

Number of Kids in the Under 6 – Under 12 Competition

Please refer to the below for a list of changes in the Under 6- Under 12 Competition.

The main changes relate to the:

- **Under 8 – NOW 7 – a –side NOT 10**
- **Under 11 – NOW 12- a- side NOT 15**

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
Game Style	Small-Sided Games	7-a-side Tag	7-a-side Tackle	10-a-side Tackle	12-a-side Tackle		15-a-side Tackle
Skills Focus	Evasion and Tag Catch and Pass Running Scoring Tries Enjoyment		Tackle Ruck Maul	Attack Defence	Kick in General Play Contested Scrum and Line-out		Positional Awareness
Playing Area	1/4 field		1/2 field		Full field less 10m width		Full field
Playing Time	2 x 15mins (U6: 1 x 15 mins small-sided games and 1 x15 mins tag)		2 x 15 mins	2 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins		2 x 25

2. Import Rule

- For each Age Group a club cannot register more than **two (2)** Imports from **any** other club.
- In exceptional circumstances a player or Club may appeal to the Competition Manager to be given dispensation from the Import Rule.

3. Maximum number of Players allowed to Sign on

The maximum number of players allowed to sign on and be used in a Match has changed.

- **12-a-side competitions can only sign on 18 players**
- **15-a-side competition can only sign on 23 players**

Clubs may choose to have squads larger than 18 or 23 but only a maximum of 18 and 23 players will be allowed to participate in their respective competition matches.

4. Assistant Referees (Touch Judges) & Bonus Points

All teams from Round five (5) onwards will be required to supply a qualified touch judge for their matches in order to receive a bonus points. Any team who does not supply a touch judge from Round 5 onwards will need to write to the Competition Manager to show cause why they should receive the bonus point.

Touch judge lite courses will be made available free of charge for all Under 12 teams ONLY. Please organise your members to be qualified before the start of Round 5 to avoid any disappointment. Referee Assistant courses calendar is now available on the NSW Rugby Website.

5. Plate Finals

All teams in the Under 10 to Under 15 (inclusive) will be participating in PLATE FINALS. For:

- 6 team competitions – 4 v 5
- 8 & 10 team competition – 5 v 8 & 6 v 7 with winner of each advancing to the Grand Final

Please note that Plate Grand Finals will be held ONE(1) week earlier than Cup Grand Finals.

Please be sure to remind your parents that the competition will not be completed till the last weekend in August (weather permitting).

The final copy of the Competition Rules will be released in February.