

U18 JUSTIN BRIDOU EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

TOURNAMENT MANUAL



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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Welcome to all to the tenth U18 Justin Bridou European Championship.

It is back in Italy, in Treviso. This is where the 24 participating teams will be gathered together from 26th March until 4th April 2010.

36 matches are scheduled

Over several years, the FIRA-AER's principal aim has been to increase the skills of these young players and in doing so, support the promotion and development of rugby. The gap in performance levels is now reducing and this is why the 2010 edition promises to be spectacular and attractive. This year England will not participate, it is a shame...but after a long process, many discussions, we will implement in 2011 a new format with all the "6 nations' teams".....

This tournament has always seen a lot of friendship and camaraderie develop between teams as well as between the "locals" and the "visitors". This proves that rugby is what it has always been: a sport with values of brotherhood and I am sure that the Committee of Venetia will show all of its qualities of being a generous host. This is because it has already shown in the past and on many occasions, its ability to organise big sporting events.

With 24 teams, 36 matches in ten days, more than 620 players, 120 officials and more than 20 referees, organising this kind of competition is very exciting and one which requires total involvement. It is a challenging task. Consequently, I would like to thank all the Organisation Committee and its volunteers managed by Tullio Rosolen, for their exceptional work, their commitment and for their professionalism. I would also like to thank all of the cities and clubs which will host and organise the matches & training facilities for the participating unions.

I must also thank the Italian Rugby Union and its President, Mr. Giancarlo Dondi who has allowed FIRA-AER to organise this important event inside its federation. Finally, many thanks to all of the partners, whose support and skills will produce higher levels to this championship with regard to its impact, its exposure and its promotion.

This Tournament Manual & Participation Agreement includes a list of contacts for key tournament staff from the FIRA-AER and the host union. In addition you will find the Tournament Rules, Disciplinary Procedures and the Anti-Doping Regulations and forms that must be filled in and returned to the FIRA-AER or presented at the "passport control". I trust you will find this manual useful and comprehensive. If you do have any queries regarding the content or any other aspect of the Tournament, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I hope that this competition will continue to develop its creditability in the rugby world through the unity, enjoyment and fair play of all its participants

Jean-Claude BAQUE

President of the FIRA-AER

SECTION 2: THE MANUAL

This Manual has been prepared to assist the Unions, the Tournament Director, Teams Managers, Media and Partners on all aspects of the Tournament. All parties concerned should be familiar with the contents of the Manual and have it readily accessible during the Tournament. The procedures set out in the Manual should be met at all times.

Company	FIRA-AER 9, rue de Liège - 75009 PARIS – FRANCE is under the French laws.
Disciplinary Officials	Persons appointed by FIRA-AER to administer and implement disciplinary procedures pursuant to the Tournament Disciplinary Programme.
Disputes Committee	The Committee responsible for adjudicating on disputes and/or matters referred to it by the Company and/or the Tournament Director which shall comprise such personnel as advised to the Host Union from time to time.
Host Union	Italian Rugby Union – Fédération Italienne de Rugby
Host Union Agreement	The agreement entered into between FIRA-AER and the Host Union in relation to the Tournament.
Illness	Medical disability arising during the Tournament Term.
Injury	Physical disability arising during the Tournament Term.
Interpreter	Such person assigned to a Team in accordance with this Agreement.
Internal Travel	All transport within areas of the tournament as arranged by the host union.
IRB	International Rugby Board.
FIRA-AER	FIRA-Association Européenne de Rugby: the European Rugby Association.
Match	Match (es) to be played as part of the Tournament.
Match Official	Referees, Touch Judges, Touch Line Assistant appointed by the FIRA-AER for the conduct of the Match.
Medical	Medical and/or dental (and Medically shall be constructed accordingly).
Misconduct	Shall mean conduct, behaviour or practices, on or off the playing enclosure, (excluding illegal and foul play during a Match) that may bring the Tournament, and/or the game of rugby and/or the Company and/or the Tournament's commercial partners into disrepute. Misconduct shall include, but shall not be limited to, abusive, threatening or intimidating behaviour towards referees, touch judges, spectators or other officials.
Participating Union	Each of the national Rugby Unions of all nations who qualify to participate in the Tournament and who have executed a Participation Agreement before the FIRA-AER General meeting (December 2009).
Media Manager	Persons appointed by FIRA-AER with have overall responsibility for the Tournament Media Services and Management Programme, the Tournament News, Information and Data Service, the transmission, circulation and distribution of tournament news and all matters relating to

	public relations in connection with the Tournament including, without limitation, crisis management.
Team (or Members of the/its Team)	The team of each Participating Union, as selected by such Participating Union to participate in the Tournament, which shall in each case comprise of up to four officials at the Participating Union's discretion, one of whom is to be the manager of the team ("Team Manager") and one of whom is to be the doctor and/or physiotherapist and not more than 26 players (including replacements). The Team will also include the local Liaison Officer and/or Interpreter (if any required) assigned to it. However, the Liaison Officer and/or Interpreter shall not be regarded as one of the four officials.
Team Kit	Each Team's playing kit, bandages and strapping and any uniform to be worn on any Match occasion or Other Event.
Team Liaison Officer	A representative or representatives appointed by the Host Union for the purposes of ensuring that the legitimate requirements of any Team (including without limitation, the Referees team) IRB/IBT Officials, Guests and Invitees and Tournament Officials are met by the Host Union. For the avoidance of doubt in relation to teams, this shall include, without limitation, accompanying the Team prior to and during the Tournament, looking after the general interests and welfare of the Team, assisting in arrangements for the attendance of the team at functions and events, making all arrangements necessary to meet the training requirements of the team and members thereof on arrival at the venue and otherwise.
Tournament	The tournament, known as FIRA-AER U18 Justin Bridou European Championship will take place in Italy from 26 March until 4 April, 2010.
Tournament Anti-Doping Programme	The Anti-doping programme promulgated by the IRB for the Tournament and set out in this Tournament Manual.
Tournament Director	Person approved by FIRA-AER as being responsible for the administration and management of the Tournament.
Tournament Manager	Person appointed by the Host Union as its representative, being responsible for the local organising, administration and local management of the Tournament in conjunction with the Tournament Director.
Tournament Disciplinary Programme	The disciplinary programme and procedures promulgated by the IRB for the Tournament as set out in the Tournament Manual.
Citing commissioner	Person appointed for each match by FIRA AER to cite Players for an act or acts of Illegal and/or Foul play.
Tournament Medical Officer	A representative or representatives appointed by the FIRA-AER or by the Host Union in accordance with the FIRA-AER who shall have all the relevant and necessary qualifications and experience and who shall be the official Doctor(s) in attendance at each Match.
Match Medical Officer	A representative or representatives appointed by the Host Union who shall have all the relevant and necessary qualifications and experience and who shall be the official doctor(s) in attendance at one or several Matches.

Tournament Officials	The Referees, Referee Team Manager, Referee Assessors, television Match officials (video referees), Judicial Officers, Judicial and Appeal Committee members, Citing Commissioners, Disciplinary Officials, Anti-Doping Officers, Sampling Officers, Tournament Director, Media Manager and any other officials appointed by FIRA-AER following as necessary for the conduct of the Tournament.
Tournament Term	The period for each Participating Union between the start of the outward journey and the end of the homeward journey as notified by FIRA-AER.
Training Grounds	Training areas for each team to be used in relation to the Tournament and which are to be equipped with the medical and training equipment in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
Venue(s)	The stadium, ground or place at which the Tournament is to be played for the purpose of the Matches and all areas required by FIRA-AER.
Venue Managers	The persons appointed by the Host Union to manage each Venue.

SECTION 3: PROGRAMME

Group A		Group B	
1	France	9	Portugal
2	Ireland	10	Spain
3	Romania	11	Poland
4	Belgium	12	Netherlands
5	Russia	13	Ukraine
6	Georgia	14	Lithuania
7	Germany	15	Czech Republic
8	Italy	16	Switzerland

Group C	
17	Sweden
18	Hungary
19	Bulgaria
20	Denmark
21	Serbia
22	Latvia
23	Luxembourg
24	Austria

In 2010, the U18 European Championship will take place in Italy (Treviso – Venetia). 24 countries will play this competition and will constitute three groups. At the end of the competition:

- The first of the Group A will be the 2010 European Champion
- A new format will be implemented in 2011

Each participating union is required to have **26 players and 4 officials**.

Age of players: born **from January 1st, 1992 and December 31st, 1993**. Any player born on 1991 or 1994 will not be accepted.

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- www.bassohotels.it www.bhrtrevisohotel.it

Planning of the competition	
Friday , March 26	Arrival of teams :
	Managers meeting (18:00) Venue: Palatursimo Jesolo Lido (VE) Piazza Brescia, 13 <i>Presentation of the championship</i>
	Passport control (19:00) Venue: Palatursimo Jesolo Lido (VE) Piazza Brescia, 13 <i>Team list with passports</i> <i>Official balls</i>
Saturday, March 27	1 st day of competition <i>Quarter-finals groups B and C</i>
Sunday, March 28	2 nd day of competition <i>Quarter-finals groups A</i>
Monday, March 29	Free day
Tuesday, March 30	3 rd day of competition <i>Semi-finals & ranking games groups B and C</i>
Wednesday, March 31	4 th day of competition <i>Semi-finals & ranking games groups A</i>
Thursday, April 1	Managers meeting (17:00) Venue: Palatursimo Jesolo Lido (VE) Piazza Brescia ,13
	Official Dinner (20:00) Venue: on boat in Venice
Friday, April 2	5 th day of competition <i>Finals & ranking games groups B and C</i>
Saturday, April 3	6 th day of competition <i>Finals & ranking games groups A</i>
	Awarding of prizes Final banquet Venue: Palatursimo Jesolo Lido (VE) Piazza Brescia ,13
Sunday, April 4	Departure of teams

Please note that the Official Dinner of April 1st is reserved to the Team Managers.

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Sunday 28 th March - Dimanche 28 th Mars	Wednesday 31 st March - Mercredi 31 st Mars	Saturday 3 rd April - Samedi 3 rd Avril
<p>M1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1) France – France : Vs 8) Italy – Italie : Casale sul Sile at 16H30</p>	<p>M5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M1 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M4 : San Dona di Piave at 20H00</p>	<p>M9 - 1st & 2nd Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M5 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M6 : Monigo Treviso at 16H15</p>
<p>M2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2) Ireland – Irlande : Vs 7) Germany – Allemagne : San Dona di Piave at 14H30</p>	<p>M6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M2 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M3 : Casale sul Sile at 20H00</p>	<p>M10 - 3rd & 4th Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M5 : Vs Loser - perdant M6 : Monigo Treviso at 14H15</p>
<p>M3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3) Romania – Roumanie : Vs 6) Georgia – Géorgie : San Dona di Piave at 16H30</p>	<p>M7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M1 : Vs Loser - perdant M4 : San Dona di Piave at 18H00</p>	<p>M11 - 5th & 6th Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M7 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M8 : Casale sul Sile at 9H30</p>
<p>M4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4) Belgium – Belgique : Vs 5) Russia – Russie : Casale sul Sile at 14H30</p>	<p>M8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M2 : Vs Loser - perdant M3 : Casale sul Sile at 18H00</p>	<p>M12 - 7th & 8th Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M7 : Vs Loser - perdant M8 : Casale sul Sile at 11H30</p>

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Saturday 27 th March - Samedi 27 Mars	Tuesday 30 th March - Mardi 30 th Mars	Friday 2 nd April - Vendredi 2 Avril
<p>M1</p> <p align="center">1) Portugal – Portugal : Vs 8) Switzerland – Suisse : San Dona di Piave at 16H30</p>	<p>M5</p> <p align="center">Winner - Vainqueur M1 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M4 : Casale sul Sile at 20H00</p>	<p>M9 - 1st & 2nd Place</p> <p align="center">Winner - Vainqueur M5 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M6 : Casale sul Sile at 20H00</p>
<p>M2</p> <p align="center">2) Spain – Espagne : Vs 7) Rep Tcheque – Czech Rep : Casale sul Sile at 16H30</p>	<p>M6</p> <p align="center">Winner - Vainqueur M2 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M3 : San Dona di Piave at 20H00</p>	<p>M10 - 3rd & 4th Place</p> <p align="center">Loser - perdant M5 : Vs Loser - perdant M6 : Casale sul Sile at 16H00</p>
<p>M3</p> <p align="center">3) Poland – Pologne : Vs 6) Lithuania – Lituanie : San Michele al Tagliamento at 16H30</p>	<p>M7</p> <p align="center">Loser - perdant M1 : Vs Loser - perdant M4 : San Michele al Tagliamento at 20H00</p>	<p>M11 - 5th & 6th Place</p> <p align="center">Winner - Vainqueur M7 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M8 : San Dona di Piave at 14H00</p>
<p>M4</p> <p align="center">4) Netherlands – Pays Bas : Vs 5) Ukraine – Ukraine : Conegliano at 16H30</p>	<p>M8</p> <p align="center">Loser - perdant M2 : Vs Loser - perdant M3 : Conegliano at 20H00</p>	<p>M12 - 7th & 8th Place</p> <p align="center">Loser - perdant M7 : Vs Loser - perdant M8 : San Dona di Piave at 18H00</p>

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Saturday 27 th March - Samedi 27 th Mars	Tuesday 30 th March - Mardi 30 th Mars	Friday 2 nd April - Vendredi 2 Avril
<p>M1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1) Sweden – Suède : Vs 8) Austria – Autriche : Casale sul Sile at 14H30</p>	<p>M5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M1 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M4 : San Dona di Piave at 18H00</p>	<p>M9 - 1st & 2nd Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M5 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M6 : San Dona di Piave at 20H00</p>
<p>M2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2) Hungary – Hongrie : Vs 7) Luxembourg – Luxembourg : San Dona di Piave at 14H30</p>	<p>M6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M2 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M3 : Casale sul Sile at 18H00</p>	<p>M10 - 3rd & 4th Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M5 : Vs Loser - perdant M6 : San Dona di Piave at 16H00</p>
<p>M3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3) Bulgaria – Bulgarie : Vs 6) Latvia – Lettonie : San Michele al Tagliamento at 14H30</p>	<p>M7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M1 : Vs Loser - perdant M4 : San Michele al Tagliamento at 18H00</p>	<p>M11 - 5th & 6th Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner - Vainqueur M7 : Vs Winner - Vainqueur M8 : Casale sul Sile at 14H00</p>
<p>M4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4) Denmark – Danemark : Vs 5) Serbia – Serbie : Conegliano at 14H30</p>	<p>M8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M2 : Vs Loser - perdant M3 : Conegliano at 18H00</p>	<p>M12 - 7th & 8th Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Loser - perdant M7 : Vs Loser - perdant M8 : Casale sul Sile at 18H00</p>

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Denmark	Hotel Venezuela	Via Bafile , 43 30016 Jesolo Lido www.hotelvenezuela.it
France	Hotel Le Soleil	Via Treviso, 3 30016 Jesolo Lido Info@hotellesoleil.it
Georgia	Hotel Marina	Via Dante Alighieri, 18 30017 Jesolo
Germany	Hotel Eden	Via Bafile, 604 30016 Jesolo Lido
Hungary	Hotel La Lanterna	Via L. B. Alberti, 2 30016 Jesolo Lido www.hotellalanterna.it
Ireland	Park Hotel Villa Pace Bolognese	Via Terraglio, 447 31022 Preganziol (Veneto) www.hotelbolognese.com
Italy	Hotel All'Oasi	Via Postumia, 133 31038 Paese (TV) www.hotelalloasi.com
Latvia	Hotel Bolivar	Via Verdi, 70 30016 Jesolo Lido
Lithuania	Hotel Pigalle	Via Padova, 82 30016 Lido di Jesolo Info@hpigalle.com

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Official Stadiums	
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SAN DONA' DI PIAVE (VE)	Stadio Mario e Romolo Pacifici Via Tarvisio
CASALE SUL SILE (TV)	Stadio Comunale Eugenio Via Belvedere, 29
CONEGLIANO (TV)	Campo Comunale Via dello Sport,3 loc. Campolongo
SAN MICHELE AL TAGLIAMENTO (VE)	Impianto Sportivo Malafesta Via A, Volta, 10
TRAINING FIELDS	
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Jesolo Rugby Via Oriente, 3
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Basso (3 fields) Via Roma DX
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Rotonda Frova Via T. Vecellio
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo calcio Piazza Trieste
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Cortellazzo Via Ambalagi , 47
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Cigno Bianco Via Cigno Bianco, 1
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Antiche Mura Via Pirami, 5
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Oasi Verde (2 fields) Via Belgio, 5
JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Campo Grifone Via Oriente, 1
CAVALLINO – TREPORTI (VE)	Campo Camping Union (2 fields) Via Fausta , 245

TRAINING FIELDS

ERACLEA (VE)	Campo Calcio (2 fields) Via Colombo, 5
ERACLEA (VE)	Campo Stretti, Via Braida , 3
MUSILE di PIAVE (VE)	Campo Calcio (3 fields) Via Argine San Marco Inferiore ,71
LA SALUTE di LIVENZA (VE)	Campo Calcio Corso Cavour
SILEA (TV)	Impianti Sportivi Via Cendon
CASALE sul SILE (TV)	Impianti Sportivi G. Sartorato Via Vicinale Rivalta
PAESE (TV)	Campo Fabio Nicoletti, Via Della Costituzione

SECTION 8: RULES

The law variations that will be implemented are the International Rugby Board's Under 19 Variations.

AGE OF PLAYERS

Age of players: born **from January 1st, 1992 and December 31st, 1993**. Any player born in 1991 or 1994 will not be accepted.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS / THE TEAM

26 players can be included on the team sheet, for each game:

When 19, 20, 21 or 22 players are nominated in a team there must be five players who can play in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement hooker is required and, on the first occasion that a replacement prop forward is required and, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums. The Law 3.5 will be applied.

If a team nominates more than 22 players it must have at least six players who can play in the front row in order that there is replacement cover for the loose-head prop, hooker and tight-head prop. There must also be three players who can play in lock position.

In all cases, if a team nominates more than 22 players, a maximum of 7 substitutions will be allowed. The law 3.4 will be applied.

A player who has been substituted may replace an injured player.

It is not the responsibility of the referee, FIRA-AER and Host union to determine the suitability of trained front and second row replacements (and players) or their availability, as this is a team responsibility (managerial staff responsibility).

TIME

Each half of an Under-18 match lasts 35 minutes playing time. Play in a match lasts no longer than 70 minutes. After a total of 70 minutes playing time, the referee must not allow extra time to be played in the case of a drawn match in a knock-out competition.

SCRUM

20 (1) (f) In an 8 person scrum the formation must be 3-4-1, with the single player (normally the Number 8) shoving on the 2 locks. The locks must pack with their heads on either side of the hooker.

Exception: A team must have fewer than eight players in its scrum when either the team:

- Cannot field a complete team, or
- A player is sent off for Foul Play, or

- A player leaves the field because of injury.

Even allowing for this exception, each team must always have at least five players in a scrum. If a team is incomplete, the scrum formation must be as follows:

- If a team is without one player, then both teams must use a 3-4 formation (i.e. no No.8).
- If a team is without two players, then both teams must use a 3-2-1 formation (i.e. no flankers).
- If a team is without three players, then both teams must use a 3-2 formation (i.e. only front rows and locks).

When a normal scrum takes place, the players in the three front-row positions and the two lock positions must have been suitably trained for these positions.

If a team cannot field such suitably trained players because:

- either they are not available, or
- a player in one of those five positions is injured, or
- has been sent off for Foul Play and no suitably trained replacement is available,

Then the referee must order uncontested scrums.

In an uncontested scrum, the teams do not compete for the ball. The team putting in the ball must win it. Neither team is allowed to push the other team away from the mark.

Front rows coming together. The referee will call “crouch” then “touch”. The front rows crouch and using their outside arm each prop touches the point of the opposing prop’s outside shoulder. The props then withdraw their arms.

The referee will then call “pause”. Following a pause the referee will then call “engage”. The front rows may then engage. The “engage” call is not a command but an indication that the front rows may come together when ready.

No wheeling. A team must not intentionally wheel a scrum.

Penalty: Penalty Kick

If a wheel reaches 45 degrees, the referee must stop play. If the wheel is unintentional, the referee orders another scrum at the place where the scrum is stopped.

Maximum 1.5 metres push. A team in a scrum must not push the scrum more than 1.5 metres towards their opponents’ goal-line.

Penalty: Free Kick

Ball must be released from scrum. A player must not intentionally keep the ball in the scrum once the player’s team has heeled the ball and controls it at the base of the scrum.

Penalty: Free Kick

SQUEEZ BALL

We have been requested by the Chairman of the Laws Committee to remind Unions of the Councils previously intimated strong recommendation for Unions to adopt Domestic Variations which makes the action, referred to as the squeeze ball, illegal for all age levels from under 18 downwards. **We would appreciate if you could arrange to re-affirm the Council’s position on the above to appropriate personnel within your Union.**

REFEREES AND COMMISSIONERS

Referees	
Sébastien MINERY	France
Mathieu DELPY	France
Léo COLGAN	Irlande
Guiseppe VIVARINI	Italie
Franck HIMMER	Allemagne
Pedro MURINELLO	Portugal
Luc JANSSENS	Belgique
Horatiu BARGAUNAS	Roumanie
Vadim PIKHOVKIN	Russie
Ucha NARIMANIDZE	Géorgie

Citing Commissioners and Commissioners	
Douglas LANGLEY	IRB/FIRA-AER
Rossano FACCIOLI	Italie
Johnny MEERSMAN	Belgique
George BARGAUNAS	Roumanie
Ruben DUQUE	Espagne
Tiziano CASAGRANDE	Italie
Delfim BARREIRA	Portugal

NOTE FOR REFEREES

For the U18 Tournament, the IRB U19 rule will be applied for the pushing in scrum.

When the front rows coming together, the “Touch” must be at the same time. All delay or anticipation will be considered as cheating which get an advantage.

In the groups C, the referee could order no contest scrums in case of weakness of one or two teams in this field. The “Touch” must be permanent in order to guarantee the player security (Distance and reduction of the impact when the front rows coming together).

Touching the opponent must be done at the top of shoulder without gripping or pushing.

For the U18 Tournament, when a player will receive a yellow card he will be sin binned for 10 minutes.

In line out, for safety, the supports must control the jumper lifting and lowering. **It is the Law 19.9 (I)**



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List of players

TEAM:

Colours	Jersey	Shorts	Socks
Main			
Alternative			

Reg. N°	LAST NAME	First Name	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	Passport number	L	H	T	L
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Manager Signature:

NAME:

Tournament Director Signature:

NAME:

N.B: Please indicate the player's ability to play at one or many positions of first or second row by ticking the applicable boxes. The delegation must have at least six players who can play in the front row in order that there is replacement cover for the loose-head prop, hooker and tight-head prop. There must also be three players who can play in lock position.



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Team sheet

TEAM: OPPOSITION:

VENUE: DATE: TIME:

N°	Position	LAST NAME	First Name	Reg. N°
1	Loose head prop			
2	Hooker			
3	Tight head prop			
4	Lock			
5	Lock			
6	Flanker			
7	Flanker			
8	N°8			
9	Scrum-half			
10	Fly-half			
11	Wing			
12	Centre			
13	Centre			
14	Wing			
15	Full-back			

N°	Position	LAST NAME	First Name	Reg. N°
16	Substitute			
17	Substitute			
18	Substitute			
19	Substitute			
20	Substitute			
21	Substitute			
22	Substitute			
23	Substitute			
24	Substitute			
25	Substitute			
26	Substitute			

PERSONS ALLOWED TO BE SEATED ON THE BENCH

Function	LAST NAME	First Name	Passport Number

Team Signature

NAME:
First name:
Function:



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CARTE DE REMPLACEMENT
SUBSTITUTION CARD

EQUIPE – TEAM: Date: /0 /2010 Match N°:

PLAYER OFF
JOUEUR SORTANT

PLAYER ON
JOUEUR Rentrant

MOTIF – REASON:

SUBSTITUTION / TACTICAL
SUBSTITUTION / BLOOD
REPLACEMENT / INJURY
SUBSTITUTION / SIN BIN

- REMPLACEMENT TACTIQUE
- REMPLACEMENT SUR SAIGNEMENT
- REMPLACEMENT SUR BLESSURE
- REMPLACEMENT SUR CARTON JAUNE

Minute – Time:

Signature:



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- REMPLACEMENT SUR CARTON JAUNE

Minute – Time:

Signature:



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Autorisation Parentale – Parental Authorization

Je soussigné (Père, Mère, Tuteur) _____

I, undersigned (Father, Mother, Guardian) _____

- Autorise : (Nom, Prénom) _____

Allow: (Family Name, First Name) _____

A participer à tout stage ou compétition de rugby organisé par la FIRA-AER.

To join in any Rugby training course or competition organized by FIRA-AER.

- Autorise les dirigeants des stages ou des compétitions organisés par la FIRA-AER à prendre toute décision médicale ou chirurgicale nécessitée par l'état de (Nom, Prénom) _____

Allow the staff of the training course or competition organized by the FIRA-AER to make any decision concerning the medical or surgical state of (Family name, First name) _____

- Autorise les contrôles antidopage quelles que soient les modalités qui pourraient être pratiquées sur (Nom, Prénom) _____

Allow the anti doping controls whatever the modes used on (Family name, First name) _____

Le :

A :

Signature

Date:

Place:

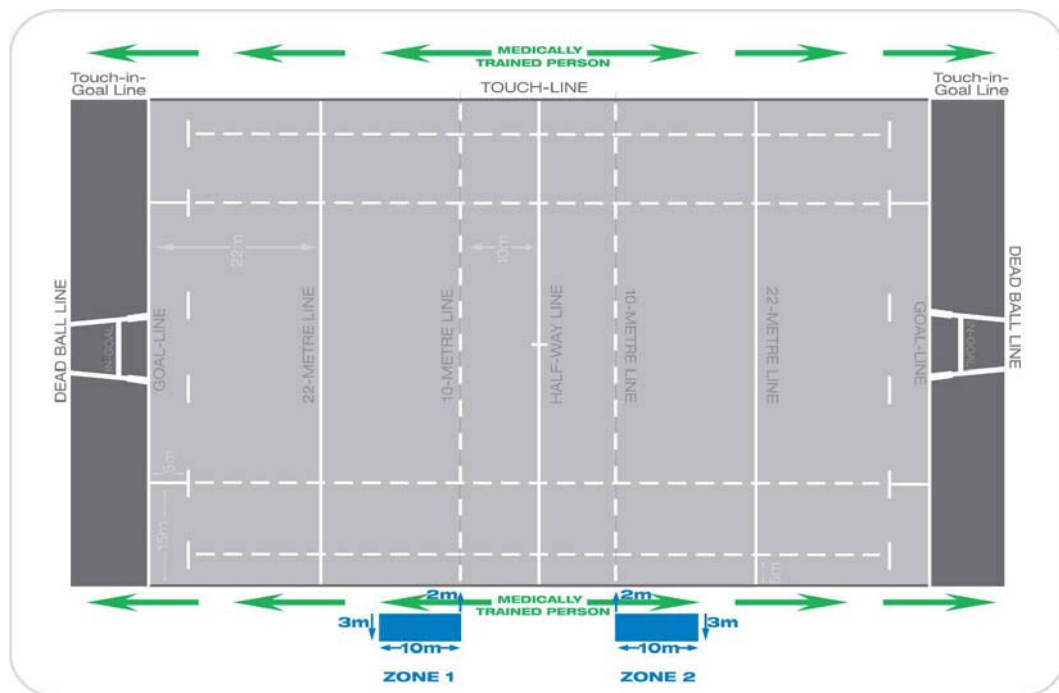
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SECTION 9: DRAW AND TECHNICAL AREA

MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND WATER CARRIERS

In accordance with the procedure implemented by the IRB, two technical zones will be set up and delimited from and parallel to the touchline on both sides of the halfway line and outside the playing area.

These technical zones, which must not exceed 10mx3m, will be marked off by lines on the ground. They will be at least five metres from the halfway line and at most two metres from the touchline. The Technical Area will be drawn on the pitch.



TECHNICAL AREA

Maximum 5 persons in the Technical Zone:

Coach (1):

- Manages the substitutions in collaboration with the 4th referee or with the commissioner
- Checks that the water carriers and medical staff can implement their tasks in the best conditions
- ***A coach can't be a water carrier!***

Medical staff (1 or 2): One doctor and one physiotherapist with jerseys or bibs

- They are in charge of the player's security and welfare plus the treatments on the pitch in case of injury
- They cannot be water carrier but can collaborate with them.

Water carrier (1 or 2): with jerseys or bibs

- In charge to give water to the players

No other persons, whether players or staff members, are permitted in the technical zone.

Only one of the two medical staff members is permitted to move about and intervene along the touchline on the other side of the technical zone, while the second is permitted to do so along the touchline on the side of the technical zone. However, both may not be outside the technical zone on the same touchline.

The two water carriers must remain inside the technical zone throughout the entire match, except when they bring water to players or the tee to kickers.

Water carriers may enter the field of play after a try during the conversion attempt, but not during a penalty attempt. The water carriers and the medical staff are also permitted to enter the field of play when play is stopped for injury.

Under no circumstances may the substitutes (or the players leaving the field after being substituted / replaced) take places in the technical zone.

Referee 4 is in charge of ensuring that the rules of the technical zone are followed. In the event these rules are broken, the Match Commissioner may call on this referee, who may then refer the incident to the Main Referee.

REPLACEMENTS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

When the team management:

- Wish to make a substitution,
- or, is forced to make a temporary substitution by reason of a blood injury,
- or, by reason of the temporary suspension of a Front Row player,
- or, is required to replace an injured player

That team management must complete the substitution document attached and give it to the Fourth Official. The Fourth Official or Touch Judge will be in radio contact with the Referee. At the next stoppage in play save for the award of a penalty or free kick (when it is a quick tape) the Fourth Official will contact the Referee and inform him of the player leaving the playing area by number. The Fourth Official will complete the Summary Sheet and provide it to the Match Commissioner.

DRAW MATCH AT FULL TIME

If after full-time the teams have tied, then the winner shall be determined through the following sequential criteria:

- The team to score the most tries in that particular match, if no winner, can be declared then,
- The team to score the most converted tries in that particular match, if no winner can be declared then,
- Penalty shoot-out between the two teams, that penalty shoot-out shall take place as follows:

- (i)** All players and Match Officials will remain on the playing enclosure. The referee will call the captains of the two Teams to the centre of the pitch and will conduct a coin toss. The winner of the coin toss then may either choose which Team kicks first (in which case the loser chooses the end at which all kicks will be taken) or choose the end at which all kicks will be taken (in which case the loser chooses which Team kicks first).
- (ii)** Each team captain must nominate 5 players to participate in the kicking competition. Only the 5 players nominated by the Captains and present on the playing enclosure at the time of the completion of the extra time may take part in the kicking competition. No injured, substituted or dismissed player may take part at any time. The order in which the players kick does not have to be predetermined.
- (iii)** The Match Officials and Team Members will assemble on the halfway line. Team Members must remain behind the halfway line in the side of the playing area not used for the kicking competition. No one except the referee, two touch judges and two ball boys/girls is allowed in the part of the playing area being used for the competition.
- (iv)** The five players from each Team will place kick from three different points, all on the 22 metre line, as follows
 - First point : directly in front of the posts
 - Second point : on the 15 metre line on the left hand side facing the posts
 - Third point : on the 15 metre line on the right hand side facing the posts
- (v)** The referee will start the competition by calling the first player selected from the Team kicking first to the first kicking point. Once the player has taken the kick, the referee calls a player from the opposing Team to kick from the same point.
- (vi)** The next two players (one from each Team) will kick from the second point in turn. This will continue until all five players from each Team have kicked (the next players kicking respectively from the third point, first area and finally the second point), or until one Team is unable to equal the score of the other Team within the remaining number of kicks.
- (vii)** If there are an equal number of successful kicks once each Team has completed its five kicks, the competition continues on a “sudden death” basis, following the same order of kickers used in the first five kicks.
- (viii)** The competition will continue two kicks at a time (one from each side), going progressively through the three kicking areas stated above (and repeating the process if necessary) until one player succeeds with a kick and the player from the other side taking the same kick misses it. Once this occurs, the Team of the player who succeeded with the kick will be declared the winner. Each of these additional kicks shall be taken by the same 5 players in rotation.

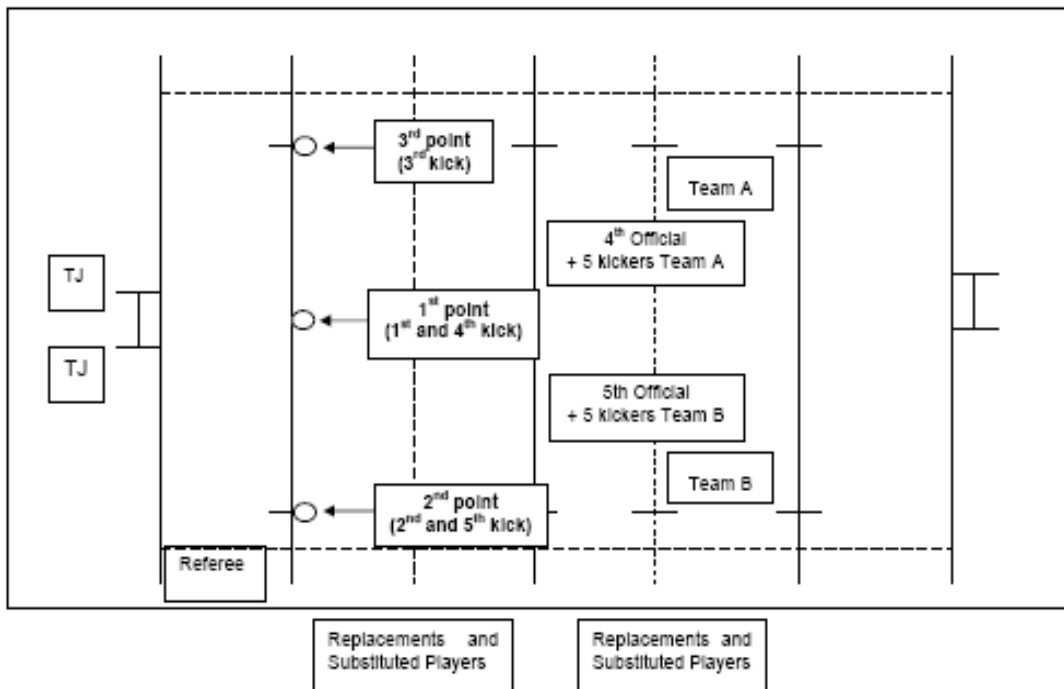
Throughout the kicking competition:

- a) Once a player has been handed the ball by the referee on the kicking point, he must take the kick within one minute. Should she take longer, the referee shall declare the kick void and therefore a miss.

- b) After each kick, the referee records the number of the player and whether or not the attempt was successful. The Match Commissioner will record the same details on the official Match Report.
- c) Whether or not a goal is scored from each attempt is the sole decision of the referee, who may at his sole discretion rely on the assistance of his touch judges. The referee's decision shall be final and binding.
- d) Once a player has completed their kick, they shall return to stand with their Team behind the halfway line in the side of the playing area not used.

Please refer to the following diagram which demonstrates the operation of the Kicking competition

ORGANISATION OF PENALTY KICK COMPETITION



SECTION 10: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

<p>1. INTRODUCTION</p> <p>1.1 Le Programme Disciplinaire du Tournoi énonce les procédures pour traiter les cas disciplinaires suivants :</p> <p>(a) Lorsqu'un Joueur est Définitivement Exclu de l'enceinte de jeu ;</p> <p>(b) Lorsqu'un Joueur est cité à comparaître pour un ou plusieurs actes de Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal ;</p> <p>(c) Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs actes d'Inconduite ont peut-être été commis par une Fédération Participante, un Joueur, un Membre de l'Equipe ou toute autre personne présente au Tournoi à titre officiel avec une Fédération conformément <u>à la Clause 18</u> du Programme Disciplinaire du Tournoi.</p> <p>2. JEU INTERDIT ET/OU DELOYAL ET INCONDUITE</p> <p>2.1 Dans le cadre du Programme Disciplinaire du Tournoi, Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal signifie toute infraction à la Règle 10 des règles du Jeu et/ou toute infraction aux règles 3-11(c), 4.5(c) et 6.6.</p> <p>3. DISTINCTION ENTRE EXCLUSION DÉFINITIVE ET EXCLUSION TEMPORAIRE</p> <p>3.1 Un Joueur est Définitivement Exclu lorsqu'il est exclu définitivement de l'enceinte de jeu par l'arbitre et qu'il ne peut pas reprendre part au Match dans le cadre duquel il a été Exclu Définitivement. (carton rouge)</p>	<p>1. INTRODUCTION</p> <p>1.1 The Tournament Disciplinary Programme sets out the procedures for dealing with the following disciplinary matters:</p> <p>(a) When a Player is Ordered Off the playing enclosure;</p> <p>(b) When a Player is cited for an act or acts of Illegal and/or Foul Play;</p> <p>(c) When an act or acts of Misconduct may have been committed by a Participating Union, Player a Team Member of another Person attending the Tournament on an official capacity with a Union under clause 18 of the Tournament Disciplinary Programme.</p> <p>2. ILLEGAL AND/OR FOUL PLAY</p> <p>2.1 For the purposes of this Tournament Disciplinary Programme, Illegal and/or Foul Play means a breach or breaches of Law 10 of the Laws of the Game and/or a breach or breaches of Law 3.11(c), Law 4.5(c) and Law 6.6.</p> <p>3. ORDERING OFF DISTINGUISHED FROM TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS</p> <p>3.1 A Player is Ordered Off when he is sent off the playing enclosure permanently by the referee and can take no further part in the Match in which he was Ordered Off (Red Card).</p>
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3.2 Un Joueur est Temporairement Exclu lorsque l'arbitre lui donne un avertissement dans un Match et est temporairement exclu de l'enceinte de jeu par l'arbitre pour une période de dix minutes de temps de jeu qu'il doit purger dans la zone désignée (« sin bin »). (Carton jaune)

4. PERSONNEL DISCIPLINAIRE

4.1 Commissaire à la citation

Pour chaque Match du Tournoi qui sera filmé par l'organisation, un Commissaire à la citation indépendant sera désigné. Le Commissaire à la citation devra être d'un pays neutre et avoir une expérience en matière de rugby. Le Commissaire à la citation ne sera pas un représentant élu ni un employé à plein temps rémunéré d'une Fédération participant au match en question.

Dans le Tournoi, le Commissaire de match pourra remplir cette fonction.

4.2 Commission de Discipline

(a) Une Commission de Discipline de 3 membres sera désignée pour le Tournoi et aura compétence pour déterminer les affaires disciplinaires découlant des cas suivants :

Joueurs Définitivement Exclus de l'enceinte de jeu

Citations, Actes présumés d'Inconduite et, conformément à la Clause 11 du Programme Disciplinaire du Tournoi, Exclusions Temporaires

3.2 A Player is Temporarily Suspended when he is cautioned in a Match by the referee and temporarily sent off the playing enclosure by the referee for a period of ten minutes playing time which is spent in the so-called sin bin (Yellow Card).

4. DISCIPLINARY PERSONNEL

4.1 Citing Commissioner

For each Match of the Tournament which will be video recorded by the Organiser, an independent Citing Commissioner shall be appointed. The Citing Commissioner shall be from a neutral country and have appropriate Rugby experience. No person who is an elected officer or fulltime paid employee of a Union participating in the Match in question shall be eligible for appointment as a Citing Commissioner.

In the Tournament, the Match Commissioner shall be eligible to serve as Citing Commissioner.

4.2 Disciplinary Committee

(a) A Disciplinary Committee comprising 3 members shall be appointed for the Tournament and shall have jurisdiction to determine disciplinary matters arising from the following cases:

Players Ordered Off the playing enclosure;
Citings; alleged acts of Misconduct; and, under clause 11 of the Tournament Disciplinary Programme, Temporary Suspensions.

- (b) Les membres de la Commission de Discipline auront une expérience certaine dans le domaine des procédures disciplinaires de rugby.

4.3 Commissions d'Appel

- (a) En cas de nécessité, une Commission d'Appel composée de trois membres sera désignée et disponible pour juger tout appel de décisions de la Commission de Discipline.
- (b) Le Président de la Commission d'Appel devra avoir eu une expérience des procédures disciplinaires en matière de rugby. Les deux autres personnes désignées au titre de membres de la Commission d'Appel pourront être d'anciens joueurs éminents, d'anciens administrateurs éminents du rugby ou des personnes légalement qualifiées, avec une expérience des procédures disciplinaires en matière de Rugby ou tout autre personnel convenablement qualifié.

- (b) The members of the Disciplinary Committee shall have appropriate experience in rugby disciplinary proceedings

4.3 Appeal Committees

- (a) If required, an Appeal Committee comprising 3 members shall be appointed and available to hear any appeal lodged against a decision by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) The Chairman of the Appeal Committee shall have appropriate experience in rugby disciplinary proceedings. The remaining two members appointed as members of the Appeal Committee may include eminent former players, eminent rugby administrators or legally qualified persons with previous experience in rugby disciplinary proceedings or other suitably qualified personnel.

REGLEMENT 17 DE L'IRB

En cas d'exclusion définitive d'un joueur :

- L'arbitre et, le cas échéant, le juge de touche rédigent un rapport sur l'incident. Ces rapports doivent être fournis en règle générale au Président de la Commission de discipline désigné dès que possible dans les 2 heures qui suivent la fin du match
- Le joueur qui a été définitivement exclu reçoit une copie du ou des rapports et la notification de la date, du lieu et de l'heure de l'audience devant la Commission de Discipline.
- L'audience devant la Commission de Discipline se tiendra dès que possible dans la pratique après le match. Le joueur, son manager et tout témoin assisteront à l'audience pour déposer.
- La Commission de Discipline examinera les preuves. Elle peut décider d'imposer une sanction ou de ne prendre aucune mesure supplémentaire. Elle appliquera les sanctions recommandées de l'IRB pour Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal sous réserve de circonstances aggravantes et/ou atténuantes.
- Un joueur peut faire appel d'une décision de la Commission de Discipline à condition que l'appel soit valide et déposé dans les 24 heures qui suivent la notification de la décision de la Commission de Discipline. L'appel doit faire mention des motifs d'appel et une caution de 300 Euros doit être versée lors du dépôt de l'appel.
- L'appel sera entendu par la Commission d'Appel dès que possible après le dépôt. Le Joueur ne peut pas jouer avant que l'appel ne soit entendu.
- La Commission d'Appel a le pouvoir de rejeter l'appel, casser, modifier ou alourdir toute décision/ou sanction faisant l'objet de l'appel et/ou reverser la caution versée lors du dépôt de l'appel.

IRB REGULATION 17

When a player is ordered off:

- Referee and where applicable, Touch Judge, prepare a written report of the incident. Such Reports shall ordinarily be provided to a Designated Disciplinary Official within 2 hours of the conclusion of the Match.
- The Player Ordered Off will be provided with a copy of the applicable report (s) and notified of the date, place and time of the Disciplinary Committee hearing.
- The Disciplinary Committee hearing will take place as soon as reasonably practicable following the Match. The Player, his manager and any witness will attend the hearing to give evidence.
- The Disciplinary Committee shall consider the evidence. It may decide to impose a sanction or take no further action. It shall apply the IRB's recommended sanctions for Illegal and/or Foul Play subject to relevant aggravating and/or mitigating factors.
- A Player may appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee provided such appeal is competent and made within 24 hours of notification of the Disciplinary Committee's decision. The appeal must state the specific grounds of appeal and a deposit of no more than 300€ must be paid upon the lodgement of an appeal.
- The appeal will be heard by an Appeal Committee as soon as reasonably practicable after the appeal is lodged. Pending the appeal the Player is not entitled to play.
- The Appeal Committee has the power to quash, vary or increase any decision and/or penalty appealed against and/or refund any deposit lodged on an appeal.

En cas de citation à comparaître d'un joueur

- Les Commissaires à la citation, ou à défaut les Commissaires de match peuvent citer un Joueur à comparaître pour Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal qui, selon l'opinion du Commissaire, méritait une exclusion définitive et que l'arbitre et/ou le juge de touche n'ait détecté l'acte de Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal.
- Il en sera de même pour un joueur qui aura été exclu temporairement par l'arbitre dans le respect de la nature du ou des incidents qui ont conduit à l'exclusion temporaire.
- Une citation à comparaître doit être adressée par le Commissaire au Président de la Commission de discipline dans les 2 heures qui suivent la fin du match au cours duquel a été commis l'acte de Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal présumé.
- Les Fédérations Participantes n'ont pas le droit de citer de joueur à comparaître mais peuvent soumettre des actes de Jeu Interdit et/ou déloyal par l'intermédiaire du Commissaire à la citation ou du Commissaire du match, au Président de la Commission de discipline désigné à condition que cette soumission soit faite dans les 2 heures qui suivent la fin du match. Le Commissaire à la citation ou le Commissaire du Match décidera alors de la suite à donner et sa décision sera finale.
- Si une citation à comparaître est déposée par un Commissaire à la citation ou un Commissaire de match, une copie de la citation sera envoyée au Joueur et le cas sera soumis à la Commission de Discipline.
- La Commission de Discipline entendra la citation à comparaître dès que possible dans la pratique et examinera les preuves fournies par le joueur et tout témoin.

When a player is cited:

- Citing Commissioners or Match Commissioners may cite a Player for Illegal and/or Foul Play, which in the opinion of the Commissioner warranted the Player concerned being Ordered Off, notwithstanding that the act of Illegal and/or Foul Play may have been detected by the Referee and/or Touch Judge.
- This also applies for a Player who would have been temporarily suspended by the Referee according to the nature of the incident(s) that have led to the temporary suspension.
- Citing Complaints must be made by the Citing Commissioner to the President of the Disciplinary Committee within 2 hours of the completion of the Match in which the Illegal and/or Foul Play is alleged to have occurred.
- Participating Unions are not entitled to cite Players, but they may refer acts of Illegal and/or Foul Play through the Citing Commissioner or the Match Commissioner to the appointed Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee for consideration, provided such reference is made within 2 hours of the conclusion of the Match. The Citing Commissioner or the Match Commissioner decides whether or not to pursue a citing complaint and his decision is final.
- If a citing complaint is initiated by a Citing Commissioner or the Match Commissioner, a copy of the complaint is sent to the Player and the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- The Disciplinary Committee will hear the citing complaint as soon as reasonably practicable and will consider evidence from the Player and any relevant witnesses.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Commission de Discipline examinera les preuves. Elle peut décider d'imposer une sanction ou de ne pas prendre aucune mesure supplémentaire. Les Commissions de Discipline appliqueront les sanctions recommandées de l'IRB pour Jeu Interdit et/ou Déloyal sous réserve de circonstances aggravantes et/ou atténuantes. • Un Joueur peut faire appel d'une décision d'une Commission de Discipline à condition que l'appel soit valide et déposé dans les 24 heures qui suivent la notification de la décision de la Commission de Discipline. L'appel doit faire mention des motifs d'appel. • L'appel sera entendu par la Commission d'Appel dès que possible après le dépôt. Le Joueur ne peut pas jouer avant que l'appel ne soit entendu. • La Commission d'Appel a le pouvoir de rejeter l'appel, casser, modifier ou alourdir toute décision / ou sanction faisant l'objet de l'appel et/ou reverser la caution versée lors du dépôt de l'appel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Disciplinary Committee shall consider the evidence. It may decide to impose a sanction or take no further action. Disciplinary Committees shall apply the IRB's recommended sanctions for Illegal and/or Foul Play subject to relevant aggravating and/or mitigating factors. • A Player may appeal against the decision of a Disciplinary Committee provided such appeal is made within 24 hours of notification of the Disciplinary Committee's decision. The appeal must state the specific grounds of appeal. • The appeal will be heard by an Appeal Committee as soon as reasonably practicable after the appeal is lodged. Pending the appeal the Player is not entitled to play. • The Appeal Committee has the power to quash, vary or increase any decision and/or penalty appealed against and/or refund any deposit lodged on an appeal.

Sanctions (IRB Recommended sanctions for offences within the playing enclosure – Regulation 17)

Law n°	Description	Lower End (LE) Mid Range (MR) Top End (TE)	Maximum sanction
6.A.5 10.4 (k)	Verbal Abuse of Match Officials	LE: 6 weeks MR: 12 weeks TE: 18 + weeks	52 weeks
6.A.5 10.4 (k)	Physical Abuse of Match Officials	LE: 24 weeks MR: 48 weeks TE: 96 + weeks	Life
6.A.5 10.4 (k)	Threatening Action or words at Match Officials	LE: 12 weeks MR: 24 weeks TE: 48 + weeks	260 weeks
10.4 (a)	Striking another player with a hand, arm or fist	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 8 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (a)	Striking another player with the elbow	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 9 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (a)	Striking with knee	LE: 3 weeks MR: 8 weeks TE: 12 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (a)	Striking with head	LE: 4 weeks MR: 8 weeks TE: 12 + weeks	104 weeks
10.4 (b)	Stamping on an opponent	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 9 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (b)	Trampling on an Opponent	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 9 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (c)	Kicking an Opponent	LE: 4 weeks MR: 8 weeks TE: 12 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (d)	Tripping an Opponent with the foot/leg	LE: 2 weeks MR: 4 weeks TE: 7 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (e)	Dangerous tackling of an opponent including early or late and including the action known as the "stiff arm tackle"	LE: 2 weeks MR: 6 weeks TE: 10 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (f)	Holding, pushing or obstructing an Opponent not holding the ball except in a scrum, ruck or maul	LE: 2 weeks MR: 4 weeks TE: 6 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (f)	Dangerous charging or obstructing or grabbing of opponent without the ball, including shouldering	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 9 + weeks	52 weeks

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10.4 (g)	Dangerous charging or obstructing or grabbing of opponent with the ball, including shouldering	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 9 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (i)	Causing a scrum, ruck or maul to collapse	LE: 2 weeks MR: 5 weeks TE: 8 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (k)	Testicle grabbing or twisting or squeezing	LE: 12 weeks MR: 18 weeks TE: 24 + weeks	208 weeks
10.4 (k)	Biting	LE: 12 weeks MR: 18 weeks TE: 24 + weeks	208 weeks
10.4 (k)	Contact with eyes or eyes area	LE: 12 weeks MR: 18 weeks TE: 24 + weeks	156 weeks
10.4 (k)	Spitting at players	LE: 4 weeks MR: 7 weeks TE: 11 + weeks	52 weeks
10.4 (k)	Verbal abuse of Players based on Religion, Race, Colour, or National or Ethnic Origin otherwise	LE: 4 weeks MR: 8 weeks TE: 13 + weeks	52 weeks
Tournament specific law	One red card for two yellow cards in the same game	1 match	No

In respect of offences not referred to above, appropriate sanction may be imposed at the discretion of the relevant Judicial Officer, Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Officer and/or Appeal Committee (as the case may be).

Notwithstanding these recommended sanctions and/or the provisions of Regulation 17.14 in case where the player's actions constitute mid range or top end of offending for any type of offence which had the potential to result and, in fact did result in serious/gross consequences to the health of the victim, the Judicial Officers and/or Disciplinary Committee may impose any period of suspension including a suspension for life.



REFEREE REPORT ON ORDERING OFF

UNION: Full name of player:

Ground: Date of the ordering off:

Playing position of player: Number/letter:

Match & result: (pts) / (pts)

Nature of offence / Infringement of: *(Put a line through the appropriate reference)*

- Law 3 – 11 (c)
- Law 4 – 7 (c)
- Law 6 – 6
- Law 10 – 2
- Law 10 – 3 (a) (c)
- Law 10 – 4 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m)

Period of game when incident occurred:

1st half 2nd half Extra time

Elapsed Time in Period:

Proximity of referee to incident: meters

Score at that time: pts / pts

Had any cautions been issued to: a) individual b) General

Please give detailed report below: PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

REFEREE'S NAME: UNION:

Report:

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THIS COMPLETED REPORT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AFTER THE END OF THE MATCH



TOUCH JUDGE REPORT ON ORDERING OFF

UNION: Full name of player:
Ground: Date of the ordering off:
Playing position of player: Number/letter:
Match & result: (pts) / (pts)

Nature of offence / Infringement of: *(Put a line through the appropriate reference)*
Law 3 – 11 (c)
Law 4 – 7 (c)
Law 6 – 6
Law 10 – 2
Law 10 – 3 (a) (c)
Law 10 – 4 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m)

Period of game when incident occurred:
 1st half 2nd half Extra time

Elapsed Time in Period:
Proximity of referee to incident: meters
Score at that time: pts / pts
Had any cautions been issued to: a) individual b) General

Please give detailed report below: PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

TOUCH JUDGE'S NAME: UNION:
Report:
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THIS COMPLETED REPORT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AFTER THE END OF THE MATCH



PRESIDENT OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
HEARING REPORT

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Name:
First name:
Union:

HEARING

Place:
Date:
Time:

MATCH / COMPETITION:

Date
Weather conditions:
Pitch conditions:
Score:

Place:
Time:

pts /

pts

REFEREE

Name:
First name:
Union:

TOUCH JUDGE 1

Name:
First name:
Union:

TOUCH JUDGE 2

Name:
First name:
Union:

PLAYER

Name:
First name:
Union:
Club:

FOUL AS DESCRIBED IN THE REFEREE REPORT:

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR DECISION:

PLACE:

DATE:

NAME:

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:

Appeal: In accordance with the competition disciplinary regulations, the player is entitled to appeal against the Tournament Director's decision.

Please complete your detailed report at the back of the page.

Please give detailed report below: PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Report:

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CITING COMMISSIONNER REPORT

CITING COMPLAINT FORM

Full Name of Player: _____

Player's Club: _____

Venue: _____ Date of Match: _____

Playing Position of Player: _____ Number: _____

Match result: _____ (pts) v _____ (pts)

Nature of offence: *(please list applicable Law Number(s) and short description of the Law)*

PERIOD of game when incident occurred: 1st Half () 2nd Half ()

Ground & Weather Conditions:

Elapsed Time in Half:

Proximity of Officials to incident: _____ (Metres)

Score at that time: _____pts _____pts

Brief report of discussion with match officials

CITING COMMISSIONER'S NAME:

UNION:

Please give detailed report below: PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Did the incident necessitate attention on or off the field? YES/NO

If yes, please provide details

Did the incident require the injured player to attend hospital? YES/NO

SECTION 11: ANTI-DOPING PROCEDURES

REGULATION 21 OF THE IRB REGULATIONS

Any queries regarding the IRB's Anti Doping Program should be forwarded to Tim Ricketts, IRB Anti Doping Manager on + 353 1 240 92 92 or by e-mail: tim.ricketts@irb.com.

The IRB regulation 21 will be used in all tournament, competition and match organised by the FIRA-AER. Teams participating in the U18 Justin Bridou European Championship 2009 are subject to IRB Anti Doping Regulations and Procedures.

In order to comply with the requirements of the Regulations it is necessary to complete the relevant forms enclosed.

In accordance with Regulation 21, any player who needs to use, for medical purposes, any prohibited substances must submit a Declaration of Medication form to the FIRA-AER Tournament Representative, or his nominee, no later than 2 hours before the commencement of the Tournament.

With regards to the U18 Justin Bridou European Championship 2010, players are required to declare any need to use for medical purposes any of the Prohibited Substances with the attached Declaration Form together with a valid medical certificate to the FIRA AER Representative or his nominee marked PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

You can find the Regulation 21 in the IRB Regulation book or on the IRB website (Links below). The FIRA-AER is able to send you the full version of the Regulation 21. Please send you request by email (Attn: H el ene Grillot secretariat@fira-aer-rugby.com)

IRB REGULATION 21 (FULL VERSION)

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/regulation21%5f6654.pdf>

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1: Doping Control Guidelines

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/schedule1reg21-1january2009%5f6655.pdf>

Schedule 2: WADA 2009 Prohibited List (effective 1 Jan 2009)

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/schedule2reg21-09list-1january2009%5f6656.pdf>

Schedule 3 a: WADA International Standards TUEs

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/schedule3areg21-istue1january2009%5f6657.pdf>

Schedule 3 b: Standard TUE application forms

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/schedule3breg21-istue1january2009%5f6658.pdf>

Schedule 4: Acknowledgment and agreement form

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/schedule4reg21-1january2009x%5f6659.pdf>

Schedule 5: Player info – Doping control relating date

<http://www.irb.com/mm/document/lawsregs/0/schedule5reg21-1january2009x%5f6660.pdf>

SCHEDULE 3B: STANDARD THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE) APPLICATION FORM

STANDARD THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE)



APPLICATION FORM
Schedule 3b

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In accordance with Section 4 of the WADA International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and IRB Regulation 21.5 any Player who wishes to apply for the use of a Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Method to treat a legitimate medical condition must apply to the relevant Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee (TUEC) via their national Union.

SECTION A – Player Information - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN CAPITALS

First Name: _____	Surname: _____	Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Telephone Number - Mobile: <input type="text"/>	
National Union and level: _____ <small>(i.e. NIST 10's Squad/75M21's etc)</small>	Team/Club: _____	

SECTION B – Notifying Medical Practitioner and Medical Information

Name: _____	Medical Specialty: _____	
Business Address: _____		
Telephone Number - Business: <input type="text"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	Telephone Number - Mobile: <input type="text"/>
Email: _____		
Diagnosis with sufficient medical information (see note 1): _____		
Has the national Unions Chief Medical Officer / Doctor been notified of this application? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

SECTION C - Medical Details

Prohibited Substance(s) (Generic Name): _____		
Dose of administration: _____	Route of Administration: _____	Frequency of administration: _____
Intended duration of treatment: Once only <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Months <input type="checkbox"/> Years <input type="checkbox"/>	If a permitted medication can be used to treat the medical condition, provide clinical justification for requested use of prohibited medication: _____	

SECTION D - Medical Practitioner's Declaration

I, _____ certify that the above mentioned treatment is medically appropriate and that the use of alternative medication not on the Prohibited List would be unsatisfactory for this condition.	
Signature of Medical Practitioner: _____	Date: ____ / ____ / ____

SECTION E -- Previous or Current TUE Applications

Have you submitted any previous TUE application: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	What date?: ____ / ____ / ____
If Yes, for what substance/s? _____	
TUE Body who provided TUE Decision: _____	TUE Decision: Attach copy of previous TUE application and Certificate of Approval if for same Prohibited Substance

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APPLICATION FORM
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SECTION F - Player's Declaration

I,..... certify that the information under Section A & B is accurate and that I am requesting approval to use a Prohibited Substance or Method from the WADA Prohibited List. I authorise the recording (whether electronically or otherwise) and/or storage by release of personal medical information to the Anti Doping Organisation, relevant Tournament Organisers as well as to WADA staff and to the WADA TUEC under the provisions of the Code. I understand that if I ever wish to revoke the right of the relevant TUEC or WADA TUEC to obtain my health information on my behalf, I must notify my medical practitioner in writing of that fact. I also understand that if I withdraw my consent to the release of my personal medical information, I may not receive approval for a TUE or the renewal of an existing TUE, since no TUE can be granted or renewed without the disclosure of comprehensive medical data.

I am aware that an application for a TUE requires the processing (for example transmission, disclosure, use and storage) of all data pertaining to such application through relevant anti-doping administration/data management systems including but not limited to ADAMS* to ensure harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping programs for detection, deterrence and prevention of doping. Signing this form will indicate that I have been so informed and that I give my express consent to such processing of data.

I understand and agree that my application for a TUE will only be considered following the submission in ADAMS or otherwise, by myself or by my Anti-Doping Organisation (ADO), of the present completed application form, as well as all relevant documents related to the application.

I understand and agree that my TUE related data will be made accessible through ADAMS and/or any other relevant anti-doping administration/data management system, to the authorized ADO, to WADA and to the Therapeutic Use Exemption Committee. I understand and agree that if a TUE is granted, such TUE and the related information will be stored electronically in ADAMS (and/or in any other relevant anti-doping administration/data management system) for a minimum period of 8 years, the period of 8 years being the period within which an action can be commenced following a violation of an anti-doping rule contained in the WADA Code/IRB Regulation 21.

WADA, ADOs and Therapeutic Use Exemption Committees will not disclose any of my TUE related information beyond those persons within their organisation with a need to know for doping control purposes according to the Code.

RELEASE

I hereby release WADA as well as ADOs and TUE Committees from all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses that I may have arising in connection with the processing of my TUE related data through ADAMS and/or any other relevant anti-doping administration/data management system.

WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT

I understand that I may at any time revoke my consent for the processing of my TUE related data through ADAMS and/or any other relevant anti-doping administration/data management system. I also understand that as a consequence of such withdrawal of consent, I will not receive approval for a TUE or a renewal of an existing TUE.

Player's Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

(If a Player is a minor a parent or guardian shall sign together with or on behalf of the Player)

(Day/Month/Year)

* ADAMS is the Anti-Doping Administration and Management System, which has been developed to enable athletes and anti-doping organisations to enter and store data related to doping control. ADAMS is an on-line, web-based system, which allows restricted sharing of data only with those organisations with the right to access such data in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

SECTION G - Application Notes

Note 1 *Diagnosis: Evidence confirming the diagnosis must be attached and forwarded with this application. The medical evidence should include a comprehensive medical history and the results of all relevant examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies (where applicable). Copies of the original reports or letters should be included where possible. Evidence should be as objective as possible in the clinical circumstances and in the case of non-demonstrable conditions independent supporting medical opinion will assist this application.*

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED AND WILL NEED TO BE RESUBMITTED.

IRB TUEC Contact Details

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SCHEDULE 4: ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____ of _____ Union
hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have received and had an opportunity to review the IRB Anti-Doping Regulations.
2. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the IRB's Anti-Doping Regulations, including but not limited to, all amendments to the IRB Anti-Doping Regulations and all International Standards incorporated in the IRB Anti-Doping Regulations.
3. I acknowledge and agree that the IRB has jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the IRB's Anti-Doping Regulations.
4. I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the IRB's Anti-Doping Regulations, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in those Regulations, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Regulation [21.27] [*Appeals] to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of International-Level Players is the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
5. The governing law of the appeal heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be English law.
6. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable.
7. I agree that I will submit a Therapeutic Use Exemption form if I am required to do so under the IRB Anti-Doping Regulations;
8. I agree that my personal anti-doping data relating to the Doping Control process (including test distribution planning, Sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, result management, hearings and appeals), Therapeutic Use Exemption and/or player whereabouts can be processed (for example transmitted, disclosed, used and/or stored) by and amongst my Union, the IRB, Member Unions, the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), National Anti Doping Agencies and/or other Anti Doping Organisations (as applicable) in electronic form including but not limited to as part of the ADAMS1 database system.
9. I have read and understand this Acknowledgement and Agreement.

Date: _____

Print Name (*Last Name, First Name*): _____

Date of Birth (*Day/Month/Year*): _____

Signature (*or, if a minor, signature of legal guardian*): _____

SECTION 12: ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES

REGULATION 8 OF THE IRB REGULATIONS

REGULATION 8: ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

8.1 Subject to Regulation 8.2, a Player may only play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team, the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team and the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union of the country in which:

(a) he was born; or

(b) one parent or grandparent was born; or

(c) he has completed thirty six consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing.

8.2 A Player who has played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of a Union is not eligible to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of another Union.

8.3 For the purposes of this Regulation, a Player is deemed to have played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union if:

(a) He is selected for such team to play in an International Match against the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of another Union (or in a fifteen-a-side international Match against another Union's senior or next senior Touring Squad during an IRB approved International Tour) and is present at the Match played by that team either as a replacement, substitute or a playing member of that team and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority; or

(b) He is selected to represent a Union's senior Touring Squad on an International Tour which includes an International Match or Matches approved by the IRB and is present at any fifteen-a-side Match played on that International Tour either as a replacement, substitute or a playing member of a team selected from the Union's senior Touring Squad and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority; or

(c) He is selected to represent a Union's next senior Touring Squad on an IRB approved International Tour and during that International Tour he is present at a Match against the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of another Union either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of a team selected from the Union's next senior Touring Squad and has, at the time of the Match reached the age of majority.

8.4 For the purposes of this Regulation, a Player is deemed to have played for the senior National Representative Sevens Team of a Union if he is selected to represent a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team in an International Match against the senior National Representative Sevens Team of another Union and is present at the Match played by that Team either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of that Team and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority.

Responsibility, breach and penalties for a breach of Regulation 8

8.5 Regulation 8 is a strict liability offence and shall be construed in accordance with the principles of strict liability under English law. It is not, therefore, necessary that fault or intent on the part of a Union be shown in order for a breach of Regulation 8 to be established. Nor is lack of fault or intent on the part of a Union a defence to a breach of Regulation 8. For the avoidance of any doubt (and without limiting a Union's other obligations and responsibilities for the conduct, acts or omissions of its members and Persons under its jurisdiction pursuant to any other Regulation) Unions are responsible and accountable for the conduct of their Players and all Persons under its jurisdiction in relation to compliance with the provisions of Regulation 8 and any breach of Regulation 8 by such Player(s) or Person(s) shall be deemed to be a breach of Regulation 8 by the Union concerned. Each breach of Regulation 8 by a Union, howsoever arising, will result in a minimum fixed fine being imposed on the Union concerned. The minimum fixed fines for each breach of Regulation 8 are as follows:

- (a) For a Union that is represented on the Council £100,000 sterling;
- (b) For all other IRB Member Unions £25,000 sterling.

Based on the facts and circumstances of any breach of Regulation 8 the applicable minimum fixed fine as set out above may be increased. In addition, other penalties as set out in Regulation 18.6 may also be imposed on the Union concerned.

8.6 In exceptional circumstances, a Union in breach of Regulation 8 may make submissions to the relevant disciplinary body appointed under Regulation 18 to adjudicate on the case as to why the Union should not be subject to the applicable minimum fixed fine. For the avoidance of any doubt, however, the relevant disciplinary body shall only be entitled to reduce the applicable minimum fixed fine set out in this Regulation where the Union is able to provide clear and indisputable evidence that truly exceptional circumstances exist and that the Union concerned had taken all necessary steps to comply with Regulation 8.

EXPLANATORY GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATION 8 (ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS)

Following its deliberations on the question of Player eligibility, the Working Party has produced these Explanatory Guidelines on the implementation of Regulation 8. These Explanatory Guidelines must be read in conjunction with the terms of Regulation 8.

1. What is the Rationale/Philosophy of Regulation 8?

The rationale/philosophy of Regulation 8 is to ensure that Players selected to represent either the senior and next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Teams of a Union or a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team have a genuine, close, credible and established national link with the country of the Union for which they have been selected. Such a national link is essential to maintain the unique characteristics and culture of elite international sporting competition between Unions. The integrity of International Matches between Unions depends upon strict adherence to the eligibility criteria set out in the Regulations.

2. Who establishes the eligibility criteria in Rugby Union?

The IRB will continue to establish the criteria by reference to which a Player's eligibility to play for the

senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union or a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team will be determined. Citizenship of a country and/or whether a Player holds a passport of a particular country are not, of themselves, determinative in identifying which Union a Player is eligible to represent. This will be determined solely in accordance with the IRB's eligibility criteria.

3. What is the eligibility criteria in Rugby Union?

The existing IRB eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8.1 will be maintained. This is based on the following:

- (a) The country in which the Player was born; or
- (b) The country in which one parent or grandparent of the Player was born; or
- (c) The country in which the Player has completed thirty-six consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing. Residence means the place or location in which a Player has his primary and permanent home and Resident shall be construed accordingly.

4. If a Player has dual eligibility, can he play for the senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of more than one Union?

No, save for those Players that, before 1 January 2000, allowed a period of 36 consecutive months to elapse after they had played for another Union and who played for the second Union before 1 January 2000. The one Union only rule, introduced by the IRB from 1st January 2000 (as set out in Regulation 8.2), will be maintained. A Player is only entitled to play Rugby Union for the senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of one Union. Accordingly, if a Player is deemed to have played for such a team, even if he is able to satisfy one or more of the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8.1, he will not be able to play for any other Union. Consistent with the overall rationale underlying the eligibility Regulations, the one Union only rule is designed to maintain the integrity of the international Game. Once a Player has committed himself to a particular Union, through participation in one of the Matches or Tours identified in Regulations 8.3 or 8.4, he is unable to change his "Rugby Nationality" which becomes fixed.

5. When is a Player deemed to have played for the senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union or a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team?

As a result of the one Union only rule, in particular, it is essential that Players and Unions understand the situations in which Players will be deemed to have played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union or a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team. These situations are set out in Regulations 8.3 and 8.4. Players and Unions shall, at all times, have regard to the full terms of Regulations 8.3 and 8.4, however, by way of a summary only, the situations set out below are covered:

Fifteen-a-side

- (a) Players who participate in International Matches for the senior National Representative Team or the next senior National Representative Team of a Union against the senior or next senior National Representative Team of another Union.
- (b) Players selected to represent a Union's senior Touring Squad who participate in any Match played by members of that Union's senior Touring Squad during an International Tour provided such

International Tour includes an International Match(es) approved by the IRB.

(c) Players who participate in a Match for the senior or next senior National Representative Team of a Union against a team made up of Players from a Union's senior Touring Squad during an International Tour which includes International Match(es) approved by the IRB.

(d) Players, representing a Union's next senior Touring Squad who participate in a Match on an International Tour approved by the IRB against the senior National Representative Team or the next senior National Representative Team or the next senior National Representative Team of another Union.

(e) Players who play for the senior or next senior National Representative Team of a Union against a team selected from a Union's next senior Touring Squad when such Match is played on an International Tour approved by the IRB.

Seven-a-side

(a) Players who play for a Union's senior National Representative Sevens team in an International Match against the senior National Representative Sevens team of another Union.

6. How do I know which team is a Union's next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team?

There should be no uncertainty over which team constitutes a Union's next fifteen-a-side senior National Representative Team since, as from January 1 2000, Unions are required to notify the IRB of the name of its nominated next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team. The team nominated remains the Union's next fifteen-a-side senior National Representative Team for a period of 4 years. The identity of a Union's next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team can be verified with the Union concerned and/or the IRB.

7. What is the age of majority?

For the purposes of the Regulations (including, but not limited to Regulation 8), the age of majority is deemed to be acquired on a Player's 18th birthday.

8. Does the eligibility criteria apply to all forms of Rugby?

The eligibility criteria applies to the fifteen-a-side Game at senior and next senior National Representative level and in respect of a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team.

9. Does the eligibility criteria apply to all Unions in membership of the IRB?

Yes, all Unions in membership of the IRB are obliged to comply with the eligibility Regulation

10. How will the eligibility criteria be assessed?

Ordinarily, the task of assessing whether a Player satisfies any of the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8.1 is straightforward. However, as a result of professionalism, greater mobility and societal family change this is not always the case. Difficult cases have arisen and may continue to emerge. The responses to the questions set out below are intended to provide further clarification as to how each eligibility criterion in Regulation 8.1 will be applied.

The questions and answers should be regarded as guidelines. They have been prepared on the basis

of operational experience to date. It is not possible to anticipate all scenarios that may arise and a degree of flexibility in the application of the Regulations will be maintained. Moving forward, in the event that there is any uncertainty or the need for clarification in relation to the application of the eligibility criteria in particular circumstances, then the Regulations Committee may be asked by the IRB to make a ruling on a Player's eligibility. In relation to any such adjudication, the Regulations Committee will always have in mind the rationale behind Regulation 8. The aim of the Regulations Committee in each case where clarification may be required, is to establish whether, in all the circumstances, a Player has, by reference to the eligibility criteria in Regulation 8.1, been able to demonstrate a genuine, close and credible national link with the country that the Player wishes to represent. It is anticipated that over time a body of rulings by the Regulations Committee may develop which may, in turn, assist in providing further guidance to Unions in relation to eligibility matters.

11. When should any uncertainty over a Player's eligibility be clarified?

It is essential that eligibility issues are clarified before a Player represents the senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union or a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team. This is particularly important in light of the one Union only rule. Accordingly, if a Union has any doubt over a Player's eligibility status it must take all steps necessary to clarify the position before selecting the Player to play for its senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or its senior National Representative Sevens Team.

12. What does place of birth mean?

This should be the most straightforward criterion to apply. A Player's place of birth shall be the country within whose geographical borders he was born. However, difficult scenarios can arise even in relation to this criterion. For example, where a Player was born within the geographical borders of one country, but in a part of that country deemed by the law of the country concerned, to be the sovereign territory of another, or where a Player was born in a military hospital. In such circumstances the matter should be referred to the Regulations Committee for a ruling. The Regulations Committee would need to establish the legal position together with other relevant facts and circumstances. In exceptional circumstances it may be possible for a Player to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Regulations Committee, that he is eligible to play for the Union within whose sovereign territory he was born, even though that sovereign territory may be within the geographical borders of another country.

13. What does Parent mean?

The term "parent" in the Regulations is limited to either a blood parent or a parent that has formally adopted a Player in accordance with the applicable legal requirements of the country concerned. Unless a Player has been adopted in accordance with the formal, legal requirements of the country concerned, the application of this criterion will be based on a Player's blood parent. When a Player has been formally adopted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements of the country concerned, the birth place of the Player's blood parent will no longer be relevant for the purposes of establishing the Player's eligibility pursuant to Regulation 8.1(b). The relevant parent will be the parent that has formally and legally adopted the Player. However in such circumstances, the relevant grandparents for the purposes of establishing a Player's eligibility pursuant to Regulation 8.1(b) will be the Player's blood grandparents. It is not possible under Regulation 8.1(b) to assume eligibility via non-blood grandparents even if a Player has been formally and legally adopted.

For the avoidance of any doubt, stepparents and fostering parents will not be considered to constitute a Player's parent for the purposes of Regulation 8.1(b).

14. How is the Residence criteria satisfied?

Regulation 8.1(c) requires a Player to complete 36 consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing. Residence is defined as “the place or location in which the Player has his primary and permanent home” and Resident shall be construed accordingly. In essence, Regulation 8.1(c) constitutes a sporting naturalization procedure, based on a geographical/presence test. As in any naturalisation process, a number of factors will influence the determination of what constitutes a Player’s permanent and primary home. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the actual time spent in a country and the purpose of any absences during the qualification period. By being Resident in a country for a period of 36 consecutive months immediately preceding the time of playing for a Union, a Player is deemed to acquire a credible, close and established national link with a country/Union that entitles him to participate in sporting competitions for that Union. Based on the overriding rationale of the eligibility Regulations, in cases where a Player’s eligibility is uncertain the Regulations Committee will consider that Player’s eligibility by reference to the particular facts and circumstances of his case to establish if the Residency test, in the context of the overall rationale of the eligibility Regulations, has been satisfied. The principles set out in responses to the questions below will act as guidelines to the Regulations Committee when it is asked to consider any cases pursuant to this criterion.

15. Whose burden of proof?

In all cases where a Player is seeking to establish eligibility by reference to the Residency criteria in Regulation 8.1(c) (and, indeed, in relation to Regulation (or 8.1(a) and (b))), the burden of proof is on the Player and the Union that he wishes to represent to prove that Player’s eligibility. Under Regulation 8.1(c), the Player and his Union must be able to demonstrate that, during the relevant period, the country in which he claims he has been Resident was, genuinely, the country that the Player treated as his home and is clearly the country in which the Player has his primary and permanent home. If a Player has moved from one country to another, and is seeking to establish Residence in that new country, then he must also be able to demonstrate that he is clearly no longer Resident in the country in which he lived previously and that he no longer treats that country as his home. For the avoidance of any doubt, a Player cannot nominate a country as his home without demonstrating that he has satisfied the geographical commitment/presence test enshrined in Regulation 8.1(c). The geographical commitment/presence test will be vigorously upheld and applied to avoid abuse of the Residency criteria. For example, a Player that acquired/leased property in a country and who nominated that property as his permanent and primary home (even though he may only be present at that property and in that Union on a short term/temporary basis) would not satisfy the Residency test.

16. Will short breaks interrupt a period of Residence?

Short breaks in Residence, for example, for holidays, attending family/friends in other countries who may be ill etc, are unlikely to change the place/location of a Player’s primary and permanent home and are, therefore, unlikely to interrupt a Player’s period of Residence. By way of a guideline, however, as a minimum requirement, it is likely that, save in exceptional circumstances, at least 10 months actual physical presence of the Player in the country concerned throughout any qualifying year of the Residency period, will be required to demonstrate that the country is the place where the Player has his primary and permanent home.

17. Does the 36 month period of Residence have to immediately precede playing for a Union?

Save in exceptional circumstances, the 36 months Residence will be expected to have been completed consecutively and be achieved immediately before the Player represents a Union. This is designed to create a contemporary national link with the country of the Union concerned. This factor will be particularly significant if a Player has moved to make a “new” country his Residence having been Resident in another country previously. In essence, in such circumstances, the Player, as well as demonstrating his commitment to a new country, must also be (and seen to be) relinquishing his ties with the country in which he lived previously. For the avoidance of any doubt, seeking to rely on short periods of Residence as a child in a particular country, combined with a short period of Residence in that same country prior to playing for a Union, is likely to create a link that would be too tenuous to satisfy the underlying intentions of establishing a contemporary, permanent, national link with a Union. However, each case will be assessed on its overall merits to establish if a Player is able to demonstrate a genuine, close, credible and established national link by reference to the amount of time the Player can demonstrate that he has treated the “new” country as his home and other relevant factors.

18. What is the position of students?

As far as students are concerned, particularly those that are not financially independent, being resident, as a full time student, in another country, is likely to be considered as a series of temporary absences from the parental home. It is anticipated that in the majority of cases involving students the parental home is likely to continue to constitute the student’s permanent and primary home. Accordingly, attendance at college/university in such circumstances is unlikely to break a Player’s consecutive period of Residence. However, as in all matters of eligibility, the overriding concern of the Regulations Committee in assessing any such case will be to ensure that there remains a close, credible and established link with the country in which the Player claims to have retained his primary and permanent home. There could be circumstances in which a student living in another country may be deemed to have interrupted his Residency period.

19. Who is responsible for compliance with the eligibility criteria?

In accordance with Regulation 2.1.2, each Union is responsible for ensuring compliance with all Regulations Relating to the Game This includes, but is obviously not limited to, Regulation 8. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of each Union to ensure that all Players it selects are properly eligible within the provisions of Regulation 8 and, in the event of any uncertainty, to ensure that the position is clarified before the Player is selected. Unions must have in place all necessary procedures and internal controls to ensure compliance with the eligibility Regulations.

20. What must Unions do to ensure (and demonstrate) compliance with the eligibility Regulations?

Unions must ensure that before a Player is selected for the first time for its senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or its senior National Representative Sevens Team the Player completes the standard form declaration attached to these Explanatory Guidelines at Schedule 1. In addition, before selecting a Player, Unions must ensure that they obtain valid/authentic documentation and such other evidence that may be necessary to prove, definitively, a Player’s eligibility to play for that Union. Each Union must notify the IRB of the names of all Player’s selected for its senior and next senior National Representative Team and its senior National Representative Sevens Team on an annual basis. The IRB shall maintain a database of all such Players. If requested, by the Chairman, or his designee, Unions must supply copies of the completed declaration forms of a Player(s) together with supporting documentation relied on to demonstrate the Player’s eligibility. On 1 December each year, each Union must certify to the IRB that each Player

selected to represent the senior or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of the Union or its National Representative Sevens Team during the past year has completed, in full, the declaration form and that each Player was eligible to represent the Union in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 8.

The IRB may, through the Chairman, or his designee, of his own motion or on receipt of a complaint undertake an investigation into a Union's compliance with Regulation 8. Unions, Players and officials must provide assistance with any such investigation and disclose such information and documents deemed necessary by the Chairman, or his designee, for the purposes of that investigation.

21. What are the consequences of a breach of the eligibility Regulations?

Compliance with Regulation 8 is of fundamental importance in maintaining the integrity of international Rugby Union at senior National Representative level. Any breach of such a fundamental Regulation, howsoever arising, has a detrimental impact on the image and reputation of the sport. Unions must, therefore take all necessary steps to put in place comprehensive review/compliance procedures to ensure that a breach of the eligibility provision does not occur whether negligently or otherwise. Alleged breaches of Regulation 8 may be investigated and handled in accordance with Regulation 17 (Disciplinary and Judicial Matters). However, a breach of the eligibility Regulations constitutes a strict liability offence. This means that a failure by a Union to fulfill its obligations and to comply with the eligibility Regulations will be regarded as a serious breach of the Regulations, howsoever such breach may have occurred. As a reflection of the seriousness with which any breach of the eligibility Regulations will be treated by the IRB, it has been agreed by Council to establish a minimum fixed penalty to be imposed on a Union that has breached Regulation 8. These minimum fixed penalties will appear in Regulation 8 and, for ease of reference, are also set out below.

8.5 Responsibility, breach and penalties for a breach of Regulation 8

Regulation 8 is a strict liability offence and shall be construed in accordance with the principles of strict liability under English law. It is not, therefore, necessary that fault or intent on the part of a Union be shown in order for a breach of Regulation 8 to be established. Nor is lack of fault or intent on the part of a Union a defence to a breach of Regulation 8. For the avoidance of any doubt (and without limiting a Union's other obligations and responsibilities for the conduct, acts or omissions of its members and Persons under its jurisdiction pursuant to any other Regulation) Unions are responsible and accountable for the conduct of their Players and all Persons under its jurisdiction in relation to compliance with the provisions of Regulation 8 and any breach of Regulation 8 by such Player(s) or Person(s) shall be deemed to be a breach of Regulation 8 by the Union concerned. Each breach of Regulation 8 by a Union, howsoever arising, will result in a minimum fixed fine being imposed on the Union concerned. The minimum fixed fines for each breach of Regulation 8 are as follows:

- (a) For a Union that is represented on the Council £100,000 sterling;
- (b) For all other IRB Member Unions £25,000 sterling.

Based on the facts and circumstances of any breach of Regulation 8 the applicable minimum fixed fine as set out above may be increased. In addition, other penalties as set out in Regulation 17.6 may also be imposed on the Union concerned.

SCHEDULE 1: EXPLANATORY NOTE

As from 1 January 2000 a player is only entitled to play Rugby Union for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of one Union. This means that if- a player is deemed to have played for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of a Union that player will be unable to play for any other Union. This is the position even- if that player is able to satisfy one or more of the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8.1. It is important that players and Unions understand the situations in which players will be deemed to have played for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of a Union. These situations are set out in Regulation 8.3.

Regulation 8.3 is based on a “selection and participation” test for players who have reached the age of majority [18 or over]. Players and Unions must familiarize themselves with Regulation 8.3. Players should be made aware by Unions of what constitutes that Union's Senior National Representative Team, its next Senior National Representative Team, its Senior Touring Squad and its next Senior Touring Squad and the Matches that will result in a player being committed to that Unions. The following situations are covered by Regulation 8.3.

1. Players who participate in International Matches for the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of a Union against the Senior or next Senior National Representative Team of another Union.
2. Players selected to represent a Union's Senior Touring Squad who participate in any Match played by members of that Union's Senior Touring Squad during an International Tour provided such International Tour includes an International Match(es) approved by the IRB.
3. Players who participate in a Match for the Senior or next Senior National Representative Team of a Union against a team made up of players from a Union's Senior Touring Squad during an International Tour which includes International Match(es) approved by the IRB.
4. Players, representing a Union's next Senior Touring Squad who participate in a Match on an International Tour approved by the IRB against the Senior National Representative Team or the next Senior National Representative Team of another Union.
5. Players who play for the Senior or next Senior National Representative Team of a Union against a team selected from a Union's next Senior Touring Squad when such Match is played on an International Tour approved by the IRB.

SCHEDULE 1: DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER TO PLAY FOR THE SENIOR FIFTEEN-A-SIDE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM, THE NEXT SENIOR FIFTEEN-A-SIDE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OR THE SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SEVENS TEAM OF A UNION

DECLARATION OF PLAYER

I _____ (Name) of _____ (Address) confirm that, I have read and understand the criteria for eligibility set out in Regulation 8 of the IRB Regulations Relating to the Game (IRB Regulations) and I hereby declare that I am eligible to play for _____ Union because:

Tick applicable box(es)

I was born in the country for which fifteen-a-side senior National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team, or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play; or

One of my parents or grandparent was born in the country for which senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play; or

I have completed thirty-six consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing in the country for which senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union for which I intend to play.

AND

I have not played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of any other Union.¹

¹ *If a Player has played for another Union's senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or senior National Representative Sevens team, this must be stated on this declaration form. For the avoidance of doubt, Players would only be eligible to play for a second Union if they can demonstrate that they allowed 36 consecutive months to elapse before they played for a second Union and that they played for that second Union before 1 January 2000. Any such Players should submit in writing the circumstances of such participation on a separate sheet.*

I have attached to this declaration relevant documentation² to prove my eligibility to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of _____ Union and I understand and accept that if I am found to have played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of a Union without satisfying the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8 of the IRB Regulations, and/or to have provided inaccurate information in this declaration then I and the Union concerned will be subject to sanctions.

Player's signature: _____

Date: _____

DECLARATION OF UNION

I _____ (Name) the _____ of _____ (Position and Union) hereby declare that the _____ Union has made all such necessary enquiries in relation to the above Player's eligibility to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior Sevens National Representative Team of the Union. I further declare that the Union is satisfied that the information provided by the Player in his declaration is correct, that the documentation in support of the Player's declaration is valid and that the Player is eligible to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of _____ Union. I understand and accept that if a Player plays for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team Union or the senior National Representative Sevens Team without satisfying the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8 of the IRB Regulations and/or the Union has provided inaccurate information in this declaration then the Union will be subject to the fixed penalty sanctions set out in Regulation 8.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

² *Players ARE expected to provide valid copy birth certificates or other relevant formal documentation in support of their declaration. Players may be requested to provide additional documentation as appropriate in support of their eligibility to play for a senior National Representative Team or the next senior National Representative Team of a Union.*

SECTION 13: MEDICAL PROCEDURES

1. You have to fill in all sheets of the report (front and back)



Sheet A



Sheet B



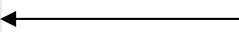
Sheet C

The FIRA-AER accident report is valid exclusively for competitions, which are organised by the FIRA-AER.

2. The report must be signed by the injured person in all cases (barring an inability to do so due to the type of accident)

3. The report must be certified true by the Union or otherwise by a fully accredited responsible manager.

In order to accelerate the procedure, the heading « Circumstances of the accident » must be filled in as more precisely as possible. Example: do not write only « during a rugby match ».



Circumstances of the accident: back of the sheet A

4. Before the next step, the Union or the fully accredited responsible manager must fill in the omissions that he may have noticed and must precisely fill out the different sections appearing on the form.

Poorly written or inadequately prepared documents will be returned to sender and will delay registration of the accident accordingly.

5. The Sheet A of the report must be sent to the FIRA-AER secretary immediately, within five days from the date of the accident (day of the accident included).

6. The Sheet B must be sent to the FIRA-AER secretary as soon as possible together with the documents substantiating the disbursements (Such as statements of fees or expenses dated and paid) and / or the payment reductions made by Social Security or any other insurance organization.

7. The Sheet C must be kept by the Union.

8. Generally speaking, the request for payment of the costs still borne must be submitted to the insurer only after healing and within the maximum limit of one year.

Important Recommendations

If the injured person is a member or beneficiary (minor child, student) of a Social Security system and/or of any other insurance organization:

- The full file must be immediately submitted to the concerned organizations, the coverage of which will be supplemented by the insurer,
- The same process must be followed for care requiring a prior request for approval or cost defrayment.

All mails concerning the Report Accident (sending of the sheet...) must be sent to the following address: **FIRA-AER - 9 rue de Liège - 75431 Paris Cedex 09 - FRANCE**

Should you need any further information, please send your question by email to the following address: secretariat@fira-aer-rugby.com (To the attention of Dr Jacques Mombet).

Accident Report form is available in French and English on the Internet website of the FIRA-AER: <http://www.fira-aer-rugby.com> / Heading "Members" (Protected area).

If you wish to receive a form of Accident Report by email, please send an email to secretariat@fira-aer-rugby.com and do not forget to specify the language (English or French).

SECTION 14: REMINDER

The list of players must be sent to Michel ARPAILLANGE, michel.arpailange@irb.com

, before March 15, 2010.

The Parental authorization must be provided during the passport control. **A minor player, without any parental authorization, will not be allowed to play.**

The declaration of eligibility must be provided during the passport control. **A player who will not respect the eligibility regulations will not be allowed to play.**

The anti-doping Acknowledgment and agreement form must be provided during the passport control.



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