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SCHOOLS and YOUTH COMPETITION REGULATIONS

These Specific Competition Rules for the UAERA Schools and Youth (the “**Specific Competition Rules**”) shall be read together with the UAERA Competition Regulations (the “**Competition Regulations**”) and any terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Competition Regulations. Where there is any conflict between these Specific Competition Rules and the Competition Regulations these Specific Competition Rules shall govern.

Competition and Discipline Regulations

The Competition and Discipline Regulations of UAERA will apply to all Schools and Youth Competitions.

Laws of the Game

Matches must be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game for Rugby Football as published by the IRB including the U19s and 7 a side Law Variations, together with these Regulations and the specific interpretations of the UAERA Playing Continuum.

Age Eligibility

The date for eligibility for UAE Rugby is midnight on the 31st of August in the year of the Competition.

Player Movement between Age Groups

No Player is allowed to play down an Age group

Players are only allowed to move one age group up, e.g. U12s to U13s, but not to move up a double age group, e.g. from U12s to U14s.

In order for a Player to play up an age group, UAERA must receive the following:

A signed consent form from his or her parents or guardians

A signed letter from his coach confirming that he has the ability to move up

A signed letter from his Club’s Chairman or School Principal confirming the above point

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Numbers of Players

The maximum Number of players per team per match is as follows

Age Group	Number of Players on the pitch	Squad Size
U8s	7 a side	12
U10s	10 a side	15
U11s	12 a side	18
U12s- half pitch	12 a side	18
U12s- full pitch	15 a side	22
U14s	15 a side	22
U16s	15 a side	22
U18s	15 a side	22

Teams must start the Match with an equal number of Players

Teams should always have equal number of Players in the scrum

If a team does not have sufficient Players the following procedure will take place;

The Match will proceed with both teams having equal numbers

Unless agreed with the mutual consent of both team coaches to proceed with a Match with reduced numbers of players, where the result will stand, the team with insufficient Players will forfeit the Match and the opposition will be awarded a 4 competition points win, 20 points for and 0 against.

Number of Replacements and Substitutions:

Age Group	Number of Replacements	Number of Substitutions
U8s	5	Rolling
U10s	5	Rolling
U12s	6	Rolling
U12s	7	Rolling
U14s	7	7
U16s	7	7
U18s	7	7

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Uncontested Scrums

Both teams must have equal numbers in the scrum

In the case of a team unable to field 3 suitably Trained Front Row players, the coach and or the captain should inform the Referee at the next stoppage. The Referee will then order uncontested scrums.

Duration of the Match

All Matches are to be played in accordance with the IRB U19s Law Variations and UAERA Playing Continuum.

Referee Appointments

Subject to Referee's availability the UAERRS will provide referees for U16s and U18s Matches.

U16 and U18 players should wear numbered jerseys in accordance with IRB Regulations

It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the UAE Rugby Referees Appointment Officer to ask a Referee appointment

In case of no Referee being available the following IRB Law will apply;

'If no referee has been appointed the two teams may agree upon a referee. If they cannot agree, the home team appoints a referee'.

It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the appointed referee in case of any change in Match venue or date.

Play Off Matches

The top 4 teams in each League table will play semi-final matches to decide who will play in the final. The teams finishing 1st and 2nd on the competition table will host the 3rd and 4th teams respectively for the semi-finals.

The final Matches in each age group will be played at venues and dates as agreed by UAERA

If the scores are equal at the conclusion of the normal time, no extra time will be played, IRB Laws of the Game, U19s Law Variation, Law 5

The winner of the Match will be the team placed higher at the Competition table

A Player shall not be eligible to play in Semi and Final matches unless he has played in five (5) League matches for his Club or School prior to the final

A Club or School may apply on behalf of a Player in advance of a game to UAERA for dispensation from the above condition, on reasons of injury, forfeit by other Clubs, forced absence, or on other reasons considered valid.