from the field of play (red card) – both teams.
  - (xi) Clubs failing to follow the aforementioned procedures are liable to receive competition points penalties

# Training & Support

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## 6 Training & Support

- 6.1 QRU will conduct a compulsory training session for all participating clubs prior to the commencement of the season – failure to attend this training will result in loss of one (1) Competition Point per participating team
- 6.2 QRU will advise all participating clubs of a dedicated point of contact for assistance in complying with these Competition Rules

# Final Series Matches and Eligibility

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## 7 Final Series Matches and Eligibility

### 7.1 Venues; times and duration

- (a) All semi-final, preliminary final and grand final matches in all grades will be played at the venues, and commence at such times, as determined by the Management Committee.
- (b) All finals matches will be played at Ballymore. In the event that Ballymore is unavailable for any reason, the matches will be offered to the participating clubs in the following order:
  - (1) Minor Premiers
  - (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - (4) 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- (c) In the event that there is no available venue, the matches not played will be deemed to have been won by the higher placed team as at the completion of the home and away season.
- (d) For a three (3) week finals series, the format will be as follows:
  - Week 1 – 1st v 2nd (A) and 3rd v 4th (B)
  - Week 2 – Loser A v Winner B (C)
  - Week 3 – Winner A v Winner C (Higher placed Team to be listed as the “Home Team)
- (e) The format of semi-final for each competition will be determined before the commencement of the season.
- (f) All matches are to be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game, specifically Law 5 and the appropriate Under 19 Variations

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Injury Time</b>	<b>Half Time</b>
Premier	2 x 40 minutes	Yes	10 minutes
Premier Reserve	2 x 35 minutes	Yes	5 minutes
Premier Colts	2 x 35 minutes	Yes	5 minutes

- (g) In the event of the scores being equal at full time in open men's semi-final, preliminary final and grand final matches, the following shall apply:
  - Two (2) x ten (10) minute periods plus injury time to be played – with a one (1) minute interval – each ten (10) minute period plus injury time will commence with a kick-off i.e. first period by the team that originally commenced the match etc.; then if no result

One (1) x maximum ten (10) minute plus injury time golden point period – coin toss to be conducted by referee to determine which team kicks off; then if no result

Higher placed team from the regular season; then if no result

Most tries in the actual game; then if no result

First try in the game: then if no result

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- (h) In the event of the scores being equal at full time in Under 19 semi-final or preliminary final, the following shall apply:

Most tries in the actual game; then if no result

The team that finished highest on the minor premierships ladder will be declared the winner then if no result

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- (i) In the event of the scores being equal at full time in Under 19 (Colts) Grand Final, a joint Premiership shall be declared

## 7.2 Finals series player eligibility

Management Committee requirements for players to be eligible to participate in the finals.

- (a) A player must have been properly registered with the club no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the finals. This specifically and strictly applies to Contracted Players.
- (b) All ARU / QRU and ARU Sevens contracted players are eligible provided they comply strictly with the previous requirement.
- (c) All non-contracted players must have played a minimum number of games in separate fixture rounds for the club in that season. That minimum number of games is one third (1/3) of the number of rounds in the competition in that grade for which eligibility is being sought for the player. The fact that a player has met this criteria does not necessarily make them eligible to play in finals in any particular grade, but it is the first criteria which must be met before determining eligibility pursuant to other criteria contained in this clause 10.2.
- (d) A player will be eligible to play in any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final if he has been in the run on team for the club at least one third (1/3) of the regular competition matches in that grade and/or any lower grades prior to the finals series i.e. eighteen (18) match competition = six (6) matches; seventeen (17) match competition = six (6) matches; sixteen (16) match competition = six (6) matches; fifteen (15) match competition = five (5) matches etc.
- (e) A player will be eligible to play in any grade in any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final if he qualifies under rule 34.2 and the club has all its senior grade teams or under 19 grade teams playing in that final series
- (f) A player will not be eligible to play in any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final in Premier Reserve if he has only participated in the minimum number of matches as this rule and one half (1/2) of more of these matches have in been in the run on team in Premier Grade.



- (g) A player will not be eligible to play any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final in Premier Reserve if he has played one half (1/2) or more of the total number Competition matches played have been in Premier Grade.
- (h) A player will not be eligible to play any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final if he is registered less than sufficient weeks prior to the start of the finals series to meet the minimum number of matches required for that grade.
- (i) A player who satisfies the competition rules regarding eligibility to play in any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final is eligible to play and such eligibility is subject to no player may play for more than one (1) grade team, on the same weekend, in a semi-final, preliminary final or grand final series excepting if that player is replacing an injured player in a higher grade.
- (j) The management committee reserve the right to appoint a sub-committee of the management committee for this purpose of considering eligibility.
- (k) Eligibility shall be determined by the management committee at its discretion.

### 7.3 Dispensation:

- (a) Management Committee requirements for applications of dispensation for players to participate in the finals.
- (b) Dispensation is at the discretion of the management committee
- (c) All applications, in the prescribed format must be received in accordance with the direction issued by the management committee.
- (d) Management committee requirements for applications of dispensation for players to participate in the finals.
  - (1) Clubs must indicate the players for whom dispensation is required to play in the grade so selected. Such details must be supplied in writing to the Competition Manager by 3.00 pm on the Monday prior to the match. The Competition Manager will ascertain the eligibility of the players and submit to the Management Committee by 5.00 pm on Tuesday, the names of players who require dispensation to participate in the grades so selected. The Management Committee may exercise its discretionary power to approve application for dispensation.
  - (2) Any club contravening any section of this rule or found to have provided false information will be liable to disqualification or suspension for such time as the Management Committee decides. The club concerned may lose the match for which false information has been supplied or in which an ineligible player took part. The player will be suspended for such time as the Judicial Committee may determine and the Management Committee will ask the club to show cause why further action, including monetary penalty and/or disqualification from future competition, should not be taken against it by the Management Committee.

### 7.4 Specific Guidelines

The following is to be noted:

- (a) Any request received outside the time-lines as detailed will not be considered and will be automatically denied by the Management Committee

- (b) To reiterate, the only discretionary power available to the Management Committee is in regards to injury to the player for whom dispensation is sought or forfeits. Consideration for a player who has played in a higher grade in place of a player who has been selected / played in any representative team is not included within this discretionary power
- (c) An injury or suspension of a different player in a higher grade is not the basis for dispensation for a different player who has played in a higher grade because of his injury or suspension.
- (d) Because a contracted player for the Reds or any other Super Rugby team plays or has played with the Club is not a basis for dispensation for another player. For clarity what this means is that if you contend that a Reds player would otherwise have been playing in your team had he not been on Reds duty, this is not the basis for dispensation for another player who has played in a higher grade as a result of this occurrence.
- (e) Once a player has played one half or more of the total Competition games, in Premier, he is not eligible for dispensation for selection in the Premier Reserve team for the semi-finals and finals.

# Wet Weather Policy

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## 8 Wet Weather Policy

8.1 Notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in these rules, the referee has the right to declare the match will not be played and therefore any of the provisions of these rules is subject to the referee's final say pursuant to the Laws of the Game on whether the match will be played.

8.2 As the top QRU Competition, Premier; Premier Reserve and Premier Colts Matches – should be given every opportunity to be played.

8.3 **Note:** Premier Grade matches must be played on the main ground of the home team. Premier Reserve and Colts matches may be played on another ground. The subsequent rules therefore are subject to that pre-condition. The Management Committee must approve a change of venue. Where the game is transferred to the opposing team's home ground, this does not constitute a swap of home games and the game is deemed to have been played at the ground as per the draw.

8.4 Dependent upon the Draw, there may be no spare weekends available for "catch up" games.

8.5 Procedure:

(a) By no later than 1000 on game day, the Host Club contacts the Competition Manager (RSM) to advise their ground is unplayable<sup>1</sup>

(b) Home Club advised they have access to an alternative venue:

Home Club advises its participants that the match will be played at the Home Club's alternate venue

RSM advises Away Club that the match will be played at the Home Club's alternate venue – the Away Club advises its participants

RSM advises QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc.,(QRRRA) that the match will be played at the Home Club's alternate venue – QRRRA advises its participants

RSM advises QRU Media to alert the Media

(c) Home Club advise they do not have access to an alternative venue

RSM then contacts the Away Club to ascertain the availability of its ground

If Away Club's Ground is available, then:

Away Club advises its participants that the match will be played at the Away Club's ground

RSM advises Home Club that the match will be played at the Away Club's ground – the Home Club advises its participants

RSM advises QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc.,(QRRRA) that the match will be played at the Away Club's ground – QRRRA advises its participants

RSM advises QRU Media to alert the Media

(d) If Away Club's Ground is unavailable, then:

RSM in consultation with the Head of Competitions and General Manager: Operations and Stadium and Grounds Manager, will ascertain the availability of Ballymore 2<sub>2</sub>, and if Ballymore 2 is available

RSM advises Home Club that the match will be played at Ballymore No. 2 – the Home Club advises its participants

RSM advise Away Club that the match will be played at Ballymore No. 2 – the Away Club advises its participants

RSM advises QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc.,(QRRRA) that the match will be played at Ballymore No. 2 – QRRRA advises its participants

RSM advises QRU Media to alert the Media

(e) If Ballymore is unavailable, then

The above process is repeated for firstly for the next day i.e. Sunday; and if not resolved

The above process is repeated for the immediate Tuesday following the weekend – this may then involve the utilisation of Ballymore No. 1<sub>3</sub>

(f) If none of the above is not achieved, then

The process will continue for the following Tuesdays up to and including the Tuesday immediately prior to the last fixture round; and if this is not achieved, then

Match will be declared a draw with each Club receiving two (2) Competition Points. No points will be awarded for “for / against” totals.

- 8.6 If a number of matches on the same weekend are like affected, then this may involve a number of matches needing to be re-scheduled.
- 8.7 The RSM shall be the sole arbiter in the event of a dispute under any aspect of the wet weather rule. The decision of the RSM shall not be subject to appeal. The RSM must make a decision on the basis of common sense on the information available to him at the time.
- 8.8 In all cases, the Home Club retains the responsibility of the Match Day requirements e.g. Medical, Ball Boys etc. Arrangements may be made with the Away Club should the match be played at the Away Club’s venue.
- 8.9 In the event that matches are required to be played at Ballymore, RSM would need to be on-site to act as the co-ordinator.

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<sup>1</sup> It should also be noted that in terms of Law 1.6 (a) and (b), the declaring of an unplayable ground may occur a lot closer to the scheduled kick off time

<sup>2</sup> Ballymore 1, would be unavailable due to the “knock-on” effect re staffing of medical room and access / availability of changing rooms. Dependant on available forecasts, it may be advisable to have Ballymore 2 marked for a game each.

<sup>3</sup> Not all Clubs have grounds that meet the minimum 200 lux average, [as is required for Semi-Professional Competition games](#). The Ballymore Ladies / match day doctor would also need to be available.

# Schedule One

## Official Team List Template



### Official Team List

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

(HOME TEAM) \_\_\_\_\_ v \_\_\_\_\_ (AWAY TEAM)

Players: (Please see Notes 1 and 2)

NO.	POSITION	NAME
1	Loosehead Prop	
2	Hooker	
3	Tighthead Prop	
4	Left Lock	
5	Right Lock	
6	Left Flanker	
7	Right Flanker	
8	Number Eight	
9	Scrumhalf	
10	Flyhalf	
11	Left Wing	
12	Inside Centre	
13	Outside Centre	
14	Right Wing	
15	Fullback	
<b>REPLACEMENTS:</b>		
<b>In order from Loose head to Full Back - Please see note 2</b>		
16. LH	Reserve	
17. H	Reserve	
18. TH	Reserve	
19.	Reserve	
20.	Reserve	
21.	Reserve	
22.	Reserve	
23.	Reserve	

**Note (1)** Please indicate Captain with a "(C)" in front of his name.

**Note (2)** Please indicate with LH; H and TH which players can play in the respective front row positions.

**Team Manager's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To be handed to the Opposition Team Management and No. 4 Match Official preferably, prior to commencement of the match; however, no later than fifteen (15) minutes – actual, after the commencement of the game.**