

# **2021 COMPETITION RULES**& COVID-19 UPDATES



### **MATCH DURATIONS**

Mixed Tackle Competitions	Game Times	
U6-U9	4 x 8min	
U10-U12	2 x 20min	

Female Tackle Competitions	Game Times
U14-U18	2 x 25min
Open Age Women	2 x 30min

Male Tackle Competitions	Game Times	
U13-U15	2 x 25min	
U16-U23	2 x 30min	
Open Age (Bronze)	2 x 30min	
Open Age (Gold and Silver)	2 x 35min	

Monarch Blues Tag	Game Times	
U11	2 x 20min	
U13-Open Age (Incl. Over 35s)	2 x 25min	

(COVID-19 UPDATE)

DRINK BREAKS

In all games from U10 to Open Age there will be a **DRINK BREAK** at the mid-point of each half. The table should signal the **DRINK BREAK** by ringing the bell / hooter and the Referee will stop play at the next tackle / penalty / try.

During **DRINK BREAKS**, players should remain on the field and the trainer should take drink bottles out to players. All drink bottles should be in a carrier and marked with individual player names. No bottles should be shared between players.

**DRINK BREAKS** shall be no longer than 2 minutes.

**COACHES** <u>are not</u> to enter the field or instruct their team during **DRINK BREAKS**.

### **MERCY RULE**

**U9-U17** <u>50</u> points differential **U18-Open** <u>60</u> points differential GAMES **MUST** STOP AT MERCY

### **DH / FR VESTS**

(COVID-19 UPDATE)

**DH** and **FR** vests do not need to be rotated. Vests **CAN** be rotated between players if freshly laundered vests (2 sets) are available.

**U8s** use **FR** vest ONLY.

### **PLAYERS PLAYING UP**

- **CAN'T** wear a vest (in U8-U12)
- **CAN'T** take the field before a correct aged player
- **CAN'T** take a conversion attempt before a correct aged player (Mod games)
- MUST have a Playing Up Form completed

### MINIMUM / MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

TACKLE			
Age Group	Min. Players on Field	Max. Players on Field	Minimum Game Time
6-7	4	6	2 X Quarters
8-9	6	8	2 x Quarters
10-11	8	11	1 x Half
12	11	13	1 x Half
13+	9	13	N/A

GIRLS / WOMENS TACKLE		
Age Group Min. Players on Field		Max. Players on Field
14	9	11
16	9	11
18	9	11
Open Age	9	13

MONARCH BLUES TAG			
Age Group	Min. Players on Field	Max. Players on Field	
11	6	8	
13+	8	11	

Once a team has the minimum number of players available to play, they **MUST** take the field.

### **SPORTS TRAINERS – NRL ON-FIELD POLICY**

#### **GROUND MANAGER MUST**

- Check minimum requirement for game (as per table below)
- Check Sports Trainers accreditation using MySideline
- Ensure Sports Trainer has signed the Sign on Sheet

## IF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CANNOT BE MET THEN THE GAME CANNOT START

AGE	MINIMUM PERSONNEL FOR CONTACT RUGBY LEAGUE	MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQURIED FOR LEAGUE TAG	MINIMUM ACCREDITATION REQUIRED	
U6-U7	1 First Responder for up to 4 matches being played on an International Field	1 First Responder for up to 4 matches being played on an International Field		
U8-U9	1 First Responder for up to 3 matches being played on an International Field	1 First Responder for up to 3 matches being played on an International Field	<b>League First Aid</b> , or NRL Level 1 Sports Trainer, or	
U10-U12	1 First Responder for each MATCH	1 First Responder for	NRL Level 2 Sports Tr <b>ai</b> ner	
U13-U15	1 First Responder for each TEAM	each <b>MATCH</b>		
U16+	1 First Responder for each TEAM	1 First Responder for each TEAM	NRL Level 1 Sports Trainer, or NRL Level 2 Sports Trainer	

### **HIA / CONCUSSION**

Any player that leaves the field with a suspected head injury or any player who utilises the **HIA FREE INTERCHANGE** card is not allowed to retake the field under any circumstances.

**HIA** must be written next to the players name on Sign on Sheet.

### **UNOFFICIAL TOUCHIE**

Any parent or spectator who acts as an **UNOFFICIAL TOUCH JUDGE** should be informed that their only responsibility is to put their flag up and indicate the point where:

A player crosses the sideline or the ball crosses the sideline

### **SIGN ON SHEETS**

At the end of the game the **GROUND MANAGER** should ensure:

- Sign on Sheets have been completed correctly
- All Team Staff / Match Officials have signed the sheets
- Scores match on both home and away sheets
- Any player removed from the field with a SUSPECTED HEAD INJURY is noted on the sign on sheet as HIA

### NSWRL POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL



### NSWRL CONFERENCE COMPETITION RULES



#### **COVID-19** RULE UPDATES



### NSWRL ONLINE CODE OF CONDUCT REPORT

