

SCOTTISH YOUTH FESTIVAL OF RUGBY 2007

LAW VARIATION CARDS

UNDER15 – UNDER 17 AGE GROUPS (UK & EIRE U14-U16 AGE GROUPS)

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 groups are the Scottish age group qualifying dates (see Regulations for exact dates). For example, English, Welsh and Irish Under 14 teams as well as any Scottish teams who will play in their regular age group, will contest the Under 15 tournament.

All these age groups will use Normal Under 19 IRB rules for the tournament which has the following implications: -

Scrum

All scrums are contested but no scrum must move more than 1.5 metres.

Only the number 8 is allowed to detach and pick up the ball.

The scrum half is allowed to follow the ball around to the back of the opposition scrum.

Lineout

All lineouts are contested and lifting is permitted at all these age groups.

Lifting is not essential for teams who are not used to lifting but as we are governed by SRU guidelines we cannot permit teams from lifting in the tournament.

Kicking

Kicks at goal are only permitted in the U14-U17 age groups inclusive and must be a drop at goal from where the try was scored along the try line immediately after a try. No place kicks at goal are allowed for conversions and kicks at goal from penalties and drop goals in open play are prohibited. This is designed to speed up matches and not waste time in short matches.