



## 2018 Sydney Women's Rugby Referee Notes

### UNCONTESTED SCRUMS

If at the commencement of a match or during the course of a match a team is unable to field a suitably trained front row then uncontested scrums will be played. There is no requirement for teams without sufficiently trained front rowers to drop a player at any point during the match.

If both clubs do not have suitably trained front row players to start a match, the match will still be played and uncontested scrums will be played for both teams.

### MATCH FORFEIT

If a team does not present ready to play within ten minutes of a scheduled kick off time, that team is considered to have forfeited the match.

### REPLACEMENT/ SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

A team is permitted a maximum of eight (8) reserves. Up to eight substitutions per team per match will be allowed for all teams.

Substitutions shall include any time one player substitutes another player, including for injury. Within the allowed eight player substitutions, there is no restriction on the number of times an individual player can be substituted or return to the field.

#### Exceptions

##### (a) Substitution – Blood

(i) If a player has a blood injury and is temporarily replaced by another player that does NOT count as a substitution.

(ii) If the blood player returns to the field of play within fifteen (15) minutes actual time and the temporary replacement leaves the field that does NOT count as a substitution.

(iii) If the blood player does not return to the field of play within the permitted time, the replacement becomes permanent and that IS a substitution. The blood player is considered injured.

(iv) Should a team use up its maximum number of substitutions while one of their players has been temporarily replaced for blood, and the blood player cannot return to the field within the permitted time, the temporary replacement will be required to leave the field at the conclusion of the permitted time i.e. the team plays one short.

##### (b) Temporary Suspension – Yellow Card

(i) When a player is temporarily suspended (yellow card) and leaves the field of play that is NOT a substitution.

##### (c) Temporary Suspension – Yellow Card – Front Row Player

(i) When a scrum is ordered during the temporary suspension of a front-row player (Player A), and as a result a player (Player B) is required to leave the field to allow another front-row player (Player C) to come on, that does NOT count as a substitution.

(ii) If, at the end of the period of temporary suspension, Player A resumes and Player C leaves the field that does NOT count as a substitution.

- (iii) Player B returning to the field of play is also NOT a substitution.
- (iv) If, however, the team opts to leave Player C on at the end of the temporary suspension period instead of Player A returning, that IS a substitution
- (v) Player B returning to the field of play to substitute another player during the period of temporary suspension IS a substitution.
- (d) Send Off – Red Card
  - (i) When a player is sent from the field of play (red card) that is NOT a substitution.
- (e) Send Off – Red Card – Front Row Player
  - (i) When a scrum is ordered after the sending off of a front-row player (Player A), and as a result a player (Player B) is required to leave the field to allow another front-row player (Player C) to come on, that does NOT count as a substitution.
  - (ii) Player B returning to the field of play to substitute another player IS a substitution.

Any player substituted due to injury (except temporarily for blood) may not for any reason return to that match or any subsequent matches played on that day. At matches where there is no doctor available, the Referee remains responsible for establishing if a player is leaving the field of play due to being so injured that it would be unwise for her to continue playing.

After eight substitutions have been made, no other substitutions will be allowed for any reason, except for an injury to a front-row player where a suitably trained front-row replacement is available to ensure the game can continue with contested scrums. In this situation only, an additional substitution may be made.

Any substitute who takes the field immediately following the awarding of a penalty kick to his team or after a try has been scored shall not be permitted to kick at goal until after the relevant kick has been taken.

## **TIMINGS**

The length of matches shall be as follows:

Regular	35min halves
Finals	40min halves

There is no time off in regular competition matches. In finals, injury time will be added to playing time.