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Dear Colleague

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS – OPERATIONAL RULES TIERS FOUR TO SIX**

Please find attached the draft Operational Rules Tiers Four to Six (Community Game) for 2016.

The document contains tracked changes to highlight proposed changes made against last year's rules.

Could I please ask that all Leagues circulate these to all the clubs within your League and collate any feedback that clubs or indeed you as a League may have.

This is an annual process that will take place to ensure that the rules are fit for purpose and allow Leagues and Clubs the opportunity to feedback any suggested amendments they may have.

All feedback will then be compiled into a report and submitted to the Community Board Regulatory Group and the Community Board before a final version is agreed and circulated.

I have detailed below the timescales involved.

- 14th September – consultation closes
- 29th September - Community Board Regulatory Group meet to consider changes and make recommendations to the Community Board
- 7th October - Community Board meet to agree any changes.
- 4th December - RFL Board meet to approve all the changes.

To ease the review of the rules I have prepared an explanation (see below) of amendments that have a consequence on the operational and practical implementation of the Operational Rules.

There are a few additional changes within the rules that are not commented on because they are simply tidying up of the document.

### **Definitions**

- I. "Match Officials Development Officers" has been deleted as there is no longer reference to this in the rules.
- II. "Misconduct" – The definition has been amended following feedback from Disciplinary Panels to make this easier to read.

Other definitions have been added as rules have been amended to simplify wording and to clarify changes.

## Section A

- A1:2 Inserted to clarify relationship between the RFL and League to ensure compliance with Operational Rules.
- A1:3 Amended to reflect change in RFL policies.
- A1:5 Additional wording to clarify the relationship between the RFL and the League.
- A1: 9 Wording added at the request of Leagues.
- A3:1:3 Wording inserted to reflect the use of artificial grass pitches in the Community Game.
- A4:1 Wording amended to clarify monies that could be payable.

## Section B

- B2:5 Wording added to clarify obligations on clubs on match days
- B2:6 Wording added due to amendment to the Misconduct section
- B2:7 Wording added to clarify decision making process in respect of abandonment of matches.
- B2:10 Amendments relate to clarify the First Aid Standards.

## Section C

- C1 Words inserted to clarify who is bound by the Operational Rules and what obligations those people have.
- C1:3 Wording deleted as this has moved to section C1
- C2:3:5 Wording inserted to clarify who is responsible for correct registration
- C2:4 Wording inserted to envisage the roll out of dual registration. Further regulations will be issued in due course.
- C2:10 - C2:12 Transfers

A meeting was held with all Youth and Junior Leagues who created a working party to produce consistent rules that could be applied across the Community Game at the respective age group.

It was agreed that there would be some general rules governing all transfers (as set out in section C2:10) but also rules that related specially to Primary Rugby League (see rules at section see C2:11) and Under 12-Under 18 (see rules at section C2:12)

The rules as now drafted were considered by that group and deemed to be appropriate.

- C3 Deletion of rule C3:1:4 this is included in section C1

## Section D

D2 Wording inserted to make it easier for Leagues to administer this section.

D3:1:2 Wording inserted as it is the RFL as the Governing Body who would have to deal with Misconduct by Leagues and Management Groups.

I would appreciate it if all Leagues could submit all their feedback by the 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you would prefer a clean copy without the tracked changes please let me know.

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes



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