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Subject: Age Grade Regulation Variations for Schools and Youths

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Gentlemen,

Following an enquiry from the Referees Department on the Regulations Variations for the coming season please note:

1. There are several Regulation variations in place to ensure relevance to the capacity of players, appropriate skill development and physical conditioning ensuring maximising participant enjoyment and gradual progression.
2. Regulations for the various levels in Age Grade Rugby are regularly reviewed and updated.

Maximum match duration at U13 & 14

Reduced from 60 minutes to 50 minutes.

Lifting in the Line out: Junior Cup (U16) and Medallion (U15) levels

1. The regulation relating to “pre-gripping” and “lifting on the shorts” applies at this level.
2. This regulation should be enforced at all suitable age levels and for all schools and clubs to be consistent in applying this regulation.
3. Referees at this level must be up-to-date and informed on the regulations, and consistent in applying them.

Yellow Cards

1. Not applicable at U13/ U14/ U15 and U16 levels.
2. At U17/ U18 & 19 levels - Teams must have the same number of forwards in the scrum, if a forward is carded – opposition must reduce numbers – if a back line player is carded no reduction in forwards.
3. **Scrums** - Must have the following format - full scrum: 3-4-1- in the event of yellow card(s) then 3-4 then 3-2-1 then 3-2.
4. **Line out** – the reduction of numbers (in the event of a yellow card(s) does not apply.

I have made the changes to the regulation variations and hope this memo will ensure clarity and consistency in application.

Thanks

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