

Under 19 and below. Provincial Unions (at their discretion) may adopt the IRB Under 19 Law for identified grades of adult rugby. These scrum laws are:

- Maximum 1.5 metres push;
- Referee must stop play and order another scrum if scrum is wheeled and reaches 45 degrees; and
- Halfback can follow the ball around the scrum.

Off-side for halfbacks

At Under 13 and below, the law preventing the halfbacks from advancing past the tunnel while the ball is still in the scrum is retained.

Secondary Schoolgirls rugby - Scrum

The IRB Under 19 Law may be applied at Secondary Schoolgirl First XV level and above, providing coaches and front row players of teams have attended a Front Row Factory scrummaging course. All tens and sevens competitions for Secondary Schoolgirls retain uncontested scrums for all grades.

Number of Players

Where a team is unable to provide 15 players (including three trained front rowers) to start a match, this team shall forfeit the competition points. The match may still be played.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out www.nzrugby.co.nz or talk to your local Provincial Rugby Union.



2014 TEENAGE, SMALL BLACKS AND RUGBY LAWS UPDATE



ENJOY COACHING IN 2014

New Zealand Rugby has undertaken a substantial review of its Domestic Safety Law Variations, Small Blacks Development Model and Teenage Rugby and has made some important changes to maintain a strong focus on players enjoying their rugby for the 2014 season and beyond.

CHANGES TO TEENAGE RUGBY POLICIES

Compulsory Coaching Course

All coaches of Under 18 to Under 14 grades must attend a compulsory coaching teenage module in addition to the annual RugbySmart course.

Minimum Playing Time

All players in a named squad of 22 players each playing Saturday at all levels below Secondary School First XV grades are required to play half of a game each match. There will be no rolling subs. At halftime any reserves that are present must take to the field before the second half starts. This also applies to representative games at levels Under 16 and below.

Secondary School Girls pushing in the scrum

First XV Secondary School Girls rugby can push up to 1.5 metres as per IRB Under 19 Law providing coaches and front row players of teams have attended a Front Row Factory scrummaging course.

CHANGES TO SMALL BLACKS DEVELOPMENT MODEL (UNDER 13 AND BELOW)

Under 8 transition to tackle

A mandatory number of 'tackle box' sessions (two) must be carried out for all U8 coaches

before the season kicks off. If carried out correctly the season can start straight into tackle with participants not having to play Rippa Rugby.

Fending

Players can begin fending at the Under 9 grade.

Half a game

All players must get at least half a game. At half-time, any reserves that are present, must take the field before the second half starts. This also applies to representative games at this level.

Numbers on the field

Numbers on the field are maximum: 7 for Under 7, 10 for Under 10 and 15 for Under 15. Games must proceed with equal team numbers. If a team doesn't have enough players to start a game, they lose the game, but a game should then be played with equal numbers. Balance player numbers and ability where possible.

Coaches on the field

Coaches of Under 8 and below are allowed on the field behind their team during the game as coaches can easily referee and assist for the whole game by running behind their team.

OTHER CHANGES TO DOMESTIC SAFETY LAW VARIATIONS

Scrum

New Zealand Rugby has substituted the previous Under 21 DSLV Scrum Law with IRB Under 19 Law and these scrum laws apply at all grades of rugby

