

## **Women's Premier 15s Second 15s – Competition Regulations**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 These Regulations set out the regulations pertaining to the Women's Premier 15s Second 15s competition (the 'Competition').
- 1.2 The Regulations for the Competition will be as set out in the Women's Premier 15s Regulations in all respects unless specifically stated otherwise and set out in these regulations below.
- 1.3 Any definitions used in these Regulations will be as defined in the Women's Premier 15s Regulations unless stated otherwise in these regulations below.
- 1.4 In the event that there is a conflict between these Regulations and the Women's Premier 15s Regulations, the provision in these Regulations will prevail.

### **2. The Competition**

- 2.1 All matches in the Competition shall be played in accordance with these Regulations, the Women's Premier 15s Regulations, the World Rugby Laws of the Game of Rugby Union Football and World Rugby Regulations (including such Law variations and other variations as may be agreed by the RFU and World Rugby).
- 2.2 Rolling substitutions are permitted in this Competition in accordance with the regulations set out in Appendix 2 of RFU Regulation 13.
- 2.3 The format of the Competition will consist of:
  - 2.3.1 Two pools of five clubs who shall each play each other both at home and away.
  - 2.3.2 Following completion of the matches in 3.1.1 above, clubs will play each other on a cross-pool basis as follows:

Pool A 1<sup>st</sup> placed club v Pool B 1<sup>st</sup> placed club  
Pool A 2<sup>nd</sup> placed club v Pool B 2<sup>nd</sup> placed club  
Pool A 3<sup>rd</sup> placed club v Pool B 3<sup>rd</sup> placed club  
Pool A 4<sup>th</sup> placed club v Pool B 4<sup>th</sup> placed club  
Pool A 5<sup>th</sup> placed club v Pool B 5<sup>th</sup> placed club
- 2.4 There will be no promotion and/or relegation from the Competition and the Competition will not involve any knock-out or play-off stage. Therefore any regulations in the Women's Premier 15s Regulations to the contrary and any regulations pertaining to the knock-out stages (including any place kicking competition) will not apply to this Competition.

### **3. Player Eligibility & Match Squads**

- 3.1 The regulations pertaining to Player Eligibility and Match Squads are as set out in Women's Premier 15s Regulations save that:

- 3.1.1 the requirement to include EQP players in a match day squad will not apply in this Competition and no EQP funding will payable in respect of this Competition;
- 3.1.2 In each Match, the club may include up to seven (7) replacements and substitutes are permitted in accordance with World Rugby Law 3 and World Rugby resolutions/rulings/directives relating thereto and the Clubs shall comply with such Law and resolutions/rulings/directives; and

#### **4. Match Officials**

The Home Club is responsible for appointing an independent referee by contacting the local referee society.

#### **5. Grounds and the Home Club**

Neither Club is obliged to film the matches nor make available the match footage to the RFU or the other Club.

#### **6. Medical Matters**

The medical requirements set out in Regulation 10 of the Women's Premier 15s Regulations shall apply in full to this Competition.

#### **7. Finance, Broadcasting, Sponsorship, Ticketing & Media**

Club shall adhere to the finance, broadcasting, sponsorship, ticketing and media requirements set out in the Women's Premier 15s Regulations unless otherwise notified to the Clubs.

#### **8. Discipline and Breaches of Regulations**

Citing Commissioners will not be used in the Competition and team citing under RFU Regulation 19, Appendix 4 (1 - 4.7) will apply.