

GAME ON

IN ADDITION TO ALTERNATIVE GAMES, GAME ON IS AN ADAPTABLE FORMAT WHERE CLUBS AIM TO PLAY 15 A SIDE HOWEVER, IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE A MENU OF OPTIONS BELOW ALLOW CLUBS AND OFFICIALS TO PLAY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.



GAME DURATION

MINIMUM OF 40MINS,
EXAMPLES INCL. 3 X 20MINS,
4X20MINS OR 2X40MINS



SUBSTITUTION

ROLLING SUBS



NUMBERS

TEAMS TO BE EQUAL BUT
CAN PLAY
10, 11, 12, 13 OR 14 A SIDE



SCRUMS

CONTESTED OR UNCONTESTED
(UNCONTESTED CONDITIONS:
NO PUSHING, STRIKE CONTEST
ONLY. BALL MUST BE PASSED
BY THE SCRUM HALF)



LINEOUTS

FULLY CONTESTED OR
CONTESTED WITH NO
LIFTING & BALL MUST BE
PASSED TO SCRUM HALF



KICKING

PERMITTED ANYWHERE IN
OPEN PLAY. PENALTIES IN
OWN HALF MAY BE
KICKED TO TOUCH. KICKS
AT GOAL PERMITTED



COMMUNICATION

THE TEAM WISHING TO PLAY AN 'ALTERNATIVE MENU' HAS TO INFORM THEIR OPPONENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING THE MATCH OFFICIAL(S). THE GAME ON ALTERNATIVE MENU IS A RECOMMENDED OPTION FOR SINGLE FIXTURES, TOURNAMENTS AND ROUND ROBIN FIXTURES.

GAME ON!

Game On rules are triggered if a team has less than 15 players or insufficient front rowers to commence the match. All decisions are to be recorded in each section by the match referee as a record of agreement.

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NUMBERS

Teams must have a minimum of 10 players to start the game

AGREED NUMBERS

E.g. 12v12, 10v10, 12v14

Team numbers can be unequal

IF NO AGREEMENT

Defer to team with smallest number
Team numbers must be equal

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SCRUM FORMATION

Scrum Formation must be agreed if there are less than 15 players

AGREED FORMATION

e.g. 3-4, 3-2-1, 3-2

IF NO AGREEMENT

Revert to the below based on team size

Number	Forwards	Backs	Formation	✓
14	7	7	3-4	
13	7	6	3-4	
12	6	6	3-2-1	
11	6	5	3-2-1	
10	5	5	3-2	

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SCRUMS

A minimum of three trained Front Rowers are required for contested scrums

THREE OR MORE

Contested scrums

LESS THAN THREE

Uncontested scrums

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SUBS

Rolling substitutions to be used unless otherwise agreed by teams

YES

Rolling substitutions

NO

Agreed substitutions approach

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DURATION OF THE MATCH

Match durations can be set between 40 – 80 minutes

(NB: Secondary School Rugby limited to 70 minutes)

AGREED DURATION

E.g. 40 minutes/60 minutes

IF NO AGREEMENT

Revert to the below based on team size

Starting team size	Revert to	✓
10	40' (2 x 20')	
11	50' (2 x 25')	
12	60' (2 x 30')	
13/14	70' (2 x 35')	
15	80' (2 x 40')	