



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES RUGBY FEDERATION

SCHOOLS and YOUTH COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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

Competition and Discipline Regulations

The Competition Regulations of UAERF will apply to all Schools and Youth League and Tournament Competitions. The Discipline Regulations of UAERF will also apply to all Schools and Youth League and Tournament Competitions where a Referee from UAERR is appointed. Where a Referee from UAERR is not appointed the Code of Conduct of the School or Club will apply.

Laws of the Game

Matches must be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game for Rugby Football as published by the WR including the U19s and 7 a side Law Variations, together with all of the Regulations and directives of UAERF.

Age Eligibility

The date for eligibility for UAE Rugby U5-U16 is the 31st of August in the year of the Competition.

The date for eligibility for UAE Rugby U19 is the 31st of December in the year of the Competition.

Girl Age Groups

Age Groups for Girls are under 12, under 15 and under 19.

Frequency of playing

A player may not participate in two consecutive fifteen a side games without a 24 hour rest period. For age grade rugby each player should play no more than 90 minutes per day. This Regulation does not apply to Tournaments where the time of the matches is shortened.

Player Movement between Age Groups

No Player is allowed to play down an Age group unless approval is sought from the UAERF 15 days prior to the fixture

Players are only allowed to move one age group up in a season.

In order for a Player to play up an age group, UAE Rugby must receive a fully completed UAERF Dispensation form. (Schedule 1)



For schools rugby (Primary only) Year 6 teams are allowed one (1) over age player per match. Notification should be given to the opposition and referee prior to kick off.
For all other year groups, the correct age bracket will apply.

Tournaments

Consideration can be given to players playing up and down an Age Group during tournaments where different dates of eligibility exist. Where this is being considered the players in question must be introduced to the referee and the opposing team management prior to the commencement of any game and all parties must agree on participation.

Uncontested Scrums

For U14s, U16s, and U18s age groups, number of suitably trained front rows should be as per WR Law 3.5

Both teams should have equal numbers in the scrum

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

Referee Appointments

Subject to Referee's availability the UAERR will provide referees for U16s and U19s Matches.

It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the UAERF Officer to ask a Referee appointment following the correct procedure

In case of no Referee being available WR Laws of the Game Law 6.A.1 will apply

It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the UAERF in case of any change in Match venue or date no more than 14 days prior to fixture date.

If a fixture is cancelled late then the appointed referee should be contacted directly.

Play Off Matches

The final Matches of each age group will be between the top 2 teams on the competition table and played at venues and dates as agreed by UAERF.

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

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

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

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



CONSENT FORM - PLAYING OUT OF AGE GRADE

Before completing the form please read the accompanying advice, UAERF Competition Regulations clause 19 and UAERF Schools and Youth Competition Regulations 'Player Movement between Age Groups'.

Full name:	
Club/School:	

Age:		Date of birth:	___/___/___
Chronological age grade:		Proposed age grade:	

Playing position:	
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*Period of permission, including dates (eg a series of matches, the season): NB: Maximum period is 1 season	
Reason to play the player out of age grade:	
Proposed by: (Name of individual)	

Role in relation to the player: (eg school/club coach, head of rugby)	
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Signed Declaration:

We certify that all the information on this form is correct, that a risk assessment has been carried out and hereby consent to the above player playing out of age grade.

Signature of proposer (i.e. coach) _____ Print name _____ Date _____	Signature of parent/guardian _____ Print name _____ Date _____
Signature of Club Chairman/Principal _____ Print Name _____ Date _____	Signature of UAERF _____ Print name _____ Date _____

Final approval to be granted at the UAE Rugby Federation's sole discretion.

Applications are to be submitted 15 working days prior to the date of the desired match/event the player will be playing at.

If you have any queries regarding this form or Regulations please email Gabby Couzens at gabbyc@uaerugby.ae