

Australian U19 Law Variations 2012



This document is the Australian Under 19 Law Variations and Guidelines for players, coaches and referees. These Law Variations and Guidelines must be read in conjunction with the IRB's U19 Law Variations.

Both sets of Variations are applicable to all matches at Under 19 level played in Australia (except International U19 matches), including those games played by visiting touring teams.

LAW 3: NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- 3.14** Unless an exemption has been sought from and approved by the ARU, all games of age group U14 and below will play with rolling substitutions that are unlimited in number, and all games of age group U15 and above will play with rolling substitutions that are limited to 12 movements. The implementation of rolling substitutions must adhere to the guidelines provided to all Unions by the ARU.

LAW 5: TIME

- 5.1** *Add:* The maximum playing time is to be 90 minutes in any one day, no matter what the games are called (trial, knockout, carnival or tournaments).

Comment

- This is designed to prevent players from engaging in multiple games on one day during carnivals and championships, and is not intended to cover replacements.
- Players wishing to stand by for another team as a replacement may do so as long as a proper duty of care is exercised in relation to position played, environmental conditions, age group played and common sense is exercised in regard to playing time in any one day.
- The number of games in the day is not an issue; the playing time is the issue. It is expected that due care is taken by coaches with regards to replacement of players and that the time issue is always the over riding consideration.

LAW 10: FOUL PLAY

- 10.4** (t) Lifting of a team-mate on the legs in open play is not permitted.
Sanction: Free Kick
- 10.5** (c) Players who punch or stamp other players must be sent-off (red card).
- 10.6** (d) If a player is temporarily suspended, he shall remain with his team coach and shall not enter the playing area until permitted to do so by the referee.
- 10.6** (e) Member Unions may adopt provisions in their Competition Rules to reduce the time of a temporary suspension (yellow card) to 5 minutes playing time at age groups U14 and below.

LAW 16: RUCK AND LAW 17: MAUL

Comment

- It is dangerous for players to enter a ruck or maul at speed. Players should sight an entry position, slow down and be sure that the shoulders are above the hips with the head up. The referee needs to manage this phase of play diligently.

LAW 19: TOUCH AND LINEOUT

- 19.10 (d) Add:** Lifting and/or supporting players must not support the jumping team-mate below the shorts. There is to be no lifting on the legs.

Sanction: Free Kick on the 15m line.

- 19.10 (e) Add:** Players who are going to lift or support a team-mate jumping for the ball may not pre-grip below the shorts.

Sanction: Free Kick on the 15m line.

LAW 20: SCRUM

- 20.3 (f) Add:** Binding between the legs of either prop by either lock is illegal.

Sanction: Penalty Kick

- 20.12 (c) Add:** The scrum-half of the team that has not won the ball in the scrum may not stand in the space between the flanker and Number 8 when following the ball through the scrum.

Sanction: Penalty Kick