

# RFU REGULATIONS

## **RFU REGULATION 16 – ADULT WOMEN COMPETITIONS (APPENDIX 1)**

### **1. General**

- (a) All matches played under the jurisdiction of the RFU and/or in RFU Womens Competitions or any other competition or merit table must be played in accordance with the World Rugby Laws (including any variations or trials that may be adopted by the RFU) and any such other additional RFU law variations agreed by the RFU in respect of a specific league or competition.
- (b) This Appendix 1 sets out variations to the Laws of the Game pertaining to the adult women's competitions at Championship 1 that are either pre-approved by the RFU or for which there is an approval process in place. These are in addition to any law trials which may be adopted by the RFU from time to time.
- (c) Any other variations not referenced in this Appendix 1, must undergo the approval process set out in RFU Regulation 16.1.5.

## **SECTION A – RFU LEAGUES (AT CHAMPIONSHIP 1 AND BELOW)**

### **2. Squad Sizes**

- (a) The maximum squad size is 22 players.

#### **National Challenge 2 and below**

- (b) Matches can be played with reduced numbers to a minimum of 10 players a side. In all matches, there must be the same number of players from each team on the field of play, subject to the laws of the game. In the event that a team drops below 10 players the match will be abandoned and the team responsible for causing the abandonment shall be deemed to have lost the match, but will not have a default awarded against them.

### **3. Rolling Substitutions**

- (a) Rolling substitutions are permitted in accordance with the regulations set out at Regulation 13, Appendix 2.

### **4. Uncontested Scrums**

#### **Championship 1, Championship 2 and National Challenge 1**

- (a) In the event of a team being unable to field a suitably trained front row at the start of any match, the Referee will order uncontested scrums and the team responsible for causing the uncontested scrum shall be deemed to have lost the match, but will not have a default awarded against them if they fulfil the fixture.
- (b) A team unable to field a suitably trained front row should still make every effort to fulfil their fixture with uncontested scrums in order to avoid being awarded a default.

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### **National Challenge 2 and below**

- (c) In the event of a team being unable to field a suitably trained front row at the start of any match or during the match, the Referee will order uncontested scrums and the result of the match shall stand.

### **5. General Variations**

#### **National Challenge 2 and below**

- (a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the World Rugby Under 19 Law Variations.

### **SECTION B – ALL NON RFU COMPETITIONS INCLUDING MERIT TABLES AND FRIENDLIES – THE ‘GAME ON PRINCIPLES’**

### **6. Game On Principles**

- (a) In addition to the variations set out above, the RFU has pre-approved additional variations to the Laws of the Game which apply to all matches in non-RFU Competitions (including merit tables and friendlies) – the ‘Game On Principles’.
- (b) The Game On Principles shall apply in accordance with the regulations set out at Regulation 13, Appendix 2.