

Girls

Club Conference

Schools Cup

Club Cup (including Cup and Shield competitions)

2 Dates for 2018 and 2019

Close Time begins 21 May 2018

Close Time ends 3 August 2018

Close Time begins 20 May 2019

Close Time ends 2 August 2019

Schools & Youth Competition Protocols

1. Schools and clubs must attend annual conference/fixture meetings to agree fixture details (venue, kick-off time) of all matches for the coming season.
2. Schools and clubs must register all players prior to the start of the season and must promptly update player registration details as required throughout the season.
3. Any school that intends to field players not currently enrolled at that school must submit an 'External Player Application' to the Schools & Youth Competitions Secretary. This must be done as far in advance as practicable. [Relevant for teams involved in School Conferences and Cups only.]
4. On the week of a fixture the home school or club must re-confirm with their opposition the venue, kick-off time(s) and team colours. That must be done at least 72 hours before the match(es).
5. For matches that are not covered by appointments made by Scottish Rugby or the local Referees' Society the host school or club is responsible for organising the match officials.
6. The host school or club must confirm match arrangements to match officials at least 72 hours in advance of the kick-off. If any change is made to the venue or kick-off time for a match, the host school or club must inform the referee without delay.
7. Whenever weather forecasts highlight conditions which might adversely affect the pitch or pitches the host school or club must contact the opposition at least 72 hours before kick-off to ascertain the match-day departure time of the travelling school or club. At that time an arrangement must be made for the host school or club to contact the opposition before departure. At that time, if the pitch conditions are doubtful, representatives of the hosts and visitors should discuss whether the latter should travel. If the visitors decide to travel the hosts must maintain regular contact to update the visitors on whether ground conditions are improving or worsening. Notwithstanding the above, it is the responsibility of the hosts to contact the opposition and the referee as soon as a decision is made that ground conditions are such the match or matches must be called off.

8. Attention is drawn to the rule providing the procedure where, immediately before a match, there is doubt on the fitness of a pitch or conditions for play. The final decision shall be jointly made by the coach of each team. If the coaches disagree then the referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable. If either coach still disagrees with the referee's decision the match will not be played, and the circumstances will be reported to Scottish Rugby's Schools and Youth Competitions Committee. After kick-off in any match, regardless of whether the pitch was doubtful, it is solely the right of the referee to end play if he deems conditions to be dangerous.
9. Each school or club shall supply one Touch Judge for each match. It is expected that this will be an adult for all under-18 matches.
10. For each under-18, under-16 and under-15 match (1st XV, A team only) a completed team sheet must be handed to the referee and the opposition at least 30 minutes before kick-off. A copy must also be submitted to Scottish Rugby in the prescribed form within 48 hours of kick-off.
11. The home school or club is responsible for reporting the results of all matches in accordance with the Competitions' Results Reporting Procedure.
12. Schools and clubs must report all serious injuries to Scottish Rugby. Instructions can be found on the Scottish Rugby website.
13. The host school or club must provide an appropriate level of post-match hospitality. All coaches, team officials and players are expected to attend.
14. Coaches must not engage with match officials during the half-time interval.
15. After the match players and coaches must refrain from discussing contentious issues emanating from the game with match officials until at least 20 minutes after the final whistle. Thereafter all participants in the match are encouraged to discuss aspects of the game.
16. For matches where a match official has been appointed by Scottish Rugby or a regional referees' society coaches are encouraged to comment on the performance of the match officials by completing the 'Report on Referee' form. Schools and clubs can request a supply of report cards from Scottish Rugby's Referee Manager at BT Murrayfield.
17. If a school or club wishes to complain about the behaviour of a match official, a 'Complaint on Behaviour of Match Official' form should be completed and returned to BT Murrayfield for the attention of Scottish Rugby's Referee Manager.
18. All involved with Schools and Youth rugby in Scotland must adhere to all relevant Scottish Rugby policies and protocols, including but not limited to those associated with Player Registration and Serious Injury Reporting.