

Specific SCRU Requirements 2024

1 SPECIFIC UNION REQUIREMENTS to be read in conjunction with National Model Rules

7.1 Team Nominations

- (a) Participation and/or, competitions shall be initiated by the calling of nominations annually in every grade and/or division.
- (b) Team Nominations must list the name of the team and all information requested by the Senior Competition Committee for the purpose of placing the team in the most appropriate competition.
- (c) Team nominations must list the coach for that team and their accompanying Rugby Xplorer registration number so that their mandatory Smart Rugby and Tackle Ready compliance may be assessed. This must be submitted to the competition manager by no later than one (1) week prior to the commencement of the competition. All coaches and Managers must have a current Blue Card.
- (d) A nomination fee and/or player levy must be paid by the first competition round.
- (e) Each team shall supply one accredited touch judge for each match except for the Finals series
- (f) A team will be considered accepted on approval of its nomination by the Competition Committee and/or Competition Manager.
- (g) Once nominations are accepted there is an expectation that Club Presidents (or a delegate) attend all senior Presidents meetings. Clubs accepted into the Competition will be bound by decisions made at Senior Presidents meetings even if they do not have a representative present.
- (h) There is an expectation that all Clubs are represented at the pre-season Game Management session.

7.2 The Draw

The competition will be conducted in accordance with a schedule of matches drawn up by the Competition Manager and agreed to prior to the start of the playing season and varied as necessary from time to time.

7.3 Competition points

Position on the competition table will be determined by competition points.

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points
Loss by 7 points or less	1 point
4 or more tries	1 point
Bye (where applicable)	Nil
Forfeit	5 points

7.4 Forfeits

- (a) Each match forfeited by a club will be regarded as having been won by the opposing club on the day on which the match, but for such forfeit, would have been played. The opposing team will be awarded the maximum five (5) competition points in that round in that grade. Their 'Points For' will be increased by the biggest winning margin of any other match played in that round in that grade.
- (b) In the case of a club withdrawing a team(s) from the competition, match points ("for and against") in all matches of such team(s) shall not be counted, and any competition points shall be cancelled.
- (c) A forfeit in A Grade automatically causes a forfeit in reserve grade, even though these matches may have been played.
- (d) If a team forfeits three (3) matches in any one season, the Competition Manager will issue a Show Cause Notice asking why that team shall remain in the competition.
- (e) The Senior Competition Committee may impose further penalties for withdrawing teams from the competition.
- (f) Deadline for notification of forfeits in A Grade, Reserve Grade and Senior Women is 7pm Thursday night prior to scheduled game. Deadline for Cricks Cup is 7pm Wednesday night prior to scheduled game. Forfeits after these times will require an explanatory letter to the SCRUC Competition Manager by noon the following Monday. If not satisfied the Competition Manager may forward to the SCRUC Competition Committee for review.
- (g) Clubs forfeiting games must notify both the opposition Club and SCRUC Competition Manager.
- (h) There shall be no confected/contrived results, such as sharing points. One team will forfeit.

7.5 Duration of Play

- (a) The duration of play shall be two (2) x forty (40) minute halves with injury time for A grade. Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup shall be two (2) thirty five (35) minute halves with no injury time. Women shall play a maximum of two (2) x thirty five (35) minute halves with no injury time, yellow card 5 minutes.
- (b) Any team not prepared to commence a match five (5) minutes after the designated kick off shall forfeit the match (as determined by the Referee).
- (c) Any time lost in commencing a game for whatever reason will be taken off that match so that the following matches may commence at the scheduled time.

7.6 Match Results and Team Sheets

- (a) It is the responsibility of the Club to register their Team Sheets in accordance with the procedures set down by Rugby Xplorer. The Team Sheets must show scores, scorers and any players given a temporary suspension or sent from the field as well as substitutions.
- (b) All clubs must enter the results of all games on line via Rugby Xplorer by no later than noon on the first working day – usually Monday following completion of the game. Information entered must include;
1. Result of Game
 2. Point Scorers i.e.
 - Tries
 - Conversions
 - Penalties
 - Drop goals
 - Penalty tries
 - Players temporarily suspended (yellow card) – both teams
 - Players sent from the field of play (red card) – both teams
 - Players issued with a Concussion Management (Blue) Card
 3. A player receiving a red card in one match cannot play in another match the same weekend and cannot play in any until appearing before the SCRUI Judicial Committee.
- (c) Any Club playing a player who is not registered via Rugby Xplorer, and/or plays them under the name of another player will receive a written warning/admonishment for the first offence. A \$500 penalty for the second offence, payable before the relevant team plays the next match. A third offence will result in the loss of four (4) competition points for the offending team. The same penalties will apply to a Club that enters the name of a player who does not play in a match. Only Reserves who actually take the field should be left on a team sheet.
- (d) Failure to enter results into Rugby Xplorer on time will incur a penalty. Firstly a written warning, followed by a \$500 fine for every breach, payable before the offending team plays their next match.
- (e) Once a player takes the field in an A Grade match (starting or replacement) he is no longer eligible to play in a Cricks Cup fixture. Eligibility requests to the Competition Committee must be made by 12 noon Monday prior to the requested game.

7.7 Finals Series

(a) Venues, Times and Duration

1. All semi-final and grand final matches in all grades will be played at the venues as follows:

Semi final 1 at the home ground of the Club finishing first on the A Grade ladder.

Semi final 2 at the home ground of the A Grade team finishing third on the A Grade ladder

Elimination final at the home ground of the team finishing second on the A Grade ladder.

Grand final at the home ground of the A Grade Club winning WEEK 1 SEMI FINAL.

For a three (3) week finals series, the format will be as follows:

Week 1 Semi Finals. A Grade, Reserve Grade, and Womens – Semi Final matches will consist of Semi final 1, 1st v 2nd and Semi final 2, 3rd v 4th.

Week 2 Elimination Finals – Matches for A Grade, Reserve Grade and Womens a will consist of the loser of 1v2 playing the winner of 3rd v 4th from Week 1.

Week 3 Grand Finals. A Grade, Reserve Grade, and Womens – Winner of 1st v 2nd Week 1 v winner of elimination final in week 2.

For Cricks Cup Semi Final 1 Home ground of team finishing first 1v2. Semi Final 2 home ground of team finishing third 3v4. Week 2 loser of 1v2 at home to winner 3v4. Grand final at home of winner 1v2.

- (b) No player shall be eligible to play any Cricks Cup Finals games if that player has played more Reserve Grade matches as a starting player than Cricks Cup matches.

2. All matches are to be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game, specifically Law 5.

▪ Grade	▪ Time	▪ Injury Time	▪ Half Time
▪ Open A Grade	▪ 2 x 40 minutes	▪ Yes	▪ 5 minutes
▪ Reserve Grade, Cricks Cup	▪ 2 x 35 minutes	▪ No	▪ 5 minutes
▪ Women	▪ 2 x 35 minutes	▪ Yes ▪ Yellow card 5 mins.	▪ 5 minutes

3. In the event of the scores being equal at full time in A, Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup men's Semi-final and Grand final matches, the following shall apply:

- I. Two (2) x 10 (10) minute periods plus injury time to be played – with a one (1) minute interval – each ten (10) minute period plus injury time will commence with a kick-off i.e. first period by the team that originally commenced the match etc.; then if no result
- II. Higher placed team from the regular season; then if no result

III. Most tries in the actual game; then if no result

IV. First try in the game: then if no result

V. Coin Toss

4. In the event of the scores being equal at full time in Senior Womens , Semi-final and Grand final matches, the following shall apply:

I. Two (2) x (7) seven minute periods plus injury time to be played – with a one (1) minute interval – each seven (7) minute period plus injury time will commence with a kick-off i.e. first period by the team that originally commenced the match etc.; then if no result

II. Higher placed team from the regular season; then if no result

III.. Most tries in the actual game; then if n

IV. First try in the game: then if no result

V. Coin Toss

5. If two or more teams are on the same Competition Points at the end of the regular season then the following shall apply to Semi Final matches –

I. For and Against

II. Number of wins during the regular season

III. Number of tries scored in the regular season

IV. Season record between the two teams

V. Coin toss

(b) Finals Series Player Eligibility

Senior Competition Committee requirements for players to be eligible to participate in the finals -

1. A player must have been registered on Rugby Xplorer

2. A player shall not be eligible to play in the Final series for A Grade Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup unless they have played a minimum of 4 (four) weeks in competition matches for their Club prior to the Finals Series. A player shall not be eligible to play in the Final series for Senior Women unless they have played a minimum of 4 (four) weeks in competition matches for their Club prior to the Finals Series. Representative fixture games as sanctioned ARU, QRU, QCRU and SCRUC will count as eligible weekends when those games occur on the same dates as fixtures in the local competition.

3. A player shall not be eligible to play in the finals series in a lower grade after having taken part as a member of the 'run on' (starting) team in a any higher grade in more than six (6) matches during the season in A Grade and Reserve Grade.

(c) Eligibility for Finals Series

Eligibility is at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

1. All applications must be received in writing by the Competition Manager no later than 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the commencement of the finals series.
2. The Competition Manager will ascertain the eligibility of the players and submit to the Competition Committee by 1700 Monday. The Competition Committee may exercise its discretionary power to approve the application where failure to be in the team in four (4) weeks in A Grade, Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup has been caused by injury, forfeit, and any reasons deemed relevant by the Committee.
3. There shall be a right of appeal to the SCRU Board from any decision of the Competition Committee by a person affected by such a decision. Such appeals must be lodged in writing with the Competition Manager before 1600 on the second day after the decision of the Competition Committee has been given. Each notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 which shall be forfeited to the Union if the appeal is held by the SCRU Board to be groundless.
4. Eligibility will not be considered if a player has not been registered at a time that would allow the required number of games to be played.

(d) Information lodgement

Before any Finals Series game can commence, certain information must be lodged with the Competition Manager/Referee Managers:

1. Team sheets clearly indicating six (6) eligible front row players must be lodged at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of a game.
2. Replacement cards must be obtained from the Referee Managers at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Replacements must report to the Referee Managers with the appropriate card prior to entering the field of play.
3. Correct team member names must be entered into the Match day app prior to kick-off. All scores, player movements, red, yellow or blue cards must be entered.
4. Player numbers.
A Grade a maximum of 23 players with maximum 8 movements. Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup a maximum of 23 players with a maximum of 12 movements. Womens Unlimited reserves with unlimited movements.

Any Club failing to comply with match day requirements in a Finals match may incur a reversal of the result and/or a substantial financial penalty.

7.8.1 Additional Rule for A Grade, Reserve Grade

If a team calls uncontested scrums before kick off, that team will lose 2 competition points from the total they would earn in that game. If both teams call for uncontested scrums before kick off, they will both be liable for this sanction..

If a team calls uncontested scrums during the game laws 3.13 to 3.20 will apply with the exception of 3.18.

7.8.2 Law and Regulation Clarifications

The SCRU has adopted Rule 5 Law and Regulations Clarifications. Each team, both A Grade Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup is allowed a maximum of 23 nominated players with a maximum of 8 movements in A Grade, 12 movements in Reserve Grade and Cricks Cup. Womens 15 a side are allowed unlimited reserves and movements. Team Sheets are to be lodged on Rugby Xplorer prior of the scheduled kick off time.

7.9 Additional Rules for Senior Women 15 a side

Players	Scrum	Time	
15	8	35 minute halves, 5 min half time	
14	7	35 minute halves, 5 min half time	
13	6	30 minute halves, 5 min half time	Less than 12 players ia a forfeit

The team with fewer numbers can have a maximum of 2 reserves up to 15 a side. The team with fewer numbers must consider player safety if choosing to play with 1 or no reserves.

Where 15 players are not available, teams will enter the field of play with equal numbers down to and including 13 players. Once a match commences, matching numbers is not a requirement. If there is an injury after starting a 13 a side game with no available replacement, the game can continue with 12 a side with no forfeit. At 11 players the game is a forfeit. The score for the game shall be as rule 7.4(A).

A team unable to field 13 players at the start of the game shall forfeit the fixture. A “friendly” match may be played with equal numbers down to 7.

Scrum shall consist of 8 players for 15 a side, 7 players for 14 a side and 6 players for 13 and 12 a side. No wheeling will be permitted in scrums. The number 8 is the only player allowed to detach from the scrum and attack from set piece.

Contested scrums are preferred. Up to and including Round 7 uncontested scrums may be played subject to agreement by both teams prior to game commencement. Starting Round 8 If either or both teams calls uncontested scrums before kick off, that team will lose 2 competition points from the total they would earn in that game. If a team calls uncontested scrums during the game laws 3.13 to 3.20 will apply with the exception of 3.18.

If a front row is sent off and there is no replacement scrums will go uncontested with the full number of players appropriate to team numbers. Starting with Round 8 scrums will be contested. Semi Finals and Finals must be played with contested scrums.

For the scrum halves World Rugby Law 19. 27 to 32 apply.

Dispensation

As per Rugby Australia Dispensation Policy. Players 17 turning 18 in the competition year must complete a consent form on Rugby Xplorer. Players 16 turning 17 or 15 turning 16 in the competition year must apply for dispensation through Rugby Xplorer. Players will be considered for dispensation if they can demonstrate high level representative rugby experience, specifically outside Youth 7's. SCRU will advise parents once assessments and Competition Manager review has been completed.

8 WET WEATHER POLICY

In the event that the venue of a match or matches be made unplayable due to weather, it will be the responsibility of the "home" club to advise the Competition Manager at least 24hrs prior to the first match taking place. The Senior Competition Committee will there by proceed as outlined in 7.2.

9 Guidelines for hosting Senior Competition games

HOSTING VENUES MUST COMPLY WITH ALL COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS

- * First aid cover for A Grade, Reserve Grade and Senior Womens games to be provided by SCR.U.
- * First aid cover for Cricks Cup and Womens games will be provided by SCR.U.
- * Match balls to be provided for games involving host Club.
- * Match balls for games where host Club not involved to be provided by host Clubs.
- * Host Clubs to provide ball boys/girls for all matches.
- * Where specific facilities do not exist, adequate consideration to be given to suitable Womens dressing rooms.
- * Suitable, mature Lines person (1 host Club, 1 visitor Club) to be provided where required. Need to have completed Smart Rugby on line.
- * NO DOGS ALLOWED. Large Council fines can apply.
- * Fields to be properly roped with goal post pads in place.
- * Clearly identified Ground Marshalls to be provided, one by each Club per game. Ground Marshalls must have completed the Rugby Australia Ground Marshall Programme via the Learning Centre on Rugby Xplorer and must be over 18. Ground Marshalls to be present on the ground at all times and be clearly recognisable by all attendees (including referees, opposition teams, spectators, etc.). Ground Marshalls must report to the match referee 10 minutes before game start. Referees will not start a game unless both Ground Marshalls are identified. Failure by a Club to provide Ground Marshalls may result in sanctions by SCR.U Competition Manager. Home side Ground Marshall to be the primary Ground Marshall. No consumption of alcohol by Ground Marshalls when on duty.

10 Referee abuse

An offending person is to be advised by the Ground Marshalls that Referee abuse is contrary to and a serious breach of The Rugby Australia Code of Conduct. If offending continues the host Club Ground Marshall may ask the offender to leave the ground and report the offender's name to the host Club President.

Referees can also lodge an official complaint to Rugby Australia. This will be forwarded to SCDRRA (local referees) and SCR.U. SCR.U will then contact Club concerned requesting measures be taken to discipline the offender. Club to notify SCR.U of action taken.