

# RFU REGULATIONS

## **RFU REGULATION 2 – APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **2.1 Commencement**

These revised Regulations take effect on 1 August 2023 unless and to the extent specifically stated otherwise (including, but not limited to, any variations to the Regulations made under Regulation 2.3.1 below).

### **2.2 Application**

- 2.2.1 These Regulations shall be binding on all Members of the RFU and on persons over whom the RFU has jurisdiction, who shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the content of these Regulations.
- 2.2.2 Every Club and Constituent Body shall ensure that it complies with these Regulations and must further ensure that it takes appropriate action to inform every member of that Club or Constituent Body (as applicable) of the terms of these Regulations and the obligations of that member to comply with these Regulations. The RFU may (but shall not be obliged to) from time to time issue guidelines in relation to the implementation of these Regulations. Any breach(es) of such guidelines may render the Member in breach of these Regulations.
- 2.2.3 Without prejudice to the generality of regulation 2.2.2, each Constituent Body shall include in its own rules a rule stating that each of its members is bound by the RFU's Rules, these Regulations, the Laws of the Game and the World Rugby Regulations relating to the Game and that any breach thereof shall be a breach of the rules of the Constituent Body and shall be dealt with under the powers contained in its rules or in accordance with powers which have been delegated to it by the RFU.
- 2.2.4 All matches played under the jurisdiction of the RFU and/or in RFU Competitions or any other competition or merit table must be played in accordance with World Rugby Laws and World Rugby Regulations, the RFU Rules, the RFU Regulations and any competition specific Regulations applicable to a competition including, without limitation, the Premiership Regulations, Championship Regulations, Premiership Cup Regulations and Championship Cup Regulations (as applicable).

### **2.3 Power to vary these Regulations**

- 2.3.1 The Council shall have the power to vary these Regulations and to make new resolutions and regulations at any time, both during and outside the Season.
- 2.3.2 The Council shall be empowered to delegate its powers under regulation 2.3.1 to the Governance Standing Committee and/or the Committee on such terms as the Council deems fit.
- 2.3.3 The Council shall have discretion to decide on matters not provided for in these Regulations and the Council's decision(s) in respect of those matters shall be final and binding save for any right of appeal or review as may be specifically reserved under RFU Regulations.

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## **2.4 Duty to Act with the Utmost Good Faith**

All Clubs, Constituent Bodies, National Representative Bodies, all Organising Committees and any player, official, member or employee of a Club or Constituent Body or National Representative Body or an Organising Committee shall at all times act towards the RFU and each other with the utmost good faith.

## **2.5 Formal Complaint**

In the event that a person wishes to make a complaint to the RFU relating to a suspected breach of an RFU Regulation, the complaint shall be made to the RFU Head of Discipline who will determine the appropriate way to deal with the matter in accordance with any RFU complaints procedures issued by the RFU and in accordance with RFU Regulation 19.

**2.6** The playing of the game or any modification or derivation thereof between male and female teams or teams containing both male and female players is permissible only within the confines of Age Grade Rugby and in accordance with RFU Regulation 15 or in all forms of non-contact, touch or tag rugby.

## **2.7 Severability**

If any of the provisions of any RFU Regulations shall be found to be void or unenforceable, such provisions shall be deemed to be deleted from the Regulations and the remaining provisions of these Regulations shall continue in full force and effect.

## **2.8 Waiver**

Any waiver of a breach of any of the provisions of any RFU Regulations shall not be deemed a waiver of any other breach or default and shall not affect the other provisions of any of the RFU Regulations.

## **2.9 Definitions**

The definitions set out in RFU Regulation 1 shall apply to all RFU Regulations and competition regulations unless specifically indicated otherwise. In the event that a term is not defined in a specific Regulation, the definition in RFU Regulation 1 shall apply.