

MATCH DURATION / FIELD SIZE – MINIMUM/MAXIMUM PLAYERS

Age Group	Format	Duration	Min Players	Max Players	DH & FR Vest Rotation	Size of Field
Under 6 – 7	Tag (U6) / Tackle Ready	4 x 8 Mins	4	6	N/a	40m x 20m (4 on a full field)
Under 8 – 9	Tag / Tackle	4 x 8mins	6	8	Each quarter	68m x 30m (2 on a full field)
U10 – U11	Tackle	2 x 20mins	8	11	Each half	48m x 100m
U10 – U12	Tag	2 x 20mins	6	8	N/A	48m x 100m
U12 – Male + Female	Tackle	2 x 20mins	9	13**	Each half	48m x 100m
U13 – U15 – Male	Tackle	2 x 25mins	9	13	N/A	Full Field
U13+	Tag	2 x 25mins	8	11	N/A	Full Field
U14 – U16 – Female	Tackle	2 x 25mins	9	13	N/A	Full Field

In all competitions, once a team has the minimum number of players available to play, they **MUST** take the field.

MERCY RULE

60 points differential in ALL age groups GAMES **SHOULD STOP AT MERCY** Coaches may decide to continue play after MERCY differential is reached, if it is safe to do so, but no further scores will be recorded. Both Coaches must agree for play to continue.

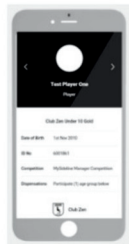
SEND-OFFS

Permanently dismissed players must immediately retire to the teams dressing room or an area outside the playing area. The player must not re-enter the playing area under ANY circumstances and will be deemed as a spectator.

PLAYERS PLAYING UP

CANNOT wear a vest (in U8-U12)
CANNOT take the field before a correct aged player
CANNOT take a conversion attempt before a correct aged player (Mod) **MUST** have a Playing Up Form completed.

DIGITAL - PLAYER / TEAM STAFF IDENTIFICATION

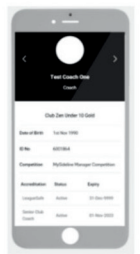


PLAYER ID

All players and team staff should present the signed team-sheets to the **Ground Manager** no later than 15 minutes before kick off. All team staff must show their accreditation via their phone if requested by the **Ground Manager**. If any team staff are unable to present suitable accreditation upon request they are **NOT** able to participate in the game.

Ground Managers are responsible for all team staff accreditation are current and that the minimum **SPORTS TRAINER** requirements have been met before kick off.

No person should be allowed inside the ropes without a player card or team staff accreditation.



TEAM STAFF ID

SPORTS TRAINERS – NRL ON-FIELD POLICY

GROUND MANAGER MUST

- Check minimum requirement for game (as per table below)
- Check Sports Trainers accreditation using MySideline
- Ensure Sports Trainer has signed the Sign on Sheet

IF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CANNOT BE MET THEN THE GAME CANNOT START

AGE	MINIMUM PERSONNEL FOR CONTACT RUGBY LEAGUE	MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR LEAGUE TAG	MINIMUM ACCREDITATION REQUIRED
U6-U7	1 First Responder for up to 4 matches being played on an International Field	1 First Responder for up to 4 matches being played on an International Field	League First Aid, or NRL Level 1 Sports Trainer, or NRL Level 2 Sports Trainer
U8-U9	1 First Responder for up to 3 matches being played on an International Field	1 First Responder for up to 3 matches being played on an International Field	
U10-U12	1 First Responder for each MATCH	1 First Responder for each MATCH	
U13-U15	1 First Responder for each TEAM	1 First Responder for each TEAM	
U16+	1 First Responder for each TEAM	1 First Responder for each TEAM	NRL Level 1 Sports Trainer, or NRL Level 2 Sports Trainer

Max. 3 Sports Trainers per INTERNATIONAL team

Max. 2 Sports Trainers per MINI/MOD team

HIA / CONCUSSION

Any player who is suspected to be suffering from or showing any sign or symptoms of a head injury or concussion must be removed from the field immediately and must **NOT** return to play under any circumstances.

HIA must be written next to the players name on Sign on Sheet.

Sports Trainer to complete the HIRR Form (online or paper copy) and give to player/carer. **FOLLOW FLOWCHART QR CODE BELOW**

UNOFFICIAL TOUCH JUDGE

Should the use of UNOFFICIAL TOUCH JUDGES be sanctioned by the local League; UNOFFICIAL TOUCH JUDGES should be informed that their **only responsibility** is to put their flag up and indicate the point where:

The ball or a player crosses the sideline or for a successful conversion.

(Minimum age requirement is 14 years)

SIGN ON SHEETS

At the end of the game the **GROUND MANAGER** should ensure:

- Sign on Sheets have been completed correctly.
- All Team Staff / Match Officials have signed the sheets.
- Scores match on both home and away sheets.

Any player removed from the field with a SUSPECTED HEAD INJURY is to be noted on the Sign on Sheet as HIA.

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NRL LAWS OF THE
GAME



Head Injury
Management Flowchart

