

Competition Regulations

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1. MISSION STATEMENT

Leinster Rugby, in common with all affiliated Clubs in Leinster, mission statement is to affect and support high quality sustainable rugby environments for all by encouraging, promoting, growing and organising the participation in and playing of rugby in the twelve counties of Leinster.

2. DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

“The Branch” shall mean the Leinster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union which shall, where the context so admits or requires, include the Executive Committee of the Branch or any person nominated or authorised by the Branch or the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Branch for the purpose of these regulations.

“The Administrator” shall in the case of:

- i. Senior and Under 20 Competitions mean the Honorary Secretary of the Branch or such person as he/she may appoint.
- ii. Women’s Competitions mean the Honorary Secretary of the Women’s Section of the Branch or such person as he/she may appoint.
- iii. Junior Competitions mean the Honorary Secretary of the Junior Section of the Branch or such person as he/she may appoint.
- iv. Youths Competitions mean the Honorary Secretary of the Youths Section of the Branch or such person as he/she may appoint.
- v. Schools Competitions mean the Honorary Secretary of the Schools Section of the Branch or such person as he/she may appoint.

“The Appeals Committee” shall mean the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Branch under the Bye Laws of the Branch to hear appeals.

“YA” means the Hon. Secretary of the Youth Committee

“The Competition” shall mean, as the context may require, any competition designated from time to time by the IRFU, Rugby Standing Committee, or the Competitions Committee to be a competition.

“The Executive Committee” shall mean the Executive Committee of the Leinster Branch I.R.F.U.

“The Competitions Committee” shall mean the Sub-Committee of the Youths Committee appointed by the Youths Committee of the Branch.

“Leinster Rugby Referees” shall mean the Association of Referees Leinster Branch

“Ineligible or illegal player” is a player who is not entitled to play for a Club or in a match under these Regulations.

“IRFU” shall mean the Irish Rugby Football Union

“Schoolboy/ Schoolgirl” shall mean any person who is a bona fide schoolboy/girl within the meaning of the regulations governing the Schools’ Competitions.

“Youth” shall mean any person who is not over the age of eighteen years within the meaning of these regulations. Eligible for youth competitions including U18 (currently U18 and ½) – see Date of Eligibility criteria for the season.

“The Hearing Committee” shall mean the relevant committee hearing an objection or appeal.

“The Relevant Committee” shall mean the IRFU, Competitions Committee, Women’s Committee, Schools Committee or the Youths Committee as appropriate.

“The Relevant Secretary” shall mean the Honorary Secretary of the Leinster Branch, the Honorary Secretary of the Junior Section of the Leinster Branch, the Honorary Secretary of the Schools Section, the Honorary Secretary of the Youths Section, the Honorary Secretary of Women’s Section or the Youth Administrator as appropriate.

“Area Competition” shall mean all area competitions administered by the 5 Area Youth Committees and approved by the Leinster Youth Committee.

Unless otherwise specifically defined in these Regulations definitions in the Branch Byelaws shall apply.

3. GENERAL

3.1 Competitions shall be governed by the Competitions Committee where applicable.

3.2 An individual shall not be allowed to play in a Branch Competition for more than one Club in any one season without the consent of the Competitions Committee.

3.3 No proceedings or decisions made pursuant to these regulations shall be quashed or held invalid by reason only of any defect, irregularity, omission, or other technicality, provided there has been no miscarriage of justice. In case of conflict between these Regulations and the bye laws of the Branch the bye laws of the Branch shall prevail.

3.4 The Competitions Committee shall have a minimum of five members and the quorum for a meeting shall be three members. The Competitions Committee may convene a full meeting or empanel any three or more members of the Competition Committee to make a decision at the discretion of the Chairman of the Competitions Committee.

3.5 A Club shall be obliged to fulfil a fixture which has been arranged by the Relevant Committee.

3.6 In the event of a clash of playing colours it shall be the home team’s responsibility to change their playing strip. If the match is played in a neutral venue the youngest Club shall change their playing strip. The Youth Administrator (Secretary) shall have the final decision on the interpretation of the youngest Club.

3.7 Every club should have appointed a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) The name, image and contact details of the CWO should be conspicuously displayed in the clubhouse

and on the club's website. The club CWO will have produced codes of conduct for parents, players, coaches, and spectators, which should be on display in the clubhouse. It is recommended at the last training session before the first match, the head coach of each age grade team should introduce and familiarise the players to and with the code of conduct for players. It may be appropriate to repeat that procedure a few times during the season.

4. SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REGULATIONS

In all cases where there is a breach or non-observance of these Regulations.

4.1 The Youth Competitions Committee has the power to sanction Clubs with A variety of penalties that include:

- a. Loss of matches or League points at any level,
- b. Points deduction at any level; and/or awarding of points to an opposing Club in the current season or into the future,
- c. Refixing of match or matches at any level and/ or at any venue,
- d. Loss of home advantage in any match or matches,
- e. Monetary fine
- f. Expulsion from a League(s) or Cup(s),
- g. Demotion or relegation from a League(s)
- h. Loss of international tickets

Any other sanction as the Competitions Committee may deem appropriate.

4.2 Where individual players, members or persons breach these Regulations they may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions or they may be dealt with by the Competitions Committee as appropriate.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS TO TAKE PART IN COMPETITIONS

- 5.1** All Clubs must be affiliated to the Leinster Branch and have paid the relevant affiliation fee and insurance premium.
- 5.2** Club affiliated to other Branches may by invitation take part in specific Competitions, subject to compliance with these Regulations and having paid the relevant fee. Such Clubs must have paid the relevant insurance premium.
- 5.3** All Clubs must pay the relevant Competition Fee for each League or Cup Competition.

- 5.4 The Committee shall have the power to consider representations as to the eligibility or otherwise of Clubs to take part in the various Competitions.
- 5.5 The Committee reserves the right to insist that a Club plays at a higher or lower level in a League Competition.
- 5.6 With the exception of all affiliated Metro Area clubs, all teams intending to participate in the School-Youth Competitions MUST have a least one participating player on the squad attending a non-exempt school.
- 5.7 Where a team is entered into either a Youth League Competition or a School Youth League Competition, that team will only be permitted to compete in the Cup Competition of the same League.

6. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS TO TAKE PART IN COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 No individual shall be permitted to play in any Competition unless they are registered with a Club on Rugby Connect and has been issued with an IRFU Player Registration Number. Note: Players must renew their registration annually to be eligible to play in any Competition.
- 6.2 In the event of a Club being defeated in a Cup match or winning any Cup Final the members of such who played in that competition shall be ineligible to play in any lower-level Cup Competition in that season. A Club may apply to the Committee to seek clearance for a player, who is otherwise ineligible to play, clearly detailing the circumstances surrounding that application.
- 6.3 Where the consent of the Committee is required to enable a player to play in a Competition, notice in writing applying for such consent must be given to the Youth Administrator (Secretary) setting out the fullest possible information regarding the player in question.
- 6.4 Boys attending non-exempted Schools may not participate in Youth competitions.
- 6.5 Any player who has received a red card may not play in competition in a match until after the disciplinary hearing has taken place and the player has complied fully with whatever sanction, if any, was applied.

6.6 Date of Eligibility

Mini players must be put in the correct team based on their year of birth

A player must be of the appropriate age to participate in the various named events & competitions.

Date of Eligibility Boys: 2024/2025 Season

Under 7	Born	2018 or earlier
Under 8	Born	2017

Under 9	Born	2016
Under 10	Born	2015
Under 11	Born	2014
Under 12	Born	2013
Under 13	Born between	1 st January 2012 and 31 st December 2012
Under 14	Born between	1 st January 2011 and 31 st December 2011
Under 15	Born between	1 st January 2010 and 31 st December 2010
Under 16	Born between	1 st January 2009 and 31 st December 2009
Under 17	Born between	1 st January 2008 and 31 st December 2008
Under 18s	Born between	1 st July 2006 and 31 st December 2007

6.7 Playing in Older (higher) Age Categories:

Any individual player identified to play 3 age categories e.g., U15 to U17 must provide the written consent of parents/guardians; youth coordinator and club welfare officer stating that the player has the necessary capacities, (physical, mental, and technical) to participate at the higher (3rd age category) level.

- a) Parents/Guardians
- b) Club Youth Coordinator
- c) Club Welfare Officer

* Use the prescribed form for this process.

An application shall be made for exceptions to the above regulations. Notice in writing applying for such consent must be given to the Youth Administrator (Secretary) setting out the fullest possible information regarding the player in question. If consent is granted the Committee may restrict the level at which the player is allowed to play.

6.8 Girls Rugby Date of Eligibility: 2024/2025 Season

U14	Born between	1st January 2011 and 31st December 2012
U16	Born between	1st January 2009 and 31st December 2010
18s	Born between	1st July 2006 and 31st December 2008

Girls Age Grade players can only play in the age band they were born in. In exceptional circumstances, it is possible to apply to the Youth Committee for a player to play up. The application must be accompanied by the stipulated form stating that the player has the necessary capacities (physical, mental and technical) to participate at the higher (3rd age category) level and signed by the following:

- a) Parents/Guardians
- b) Club Youth Coordinator
- c) Club Welfare Officer.

Permission will not be granted for an U16 front row forward to play 18's as a front row forward.

- 6.9** A Club shall not permit an ineligible player to represent it and any Club who contravenes this Regulation shall be sanctioned as per Sanctions set out in Regulation 4. It is the responsibility of each Club to satisfy itself that all of its players, current and new, are correctly and legitimately registered under their correct name and date of birth within the IRFU system. Furthermore, the onus shall rest with the individual Club to ensure that all of its players are eligible to play for the relevant team in the relevant competition and within the appropriate age grade.

6.10 Player and Competition Eligibility

- 6.10.1** Players who have not reached their 18th Birthday are not permitted to play in Adult Rugby under IRFU & Leinster regulations.
- 6.10.2** Any player who has participated in an All-Ireland League match (AIL) is not eligible to play in Age Grade Leinster League or Cup competitions. Participation means being listed on the match day team sheet either as a starter or substitute.
- 6.10.3** A player cannot play for two different clubs in the same competition.
- 6.10.4** A player must have participated in at least 4 Leinster competition matches for the same team or 50% of the matches if the league has less than 8 teams in it to become eligible to play in the semi-final or final of the Leinster league or cup, where the cup is played in the second part of the season. Participation means being listed on the match day team sheet of 23 players.
- Section 6.10.4 is not applicable to new players joining a club where the player has not played any rugby in the previous two seasons.
- 6.10.5** Where a player has been injured and/or has not played any rugby at any level in the previous 4 weeks and has not played the minimum 4 games he/ she can be regraded subject to application to the Youth Administrator (Secretary) detailing the reasons for the request on the “matches missed due to injury” form.
- 6.10.6** A team that does not have the correct number of nominated front row players for the squad size forfeits the match at the point that they run out of front row replacements. They are a legitimate team up to this point. The match would continue as a friendly with uncontested scrums.
- 6.10.7** Applicable to Development leagues or as defined by the Youth Competition Committee, a team with 10 to 15 players only needs 3 front row players, therefore it is a fully legitimate side and remains so even if it loses a front row player except when the 10 - player team falls below 10 players, the match is awarded to the other team. In cases where a team starts with 11 to 15 players, loses a front row player and has 10 or more players on the pitch & goes to uncontested scrums, it is still a legitimate team & therefore the result of the game would stand.

6.10.8 Boys who attended a non-exempt school in the previous year and who were not selected on the school's SCT in the Leinster Senior School's Cup as a player or substitute are eligible to play in the 18s Youths Competitions providing, they no longer attend the school.

6.10.9 Players who are attending, or who were, in the previous season, selected on a SCT for a non-exempt school for the Leinster Senior School's Cup as a player or substitute are not eligible to play in the Leinster 18s Youths League or the 18s Leinster First Division League or the 18s D'Arcy Cup or Plate. However, a Club may apply to the Youths Committee for a maximum of 3 players from among the previous season's SCT players & substitutes of a non-exempt school to be cleared to play in these competitions providing they no longer attend the school.

The request, in writing, should be made to the Youths Secretary two weeks before the start of any such competitions. The secretary will, if the request is approved, write and send a letter of clearance to the club naming the player/players. This letter or a copy of the letter should be presented to the opposition before the start of any competitive game.

6.10.10 Players who are attending a non-exempt school who have not been panelled by their school are eligible to play in the Leinster 18s Schools/Youths League & Leinster Schools/ Youths Cup. Eligibility is as per U14 – U17 competition regulations.

6.10.11 18s Players who play for a third level institutions with a condition applying that they transfer to another club other than their own club or who transfer as an adult player from a club fielding at 18s to any club will be ineligible to play in Youths competitions for their new club.

6.10.12 Applications for regrading shall be made in writing, not less than 14 days before the commencement of the Competition for which the regrading is requested, using the specified form, by the Club secretary to the Youths Secretary, Leinster Branch, detailing the player's playing history on the Player Declaration Form for the season to-date.

The secretary will, if the request is approved by the Youth Competitions Committee, write and send a letter to the club naming the player/players, whose regrading has been approved. This letter or a copy of the letter should be presented to the opposition before the start of any competitive game.

6.10.13 The selection of a player or players in any other League or Cup Competition on the same weekend as a match in this Competition shall not be grounds for postponement of either match.

6.10.14 Where a club is awaiting the completion of a player's registration by either the Branch or the Union, the player may be selected for a match and entered onto a team sheet as a "Guest" player for a maximum of 2 matches pending a IRFU PIN (with the exception of overseas players who shall not play until they have an IRFU Pin Number).

7. TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS

- 7.1 A player registered to and active with one club in the current or previous two seasons should not be invited or encouraged to participate in activities with a new club before the transfer request has been submitted to and approved by the Branch Youth Competitions Committee. If such activity is found to have happened the transfer application will be deemed ineligible.
- 7.2 A transfer will not be approved if it is not in accordance with one of the 7 guidelines EVEN if both clubs agree to the transfer.
- 7.3 The transfer of a youth or mini player from one club to another shall be authorised by the Leinster Youths Committee.

The following are the guidelines under which a transfer may be authorised and approved:

- a) All U14 players and younger are eligible to transfer.
 - b) Where a player has not played any competitive games in the previous two seasons.
 - c) Where a player changes school an application will be considered within 15 months of that change.
 - d) Where a player's family moves home, he/she may apply to transfer to a Club nearer to his/her new home within 15 months of the change of address.
 - e) Where a player's home is deemed to be significantly closer to the Club, he/she is wishes to join.
 - f) If the player's Home Club is not fielding at the player's age or one age grade up, and if the transfer is approved, it will be for "One Season". A condition of the approved transfer is that the player's temporary club must approve the player's transfer back to his Home Club the following season after it has been initiated by the player's Home Club. If the player then requests a transfer because his/her club is not fielding at his/her age or one age grade up, the player will be entitled to request a permanent transfer.
 - g) Where a player has not played any competitive game in the previous two seasons
 - h) On the establishment of a new Club.
- 7.4 All transfers requested under criteria c & e will be assessed by the Regrading Committee with regard to the circumstances of each individual situation. A moratorium period of 3 months may apply to transfer requests under criteria c & d
- 7.5 Transfer requests sought under criterion must not include players who clearly live a lot closer to their current club.
- 7.6 Transfer applications may be made on **Rugby Connect** between May 15th and December 31st each season. Applications are normally considered at the Youths monthly meeting held on the second Wednesday of each month.
- 7.7 All four parties to a transfer must approve and agree the transfer.
The parties are:
- a. The club the player is leaving.
 - b. The club the player wishes to join.
 - c. The parent or guardian of the player (or the player if he/she is 18 years of age.)

- d. The designated Leinster official
- 7.8 A transfer may be initiated by either club but not by the player.

8. SUBMISSION BY CLUBS OF NAMES OF PLAYERS SELECTED FOR MATCHES AND NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- 8.1 Players shall have at least one rest night between successive games and shall not be named on 2 team sheets within a 24hr period.
- 8.2 Electronic team sheets must be submitted on Rugby Connect for each team at least THREE hours in advance of the kick off of each fixture. Each team will bring 3 printed copies of the Electronic team sheet to the match. Each copy will clearly identify the props, hooker, replacement props and replacement hooker. The number of front-row players in the squad must match those listed in the section titled “Front Rows”. **One copy of the team sheet to be given to the referee, another to the opposition manager/coach and the third copy should be retained by the team manager.**
- 8.3 Any changes to the submitted team sheet must be brought to the attention of the referee prior to kick off and marked on the copy of team sheet.
- 8.4 When the match is over the team manager/coach shall request the referee to record the match score on the team sheet **to be sent to the competition coordinator**, who will record the result on SportsManager.
- 8.5 Any changes to submitted team sheets must be confirmed on Rugby Connect within 48 HOURS of the end of the game. The e-team sheet must be an accurate record of the players who played in the match & is the only record that will be accepted for eligibility. The e-team sheet will be used to check the eligibility of players & will be used as evidence of any protest or appeal that maybe lodged over the game. Each team is responsible for returning its own team sheets to the competition coordinator.
- 8.6 Should the Referee coordinator be unable to provide a referee, then the home team should ask the away team to provide a qualified referee (Full, Trial, Community or Affiliate). If the home team does not comply with this requirement, the home team may be deducted 2 points or forfeit the match in the case of a league playoff or cup/plate match. If the away team cannot provide one, then the home team must appoint a Full, Trial, Community or Affiliate referee. If the home team fail to provide a referee, then they forfeit the fixture.
- 8.7 When a Competition Coordinator receives a score of a match which has a margin greater than 30 points, he/she will record the losing team’s actual score and will assign a margin of +30 points to the losing team’s score as the winner’s score.

9. PLAYING ENCLOSURE AND TECHNICAL ZONES

- 9.1 All Leinster Branch approved fixtures shall be played on pitches that conform to the regulations stated by the International Rugby Board.
- 9.2 The playing enclosure of the main (first XV) pitch should be defined by a fence unless impractical when it shall be defined by a rope.

9.3 If there is a stand, designated seats should be made available for subs.

9.4 On the main (First XV) pitch Two technical zones should be designated, clearly marked with white paint, each nine meters long and three meters wide and not less than two meters from the touchline, one on either side of the halfway line, in which benches shall be placed to accommodate substitutes, and three members of the coaching/medical staff. If there is no bench the substitutes must remain outside the barrier. Players who are sin binned shall remain in the technical zone. The referee shall order them out of the playing enclosure if they fail to adhere to this requirement.

A failure to comply with the referee's requirements may result in the abandonment of the match. A Clubs failure to comply with the directions of the referee shall result in the team being reported to the Leinster Branch and sanctions applied as provided and set out elsewhere in these regulations.

9.5 On all other pitches two technical zones should be designated, clearly marked with two traffic cones, each nine meters long and three meters wide and not less than two meters from the touchline, one on either side of the halfway line (or such other area as shall be agreed with the referee), to accommodate substitutes, and three members of the coaching/medical staff. Players who are sin binned shall remain in the technical zone. The referee shall order them out of the playing enclosure if they fail to adhere to this requirement. A failure to comply may result in the abandonment of the match.

A Clubs failure to comply with the directions of the referee shall result in the team being reported to the Leinster Branch and sanctions applied as provided and set out elsewhere in these regulations.

9.6 Coaches are precluded from entering the playing enclosure (excluding the players' technical zone) during the course of a game except at half time. The coach is not permitted to act as a water carrier.

9.7 The home Club must provide stewards (minimum two).

9.8 The “**minimum**” requirements for the staging of fixtures under floodlights are as follows:

Lux (Eav):	Uniformity (U):	Glare (GR):	Colour (Ra)
200	0.6	<50	<60

The minimum requirements shall be maintained and certified biannually.
(This is an IRFU Class 11 minimum and may be subject to change.)

9.9 Clubs failing to comply with the above Regulations shall be dealt with by the Relevant Committee and sanctions applied as provided and set out elsewhere in these Regulations.

10. CANCELLATION OF MATCHES, THE POWER OF THE -COMMITTEE TO FIX DATES AND RELATED PROCEDURES

- 10.1** Clubs do not have the right to re-arrange matches without the consent of the Competition Coordinator. Any Club contravening this regulation may be dealt with as provided and set out elsewhere in the regulations.
- 10.2** Where there is a doubt about the fitness of the ground and there is reasonable prospect that with improved weather conditions the ground could be playable by kick-off time, a decision on whether or not the pitch is playable shall be postponed until close to kick off time. Matches may **not** be postponed on grounds that the safety of players might be prejudiced, unless with the additional approval of the match referee.
- 10.3** In cases where doubt arises regarding playing conditions for a cup or league tie, the home Club must nominate a suitable alternate pitch locally within 48 hours or offer the away team the option of hosting the match. The Competition Coordinator reserves the sole right to re-fix for a different venue on the same day or on a future date.
- 10.4** Games may be re-fixed for a different day in the same weekend or re-fixed for an earlier date, with the consent of the Competition Coordinator, if application is made, at least one week before the fixture is due to take place.
- 10.5** Clubs failing to fulfil fixtures shall be dealt with by the relevant Committee and sanctions applied as provided and set out elsewhere in these regulations.

11. LEAGUE TABLES

- 11.1** Points will be awarded as follows: 4 Points for a win, 2 Points for a draw, 1 Point for a loss by 7 points or less. **No points will be awarded for scoring 4 tries or more.**
- 11.2** In the event teams are level at the end of the league phase, criteria used to determine placing:
Head-to-head:
1. If the tied teams have played once in the league, then the result between the team's determines placing.
 2. If the tied teams have played twice or more in the league, then the total league points awarded to each team in the two fixtures determines the placing.
 3. If there are three or more teams tied, then the total league points awarded to each team in the fixtures between them determines the placing.
 4. If head-to-head cannot separate the teams, then a coin will be tossed to determine placing.
 5. Points differential **does not** determine league placing.
- 11.3** The teams finishing top of their division of the league stages, shall have home advantage in the first round of the knockout stage. Venues for league finals shall be at the discretion of the competitions committee.

12. CUP COMPETITIONS

12.1 Plate Competitions will be played where there are 16 or more teams entered into the Cup or at the discretion of the Competition Committee. Teams who forfeit a Cup match are not eligible to participate in a Plate Competition.

12.2 The venues for the First and subsequent Rounds (up to the semi-finals) will be determined in the following manner:

- a) A team winning a match at home in one round will play its next match away unless:
 - its opponents, being drawn on the bottom of the draw, have also won their previous match at home, **or**
 - its opponents have drawn a bye to the bottom position in the draw.
- b) A team winning a match away in one round will play its next round match at home unless:
 - its opponents, being drawn on the top of the draw, have also won their match away, **or**
 - its opponents have drawn a bye to the top position in the draw.
- c) **If criteria a) and b) give both teams home advantage, then the competition coordinator can allocate home advantage by the toss of a coin.**
- d) In the case of a team winning a tie following a replay or replays, the venue for that tie shall be deemed to have been the first venue.
- e) Where a team at home is awarded, a walkover win in Round 1 or 2, that team will play their next round at home.
- f) Semi-finals will be played at **neutral venues** or at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- g) Finals will be played at **pre-determined venues**.

13. RESULTS ON THE DAY

13.1 On occasions when there isn't time in the competition calendar for a replay, the competition committee may decide that "result on the day" will apply if a game is a draw at full time. The coaches of both teams will be advised in advance of the fixture.

13.2 Under NO circumstances should playing extra-time be used in Youth games to determine the result of a game in which the two sides are level at Full Time.

13.3 Should a result of a match be required on the day and the two teams are drawn at Full Time, then, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner of the game.

1. Team with most tries wins.
2. If both teams have scored an equal amount of tries, then team that scored first try wins.
3. If no try was scored, then team that scored first wins.
4. If there was no score, then team with fewest red cards wins.
5. If there were no red cards issued, then team with fewest yellow cards wins.

6. If there were no cards issued, then the result of the game will be resolved by the toss of a coin by the referee in the presence of both coaches. In this instance, the referee will allocate the “heads call” to the club that is first in alphabetical order. For example, if the game was Athy v Boyne, then Athy would be allocated heads and Boyne tails (harp).

14. REDUCED NUMBERS GAME CRITERIA

The following criteria shall apply in the event that team(s) have less than 15 players:

a) Reduced Numbers Game Criteria Applies to:

- i. All U13 Boys
- ii. U14, U15, U16, U17 & 18s Phase 1
- iii. U14, U15, U16, U17 & 18s Division 1 & Lower (Phase 2)

b) Reduced Numbers Game Criteria Does Not Apply to:

- i. U14, U15, U16, U17, 18s Premier (Phase 2)
- ii. ALL League playoffs – quarterfinals, semi-finals & finals
- iii. ALL 5th to 8th place playoffs – semi-finals & finals
- iv. ALL Cup & Plate matches

14.1 The minimum number on a team is **12** and maximum 15 on the pitch.

- a) If one team has more players than the other, in order to balance the sides- the team with the greater number of players may allow players to play on the opposing team. The team with the lesser number of players cannot compel the team with the greater number of players to give them players, but the game shall start with an equal number of players on both teams. (i.e., the lower number of players).
- b) After the match starts there is no requirement on a team to further reduce numbers in the event the other team loses a player to injury or yellow/red card. The scrums, however, must contain the same numbers at all times. In the event the numbers in the scrum have to reduce, the team with the full complement of forwards moves a player into the backline & the scrum is contested with equal numbers.

14.1.1 U13 Boy Fixtures - equal numbers must be maintained throughout the duration of a match

14.2 Teams must start with 3 competent front row players as per Front Row Regulations.

- c) Teams with reduced numbers must field all their players from the start of the match.
- d) If these criteria are met, then the match will be treated as a competition match.

14.2.1 Where reduced numbers criteria doesn't apply, teams **may** field 15 players.

15. SCRUM REGULATIONS

15.1 Scrums

- a) World Rugby scrum regulations for U19 rugby to apply.
- b) It is the responsibility of the team management to ensure front and second row players are suitably trained to play in the positions required.
- c) When a team consisting of 19 or 20 players are nominated then there must be five players who can play in the front row to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement hooker or prop is required the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums.
- d) The replacement of a front row forward must come from suitably trained and experienced players who started the match or from the nominated replacements.
- e) Front row forward replacements must be clearly identified on the team sheet.

15.2 Front Rows

The required number of front row players per team:

SQUAD SIZE	NO of FRONT ROW PLAYERS REQUIRED:
15 or less	3
16 to 18	4
19 to 21	5
22 to 23	6 (Loosehead, Hooker, Tighthead)

The starting front row players are included in the above numbers.

15.3 World Rugby Law 3.17

The replacement of a player whose departure has caused the referee to order uncontested scrums) and Law 3.34 (rolling replacements) applies in each competition.

15.4.1 Team must name the required number of front row and replacement players: U13 to U15 and Development Competitions

- a) If after injuries and/or a red/yellow card given to a front row player the captain of that team declares that they have no front row replacements, the match will continue with uncontested scrums.
- b) The team who needs to go to uncontested scrums cannot replace the front row player who is leaving the field thereby reducing their number by one.
- c) Both teams still have use of their replacements in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- d) If there are any front row players available, they must play in the front row for uncontested scrums and only when no front row player is available is any other player permitted to play in the front row.
- e) As the team that caused uncontested scrums fulfilled their front row obligations prior to the match, no further consequences shall apply.

15.4.2 Team names the required number of front row players to begin the match with contested scrums but fails to nominate the required number of replacements: U16 to U19

- a) If after injuries and/or a red/yellow card given to a front row player the captain of that team declares that they have no front row replacements, the match will continue with uncontested scrums.
- b) The team who needs to go to uncontested scrums cannot replace the front row player who is leaving the field thereby reducing their number by one.
- c) Both teams still have use of their replacements in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- d) If there are any front row players available, they must play in the front row for uncontested scrums and only when no front row player is available is any other player permitted to play in the front row.

15.5 Coaching Requirements All clubs have a responsibility to ensure all coaches are suitably qualified and competent to coach at the applicable age grade.

16. SUBSTITUTES

16.1 12 rolling substitutes may be used.

17. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS FROM A CLUB'S A TEAM TO ITS B TEAM & COMBINING BOTH TEAMS.

- 17.1** Where a club does not name their teams A & B, they must nominate their A & B equivalent teams in advance of the start of the league.
- a) Any player who is named on a team sheet in 4 matches, where there is 8 teams in the league or 50% of the matches if there is less than 8 teams in the league on the Premier League (A) team's team sheet will not be eligible to transfer to the first/second division (B) team in that club for the remainder of the league competition.
 - b) Any player who appears on the team sheet in a Cup/Plate match must remain with that team for the remainder of the Cup/Plate competition.
 - c) Players who have been named on a team sheet in 4 matches on the Premier (A) team's team sheet during the league must remain with that team for the duration of the Cup/Plate.
 - d) Regrading – In exceptional circumstances, clubs can apply to the reggrading sub-committee to have a player reggraded to the B or C team.

17.2 This regulation applies to:

- a) Clubs that have 2 teams in the same competition
- b) Clubs that have 1 team in the Youth competition & 1 team in the equivalent School/Youth competition.
- c) When two teams of the same age merge into 1 team after each team has played 4 matches or more, the merged team should contain proportionate numbers from both squads.

18. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN TWO (2) AGE GRADE CATEGORIES

- 18.1** Younger players should not be moved up an age grade to replace starting players in the older age grade. If a player is moved up and is noted on an age grade teamsheet 4 or more times, he/she should become ineligible to play for the younger age grade team.
- 18.2** If a player participates in a knock out match at either age grade, the player then becomes tied to that team and is ineligible to play with any other club team.

19. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Under 13 Regulations

- 19.1** The U13s competitions are open to all players regardless of what school they attend. Matches may be played between Friday evening and Monday evening Any player named to play in a competition on one day shall not be named to play in another competition the following day.
- 19.2 Under 13's League Variation** – Where clubs have panels of more than the match day squad of 23 players before kick-off, the following arrangements shall apply: instead of playing 2 periods of 25 minutes, the game shall consist of 3 periods of 20 minutes per period, with the first two periods counting for league points. In the third period all players, who did not start the match shall play during this period.
- 19.3** No player shall play more than **50 minutes** during the game.
- 19.4** This variation shall apply only to the league portion of the competition and will not apply to the knock out stages of the league or to the cup competition.
- 19.5 U12 playing at U13**
- a) An U13 player who is still 12 **CANNOT** play in U14 competitions without the consent of the Leinster Youth Committee.
 - b) Only in circumstances where a club cannot field an U13 team may a club apply for an U12 player to play in U13 competitions, the player is only eligible to play U13 when in receipt of written permission from the Leinster Youth Committee Honorary Secretary.
 - c) This must be presented by the team manager to the opposition at all matches.
 - d) U12 players that are given permission to play U13 **CANNOT** play at any higher level.
 - e) Failure to comply with these regulations will result in forfeiture of the game & the win awarded to the opposition.

19.6 U14 - U17 Competition Regulations.

19.6.1 The U14 - U17 competitions will be in Youth and School/Youth format. Format of leagues is to be dependent on the entry numbers & standards. Matches may be played between Friday evening and Monday evening, Any player named to play in a competition on one day shall not be named to play in another competition the following day.

19.6.2 Players who are attending any of the schools listed as non-exempt for 2024/2025 season are not eligible to play in the Leinster Youth Competitions.

19.6.3 **Boys** who are attending any of the schools listed as non-exempt for 2024/2025 season are eligible to play in the Leinster School/Youth Competitions **PROVIDING** they are not panelled on their school Junior or Senior Cup team.
(See 19.7.2)

19.6.4 Criteria for determining Junior & Senior Cup panelled players playing in Schools Youths Competitions shall be as laid out in Section School Youths Competitions

19.7 School-Youths Competition

A player attending a non-exempt school is eligible to play in School-Youths competitions until he has been named on 4 Leinster Schools SCT or JCT teams sheets from the start of the season.

19.7.1 All other players in Non-Exempt Rugby Playing Schools are eligible to play in School-Youth Competition

19.7.2 Process

- a) All Schools have an initial SCT & JCT Squad of up to 50 players (submitted to Branch by end of October) where the school have primacy over the player, and they cannot play for clubs. (Squads to be submitted to Branch)
- b) By the end of the first week of January all schools must have identified their final squad of up to 40 players, the non-selected squad players are then eligible to play School-Youth Competition.
- c) All Non-exempt school team selections at SCT and JCT 1st and 2nd Teams must be put on Rugby Connect for games played through the season including friendlies, leagues, and cups.
- d) Where a player is listed on the team sheet either as a starter or a substitute in 4 league games for a Non-Exempt league Team, he is deemed ineligible for School-Youth Competition.
- e) Where a player who is not in the original 50 or subsequent 40, is brought into the squad at a later date then the school has primacy over that player.
- f) If that player is not listed on 4 league games and does play in the cup, then that player can be subject to appeal once appeal criteria are met.
- g) Where a player is listed on the team sheet either as a starter or a substitute in 4 Friendly games for non-exempt non-league schools JCT or SCT 1st XV then he is deemed ineligible for School-Youth competition. Friendlies played in such schools after the completion of the JCT and/or SCT competitions do not apply to the 4 game rule.
- h) Where a player is listed on a Cup game team sheet but has not played in 4 league games then that player eligibility can be brought before an appeals committee.
- i) Where a players eligibility is open to debate by the club school or parent guardian then such an appeal can be brought before the committee once criteria are met.

19.7.3 School Player Eligibility

1. The application maybe submitted to the Competition Committee
2. Evidence that both School and Club have communicated around the Player's eligibility and the Parent Guardian are aware & have been informed.
3. All applications must be supported by a letter from the School (Letter has dated School stamp)
4. All applications must be supported by letter from Club signed by Club Secretary
5. All appeals must be supported by letter from Parent(s) or Guardian of player supporting the appeal.

20. AWARDING OF TROPHIES

- 20.1** The successful Club in the final match of the Competitions each season shall be entitled to hold the Perpetual Challenge Cup or Shield or Plate appropriate to such Competition from the date of such final match until such date in the ensuing year as may be specified by the Committee if such trophy exists. The successful Club shall be responsible for returning the said Cup to the Chairperson of the Youth Competition Committee in as good order and condition as it was received. Failure to do so will result in the costs of restoring or replacing the trophy being borne by the offending Club. It shall be the responsibility of the successful Club to have its name engraved on the trophy in a manner agreed with LYC prior to the commencement of the following season. The relevant trophy must be returned to the Branch by the 1st of February.
- 20.2** The Honorary Secretary for the time being of the Leinster Branch shall be, to all intents and purposes, the legal owner, in trust for the Branch, of the Cups appropriate to each Competition played under the control of the Branch Youth Committee.

21. GAME REGULATIONS

Summary of Game Regulations for Youth Rugby 2024 Onwards

	Girls			Boys					
Age Category	U14	U16	U18	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
Match Duration	50 min.	60 min.	70 min.	50 min.	50 min.	60 min.	60 min.	70 min.	70 min.
Ball size	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Yellow Card	5 min.	5 min.	7 min.	No	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	7 min.	7 min.
Red Card	Yes - player to be replaced	Yes	Yes	Yes - player to be replaced	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extra Time	No – Result on the day								
Injury Time	Yes								
HIA	No – Recognise and remove only								
Blood Substitutions	Yes								

Scrum

Scram	Girls			Boys					
Age Category	U14*	U16	U18	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
U19 Variations	Yes								
Push	1.5 m only								
Wheel & reset	45 degrees and reset								
Same numbers	Yes								

Uncontested scrums lose a player	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Front row cover	Yes, need at least 2 trained in the front row positions								

Line out

	Girls			Boys					
Age Category	U14	U16	U18	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
Lifting	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Maul

	Girls			Boys					
Age Category	U14	U16	U18	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
Use it or Lose it	Yes								

* Contested scrums are permitted at U14 Girl's Phase 1 matches where the Season Trial conditions have been satisfied. All scrums will be contested in Phase 2 matches.

Youth Competition Protocols

2023-2024

Appendix 1

APPENDIX 1

The following protocols should be read in conjunction with the foregoing Youth Competition Regulations. In the event of any inconsistency between this section with the Youth Competition Regulations, please note the Youth Competition Regulation have primacy.

A. FAILURE TO FIELD IN 2 MATCHES

Teams that fail to field a team for 2 matches at home and/or away will be removed from the competition. Those team's remaining fixtures will be played as friendlies.

B. PLAYING OF INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- a) Teams must make available printed copies of squad players photographs for inspection by opposing teams prior to kick off if requested.
- b) Where a club is established to have played an ineligible player in a Cup Competition, the non-offending club shall be awarded the match.
- c) Where a club is established to have played an ineligible player in a League Competition, any points to which the offending club might be entitled shall be awarded to the non-offending club.

C. DISCIPLINE

Incidents where players are ordered off the pitch (foul play) or have been compulsory substituted (U13 boys/U14 girls) must be reported to the Branch for disciplinary procedures ((if required). Clubs are always responsible for their players, coaches, and spectators.

D. CITING

Where a referee misses a serious incident, such as striking, punching or kicking an official, opponent or spectator, the offended player's club may cite the offending player or players using the Branch's citing protocol.

E. OBJECTIONS, DISPUTES & APPEALS

If a breach of the regulations or protocols is suspected by a competition coordinator or team manager, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) The non offending team representative will notify the Competition Coordinator of the alleged breach and provide evidence to support the allegation within 48 hours of the match end.
- b) The Competition Coordinator will notify the Competition Committee where an alleged breach has been reported.
- c) Where there is no evidence of a breach of the regulations, the chairman of the Competition committee will advise the competition coordinator and the club Youth Coordinator.
- d) Where there is evidence of a breach of regulations, the chairman of the Competition Committee will inform the Youths secretary and provide him with all the information. The Youth secretary will then write to the club Secretary/Secretaries & club Youth Coordinator(s) and present the evidence and any sanction that might apply and ask for a response to be made within 72 hours.
- e) If the sanction is accepted, it will be applied immediately by the competition coordinator
- f) If no response or an unsatisfactory response is received the Youth secretary shall inform the Club secretary and Youth Coordinator of the sanction to be applied. He will also advise them of the appeal process.

- g) An application to the Branch Appeals Committee in relation to Breaches of these Regulations must be accompanied by a deposit of €500. An admin fee of €200 is charged. The remainder will be refunded if the objection is not deemed to be frivolous.
- h) In some situations, the team manager of both teams may allege a breach of the regulations by the other team. In this event the Youth Coordinators of both clubs will advise the competition coordinator of the alleged breach in writing and provide him with the evidence.
- i) The Competition Committee will consider the evidence and will decide if there is a breach of regulations or protocols by one or both clubs.

F. KICK OFF TIME & VENUE

- a) On receipt of the Leinster Youth & School/Youth fixture-lists, each Club Coordinator should immediately proceed to arrange the KO time for all that Club's home league fixtures, within the scheduled fixture weekend at a time agreed with both teams. Details should be sent to the Competition Coordinator.
- b) If the above information is not forthcoming, then, the kick-off times will be set by and at the discretion of the competition coordinator. In the event that the home venue does not have enough pitches to accommodate the default kick-off time, then the order of priority starts with the oldest age grade fixture (Boys or Girls) with the younger age grade fixtures deferring to a later or earlier time. The host club will set a reasonable earlier or later KO time & notify the travelling team at least 4 days before the matchday. The competition coordinator will be the arbitrator in the event of dispute; where agreement has not been achieved, sanctions may apply to both clubs.
- c) Any changes in the KO times supplied are to be notified to the Age-Grade Coordinator at least 6 days in advance of the fixture date. **CHANGES AFTER THIS DEADLINE MAY BE REFUSED**

NOTE – Each fixture will be displayed on Rugby Connect & the Leinster website as 00.00 kick-off time until the competition coordinator is advised.

E. REFEREES

- a) The Competition Coordinator will set up match fixtures on Rugby Connect
- b) The default setting is midnight on the day the match is scheduled
- c) The Competition Coordinator should be advised NO LATER than Tuesday of the week before the game the agreed KO time for the game by the home team's Youth Coordinator. e. g. a game to be played on weekend of 2/4th September should be advised by 25th August. When the Competition Coordinator is advised of the agreed KO time by the home Youth Coordinator, he/she will set the KO time for the match on Rugby Connect.
- d) The Referee Area Coordinator will appoint a referee to the match if one is available for that time.
- e) The onus is on the home coach to check that a referee has been appointed to the match.
- f) Should the Referee coordinator be unable to provide a referee, then the home team should ask the away team to provide a qualified referee (Full, Trial, Community or Affiliate). If the home team does not comply with this requirement, the home team may be deducted 2 points or forfeit the match in the case of a league playoff or cup/plate match. If the away team cannot provide one, then the home team must appoint a Full, Trial, Community or Affiliate referee. If the home team fail to provide a referee, then they **forfeit the fixture**.
- g) Referees must be respected for the difficult job they are doing, and the time they are giving up to do so. Abuse of referees from players and especially coaches/mentors will be severely dealt with by the Branch Disciplinary Committee

Affiliate Referees

- a) Affiliate referees may referee their own club at home or away.
- b) Every team should strive to have an Affiliate referee that can step in to referee a match in the event that there is no appointed referee or the appointed referee failed to show up
- c) Affiliate Referees cannot issue yellow cards; however, they can issue red cards & order a player off.

F. FAIR PLAY RULE

During a match and where a match score is excessive in favour of one team, coaches are required to promote the rugby experience; notably for younger age groups, teams new to rugby and development competitions. It will be expected by all coaches and teams to adhere to this rule and that on the day an agreement will be reached to continue in a match focussing on the player rugby experience.

G. MERCY RULE

When a Competition Coordinator receives a score of a match which has a margin greater than 30 points, he/she will record the losing team's actual score and will assign a margin of +30 points to the losing team's score as the winner's score.

H. TOURS

- Rescheduling of matches due to incoming or outgoing tours may be allowed if at least 6 weeks' notice is given to the Tour Administrator. Such tours shall not interfere with the running of Leinster competitions.
- Teams that arrange a tour that clashes with their participation in a scheduled Finals Day, will have to forego their place in the Final.
- Clubs undertaking Youths or Mini tours to any of the Home Unions or receiving tours from any of the Home Unions are required to notify the Youths Secretary at least 4 weeks before such a tour.
- Clubs undertaking Youths or Mini tours to Unions other than a HOME Union are required to seek permission from the Youths Committee, from the Branch Secretary & from the IRFU by submitting the completed appropriate form to the Youths Secretary 4 weeks before the tour departure date
- Clubs receiving Youths or Mini tours from Unions other than a HOME Union are required to seek permission from the Youths Committee, from the Branch Secretary & from the IRFU by submitting the completed appropriate form to the Youths Secretary 4 weeks before the tour arrives in the country. Incoming tour teams must comply with our date of birth eligibility regulations when fielding players.

A responsible club officer should confirm in writing to the Youths Secretary when permission for an outgoing tour to any Union is being sought that the tour will be managed in compliance with the requirements set out in pages 34 & 35 of the Child Welfare Policy Document. The responsible club officer should ensure and confirm to the Youths Secretary that all outgoing & incoming tours have adequate insurance in place.

I. FORMS

- Disciplinary Regulations
- Citing Form
- Regrading Request
- Boys Rugby Consent to Play in 3 Age Categories
- U16 Girls Who Wish to Play 18s Girls Competitive Rugby
- U14 Girls Who Wish to Play U16 Girls Competitive Rugby
- Matches Missed Through Injury
- Youth Team Amalgamation Request form
- IRFU – Permission to play matches outside of Ireland

Season 2024-25

**LEINSTER BRANCH
OF THE
IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

**GOVERNING MATTERS OF BREACHES OF DISCIPLINE AND OF APPEALS, INCLUDING
OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS OF A NON-DISCIPLINARY NATURE**

INTRODUCED FOR SEASON 2013/14 AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER 2013

“CITINGS”

1. Where a player commits an act of foul play which would warrant the player concerned being sent off, and which has not been detected by the match officials, then in such circumstances either the Leinster Branch or one of the clubs participating in the match shall have the discretion to cite that player in writing to the Leinster Branch. Such citing shall be made in writing and be addressed to the Hon. Sec. or Disciplinary Officer of the relevant club and copied to the Hon. Sec. of the Leinster Branch.
2. Notice of intention to file a citing must be made in writing within 72 hours of the end of the day of the alleged incident to the Hon. Sec. of the Leinster Branch giving the following information:
 - a) The date and place of the alleged incident.
 - b) The name of the club and the team of the alleged offender
 - c) The name of the opposing team
 - d) A general description of the alleged incident.
 - e) The name and number of the alleged offender
3. Full and comprehensive details of the alleged incident together with any referee's and medical reports, witness statements and video evidence such as are available must be furnished to the Hon. Sec. of the Leinster Branch as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter.
4. The relevant player, his club, the referee and, where applicable, the touch judges shall be furnished with copies of the notice of intention to file a citing and, as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter, with copies of all documents referred to at (3) above.
5. Upon full disclosure of the relevant paperwork the Hon. Sec. of the Branch shall furnish the same to the Chair. of the Disciplinary Committee when requesting that his/her Committee carry out an enquiry and convene a Disciplinary hearing in the matter.
6. The Disciplinary Chair. shall, upon receipt of the above referred request, appoint a Hearing Committee and fix a date for the hearing.
7. The citing club shall be required to send a representative to the hearing. Failure to do so shall result in the citing being summarily dismissed.
8. The club of the alleged offender shall be required to send a representative to the hearing. Failure to do so shall expose the said club to further or other sanction at the discretion of the Hearing Committee.
9. A cited player may continue to play games until suspended by a Hearing Committee.



LEINSTER RUGBY CITING FORM

Player Name:		Player PIN:	
Club:		Player No/Position:	
Match Level:		Date of Match:	
Venue:		Final Score:	Home: Away:
Citing Club:		Referee:	

Law Number and Description of Law Player Cited Under:	
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Period Offence Occurred: 1st Half

2nd Half

Extra Time

Elapsed Time in Half:

Please Provide a Full and Detailed Account of the Alleged Incident: *(continue on separate page if required)*

Further relevant documents enclosed/attached* (please tick):

- Full & comprehensive report of the alleged incident ☐
- Referee's report ☐
- Medical report(s) ☐
- Player statement ☐
- Witness statement(s) ☐
- Video evidence ☐
- Photographic evidence ☐
- Other relevant documents (please specify):

*Further documents not enclosed with citing request must be furnished to the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter



REGRADING REQUEST

Player's Name _____ **DOB** _____

Club _____ **PIN** _____

School _____ **PIN** _____

School Matches Played

No.	Date of Match	Competition Name	Opposition School	Posn No.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				

Date Requested _____

Signed _____

Club Youth Coordinator



Boys Rugby Consent to Play in 3 Age Categories Form

First Name:	Other Initials:	Last Name:	
Player's Contact & Playing Details			
Address: Postcode : Home Phone: Mobile Phone: Email:		Date of birth: Club: PIN Playing Position: Second Playing Position: Years playing experience :	

Parent/Guardian Consent (please fill-in appropriate sections)

I _____ (parent/guardian) give consent for _____ (player) to play 2 age categories above his own age category.

Signature: Date:	

Club Welfare Officer Consent (please fill-in appropriate sections)

CLUB CWO Print Name	

PLAYERS ARE NOT CLEARED TO PLAY UNTIL THE HONORARY YOUTHS SECRETARY HAS CONSENTED IN WRITING TO THE REQUEST.



U16 Girls Who Wish to Play 18s Girls Competitive Rugby

The Leinster Youths committee will consider completed permission request forms for U16 girls who wish play competitive rugby at 18s. Permission may be granted if there is **not** a negative impact on the club fielding an U16 girls team. U16 front row forwards will not be given permission to play 18s rugby unless requested by the Branch Rugby Department
An U16 girl wishing to play 18s competitive rugby must provide the written consent of:

1. Parents/ Guardians
2. Club Youth Coordinator
3. Club Welfare Officer

First Name:	Other Initials:	Last Name:
Player's Contact & Playing Details		
Address: Postcode : Home Phone: Mobile Phone:		Date of birth: Club: PIN Playing Position: Second Playing Position: Years playing experience :

Parent/Guardian Consent (please fill-in appropriate sections)

I _____ (parent/guardian) give consent for _____ (player) to play 18's competitive rugby for her club

Signature:	
Date:	

Club Welfare Officer Consent (please fill-in appropriate sections)

CLUB CWO	
Print Name	

PLAYERS ARE NOT CLEARED TO PLAY UNTIL THE HONORARY YOUTHS SECRETARY HAS CONSENTED IN WRITING TO THE REQUEST.



U14 Girls Who Wish to Play U16 Girls Competitive Rugby

The Leinster Youths committee will consider completed permission request forms for U14 girls who wish play competitive rugby at U16. Permission may be granted if there is **not** a negative impact on the club fielding an U14 girls team. U14 front row forwards will not be given permission to play U16 rugby unless requested by the Branch Rugby Department
An U14 girl wishing to play U16 competitive rugby must provide the written consent of:

1. Parents/ Guardians
2. Club Youth Coordinator
3. Club Welfare Officer

First Name:	Other Initials:	Last Name:
Player's Contact & Playing Details		
Address:		Date of birth:
		Club:
		PIN
		Playing Position:
Postcode :		Second Playing Position:
Home Phone:		Years playing experience :
Mobile Phone:		

Parent/Guardian Consent (please fill-in appropriate sections)

I _____ (parent/guardian) give consent for _____ (player) to play U16 competitive rugby for her club

Signature:	
Date:	

Club Welfare Officer Consent (please fill-in appropriate sections)

CLUB CWO	
Print Name	

PLAYERS ARE NOT CLEARED TO PLAY UNTIL THE HONORARY YOUTHS SECRETARY HAS CONSENTED IN WRITING TO THE REQUEST.



MATCHES MISSED THROUGH INJURY

Player's Name _____ **DOB** _____

Club _____ **PIN** _____

Date of Injury ____/____/____

Details of Injury

Injury Treatment

Evidence of Injury & Treatment

Date of Return to Training ____/____/____

Matches Missed

No.	Date of Match Missed	Competition Name	Opposition Team
1			
2			
3			
4			

Signed _____

Club Youth Coordinator

Date ____/____/____



LEINSTER YOUTH TEAM AMALGAMATION FORM

Age Grade - Boys/Girls		
No. of Clubs Involved		
Team Name (No full Club names)		
Team Administrator		
Name:		
Email:		
Mobile Number:		

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW AND HAVE EACH CLUB SIGNE BEFORE SUBMITTING THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE YOUTH SECRETARY.

CLUB 1

Club Name	
Club Hon. Secretary (Please print in capitals)	
I hereby confirm that (Club Name) give permission for the above amalgamation	
Signed	
Date	

CLUB 2

Club Name	
Club Hon. Secretary (Please print in capitals)	
I hereby confirm that (Club Name) give permission for the above amalgamation	
Signed	
Date	

CLUB 3

Club Name	
Club Hon. Secretary (Please print in capitals)	
I hereby confirm that (Club Name) give permission for the above amalgamation	
Signed	
Date	

CLUB 4

Club Name	
Club Hon. Secretary (Please print in capitals)	
I hereby confirm that (Club Name) give permission for the above amalgamation	
Signed	
Date	



IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Application to participate in Matches **OUTSIDE Ireland** against Team(s) from OTHER UNION(S):

- The application must be submitted to the Branch, at least one month in advance of the proposed match(es), to which the travelling Club/ School is affiliated.
- The Branch will comment and forward to the IRFU if required.

Name of Club/School

Union(s) to be visited
(Attach list if required)

Dates From: To:
(Departure from Ireland) (Return to Ireland)

Host Clubs/ Schools

Number in Official Tour Party Players: Management/ Adults:

Age/team Category(ies) of Travelling Team(s)

Names of Team Managers/ Adults

Fixtures Arranged
(Attach list if required)

Permission Obtained from Union(s) to be visited: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, attach copy of permission/ If No, please note that this must be obtained prior to the tour takes place.

Notes:

Format of event/ festival:

Has the Tour the full support of the Club/School committee?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Signed: Date:
(Club Hon. Sec./School Master in Charge of Rugby) (DD/MM/YYYY)

Note: Please ensure Club and Players are made aware of the IRFU Regulation 6 Policy regarding material benefits.

Age Grade teams:

Has the Group Tour Party been made aware of the IRFU Safeguarding Policy? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Has the Group been informed of the Regulations and policies of the Union(s) to be visited? ☐ YES ☐ NO

To be completed by the Branch Hon. Secretary

Comments/ Conditions:

Decision: ☐ APPROVED ☐ NOT APPROVED

Signed: Date:
(Branch Hon. Sec.) (DD/MM/YYYY)

To be completed by IRFU Administrator in the event of the Tour takes place OUTSIDE the Home Unions (England/ Scotland/ Wales):

Comments/ Conditions:

Decision: ☐ APPROVED ☐ NOT APPROVED

Signed: Date:
(IRFU RUGBY Administrator) (DD/MM/YYYY)

Data Protection Statement:

I understand that it is necessary for the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) to collect and record the personal data on this form ("Personal Data") for the contractual purpose of registering me with the IRFU or another Union. I understand that my Personal Data may be shared with the Provincial Branch, the IRFU, another Union and that all are Data Controllers. When transferring to the IRFU I understand that my personal data may be disclosed to other stakeholders of our association and third parties for the purposes of inviting me to events and meetings, to facilitate me playing or coaching matches, to promote and enhance the IRFU brand, to develop the game of rugby and to comply with any applicable legal obligations. I understand that my Personal Data will be retained by the Branch and the IRFU for the duration of my contract and in line with their respective Retention Policies. I further understand that I have a number of rights around the processing of Personal Data, including the right to request in writing a copy of my Personal Data which the Branch or IRFU holds, amend any information which is incorrect and to apply to have my Personal Data erased. I can also confirm that I have been given the opportunity to consult further relevant information concerning my data protection rights at www.dataprotection.ie. I am aware of all my Data Protection rights and have given my consent for my personal data to be processed by signing this form.