

SCOTTISH YOUTH FESTIVAL OF RUGBY 2007

LAW VARIATION CARDS

UNDER 11 AGE GROUP (UK & EIRE U10 AGE GROUP)

These law variations provide the basis for the playing rules in the tournament and will be followed at all times. This copy is simplified to help all travelling teams understand the implications of the age grade qualifications and also simplifies the format of all matches which may differ to the playing rules you are used to in your home union.

The above stated age group use the Scottish age group qualifying dates (see Regulations for exact dates). For example, English, Welsh and Irish Under 10 teams as well as any Scottish teams who will play in their regular age group, will contest the Under 11 tournament.

This age group will use Normal Under 19 IRB rules for the tournament with following exceptions: -

Number of Players

8-a side 3 forwards 5 backs

Scrum

All scrums are uncontested (no pushing) and will consist of all three forwards.

Both Hookers can strike for the ball as soon as it has touched the ground.

Scrum half must pass from a scrum with one more pass made before a try is allowed.

Lineout

There is no lineout in any match at this age group and below so should the ball go out of play there will be a tap and pass for the non-offending team with the opposition 5m back.

Kicking

There will be no kicks at goal in any circumstance.

Kick offs will be a tap and pass at the start of each half and not by drop kick. Restarts after a score will be a tap and pass to the non-scoring team, as will all penalties.

Kicking in open play is permitted 5 metres from the kickers own goal line only.

General

Hand offs are not permitted at any time with the ball carried in both hands.

All tackles must be below waist height.

Along with the referee a coach from each team is allowed on the pitch with the team to advise and coach participants whilst the game is in progress. Any misconduct by coaches will result in them being dismissed from the pitch.

