



COUNTIES MANUKAU RUGBY

VARIATIONS OF LAW / AGE GRADES



PREMIER – PREMIER RESERVE – DIVISION 2

- International Scrum Law – DSLV Substitutions.
- 40 min halves.

U85kg - U21 – WOMEN - PRESIDENTS

- DSLV Law applies including DSLV Substitutions.
- 40 min halves.

U19

- DSLV Law applies including DSLV Substitutions.
- 35 min halves.

1st XV - 2nd XV – U15 - U70kg

- DSLV Law applies - Rolling Substitutions.
- 35 min halves.

U60kg – U14

- DSLV Law applies - Rolling Substitutions.
- 30 min halves.

U12 - U13

- DSLV/Small Blacks Laws apply.
- Rolling Substitutions (all players must play at least ½ a game).
- 30 min halves.
- Contested Lineouts - No Lifting.
- Conversion kicks no further out than 15m line.
- Contested scrums - ½ meter scrum push.
- High tackle above nipple height.

U11

- DSLV/Small Blacks Laws apply.
- Rolling Substitutions (all players must play at least ½ a game).
- 25 min halves.
- Contested Lineouts – No Lifting.
- Conversion kicks no further out than the 15m line.
- Depowered scrums – No pushing.
- High tackle above nipple height.

SMALL BLACKS RUGBY

Scrum

- The non-feeding halfback is to either set up at the tunnel or in the 5m offside line.
- Once the ball is hooked, the non-feeding halfback cannot move forward of the centre line of the scrum (both feet).
- The Number 8 can break from the base of the scrum from u11 grade - where scrums have eight participants per team.

Lineout

- It is recommended that participant numbers from u11 – u13 be at eight (8) per team. Shortened lineouts (fewer numbers) in these grades can apply.
- The lineout starts when the ball leaves the thrower's hands.
- The offside line in the lineout prior to the ball being thrown is the line-of-touch.
- The offside line in the lineout after the ball is caught is the ball – any attempt to tackle the ball catcher/carrier must start from that player's side of the ball.
- Participants cannot leave the lineout until the lineout is over.
 - (a) When the ball is thrown, knocked or kicked out of the lineout;
 - (b) When the ball or the player carrying the ball moves into the area between the 5 metre line and the touchline;
 - (c) When the lineout player hands the ball to a player who is peeling off;
 - (d) When the ball is thrown or is taken beyond the 15m line;
 - (e) When a ruck or maul develops and the feet of all players in the ruck or maul move beyond the line of touch.
- Neither side HAS to have a receiver (halfback).
- The non-throwing team HAS to have a player set in the 5 metre tramline area - who must be 2m away from the lineout and 2m away from the line-of-touch.
- Lineout numbers apply – maximum numbers are determined by the throwing team. The non-throwers may have less but no fewer than two (2).

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