

SWWhistler October 2009

Law changes for 2009/10 season

Part of November's meeting will be reviewing them so please save your questions for that meeting.

STOP PRESS BELOW IN SWWHISTLER UDATE FROM JONAP SURREY MERIT LEAGUE

Next two SW Regional meetings

We will be having a scrum presentation at our meeting on **Monday 28th September** by one of our guest speakers from the North Region.

We will be continuing the CRDA course at our Regional meetings on **Monday 26th of October** with Ian McGraw introducing the Line-Out Module.

The final two modules for this season will be done at our January and March meetings.

The fitness module which will be held during next summer will be discussed with you shortly.

Please can everyone e-mail me the modules they have not attended so we can arrange for you to attend catch up sessions next January and next summer at eric.hewitt@steria.co.uk so I can collate these.

Blue Cards

Please can you make sure that you return all your blue cards for each match you do to Phil Dimes (new supply of cards available at meetings), he is quite willing to collect a bundle from you at each meeting. Please can we have one for each match that you officiate within the SW Region.

It is most important that we get feedback on the clubs/schools, where not only we experience problems but also even if a club are really good because Phil awards points for each card and the best score will have a representative(s) invited to the Society Dinner to receive their award (please see website update below).

That leads nicely on to the Society Dinner 26th November 2009 at the RAC Club Pall Mall, which again the South West would like a good attendance, details are in the Society Handbook please see below in [Website Update](#).

IRB Aid Kit

Please if you have any unused kit rather than throwing it out could you please let Sarah Stanley have it (01372 270454 call her first to make arrangements about getting the Kit to her) so it can be passed on to good causes.

CRB- For all those members who have either not received their CRB certificate or have not applied for one please contact Phil to complete it. Edward Evans , General Secretary of London Society has issued that there will be a time that if you do not have a valid RFU one you will NOT be allowed to referee a London Society appointed match. So please help Phil out to keep his records up to date and save him chasing you. **DO the honourable thing.**

Please note if you are not CRB cleared and you choose to do a local school or club game you are not covered by London Society insurance. You must make sure you are covered by the school/club but you will not be officially appointed by the Society to do this fixture. Any problems with this please contact Phil before accepting the match.

Error! No text of specified style in document.

Red Cards

If you issue any red card for whatever reason the sending off report **MUST GO TO PHIL DIMES FIRST**. (And only Phil Dimes initially, he will forward it to the correct people once the report is correct, thanks)

Website update London Society website is up and running and it would be advisable if you could check it regularly for details of all meetings Central and Regional and any news that may need to be announced urgently (IRB Rulings now added direct to website as this SWWhister was being written)
Below is some extra functionality that is now available:-

The new Society Web Site is now live. The address hasn't changed – www.londonrugby.com – I hope you will begin to use it as your “home page” from now on! The site is by no means finished – indeed it never will be as it is the intention of all involved to keep updating the data it holds so as to keep the site “fresh”. To achieve that we need everyone to suggest changes and to submit items for inclusion, remember it's **your site** and will only ever be as good as the data it holds. The intention is to have a representative from each Region (SW Region John Durkin) to manage and maintain the Regional Pages whilst Steve Hancock will oversee the site as a whole. Please send in articles and pictures (via Phil Dimes and John Durkin) and we will use them as and where we can. Whilst the site contains many of the items that were on the old site (forms and contact information for example) I'd like to draw your attention to some of the “New Features” that will be with us in the next couple of weeks (now as below). There will be the facility to order tickets to our Annual Dinner and to the forthcoming 6 Nations games online. To do this you will need to register once with ‘Google Click’ as we will utilise this functionality to manage the financial side of the process. By doing so we do not need to hold and of the financial details of debit/credit cards. Online tickets will be available via the Members Services section thus meaning only Society Members will be able to access this facility. Within that section we will also be putting reports that show forthcoming appointments for both weekend and midweek games. Finally we will also be putting the “Blue Club Assessment Cards” online. It is expected that after every game you will log on and input your assessment of the Home Club. This information will help us to work with Clubs and Schools to ensure every referee we appoint is well received and looked after as we would expect them to be.

1 Sending off form now revised

2 The latest addition to our Web Site is a set of reports that list all of the forthcoming weekend's games for each Region (a consolidated report will soon be available). These are available on both the public facing web site – www.londonrugby.com and also in the Members Services section which is only available to Society members (accessible from the main web site). For the public site simply click on the main FIXTURES tab and in the “Quick Links” panel on the right hand side of the screen you will see the links to the reports. There is also a Midweek report to be found there and this depicts all the Midweek fixtures for the next two weeks. All reports are updated every 24 hours so should be very accurate. We will be adding the Adviser appointments to these reports in the near future so that provided an adviser (or coach) has been appointed to a game on our EasyRef system then that appointment will be included on the report.

If you are logged in to the Members Services site you will find the same reports (Midweek is not there yet but is coming) if you click on the REGIONAL DOCS tab then select the Region you wish to review. These reports are copies of those detailed above

Error! No text of specified style in document.

3 The process for buying a ticket to our Annual Dinner just got easier! You can now purchase online via our web site www.londonrugby.com it couldn't be easier. All you need to do is, as part of the process, register with Google Click (if you don't already have an account with them) and then complete the simple application form. From the front page of our web site you will be directed to the "Members Services" site so you will need to have your username and password for that site ready. Apart from that it couldn't be easier. We will soon be putting the 6 Nations ticket application online via a very similar process. Keep checking the home page of our web site for more details.

UPDATE FROM JONAP SURREY MERIT LEAGUE

We do everything we can to ensure that games are played, even if one team can't quite rustle up the normal playing strength. Accordingly we shall continue with the rule that no team may start a game with more than one more player than their opposition.

The other rule (exactly as before) which is peculiar to the reserve leagues is that we allow up to 7 replacements and a replaced player can come back on for any injury. This is so that teams who are lucky enough to have too many players can give them all a game without worrying about keeping some back to cover injury.

I attach the rules in their entirety (see other attachment), but please draw your members' attention to the following

6 (a) Replacement of injured players and substitutes will be permitted up to a maximum of 7 players as per the IRB laws of the game, except that:

6 (b) There is no specific requirement for clubs to have specialised front-row replacements in the event of injury.

6 (c) A previously substituted player may return to the field in the case of any injury to another player as per the IRB law relating to blood injuries. However only a player who has suffered a blood injury may return to the field.

6 (d) Rolling substitutions are not allowed except with the agreement of both Captains and the referee PRIOR to the kick off.

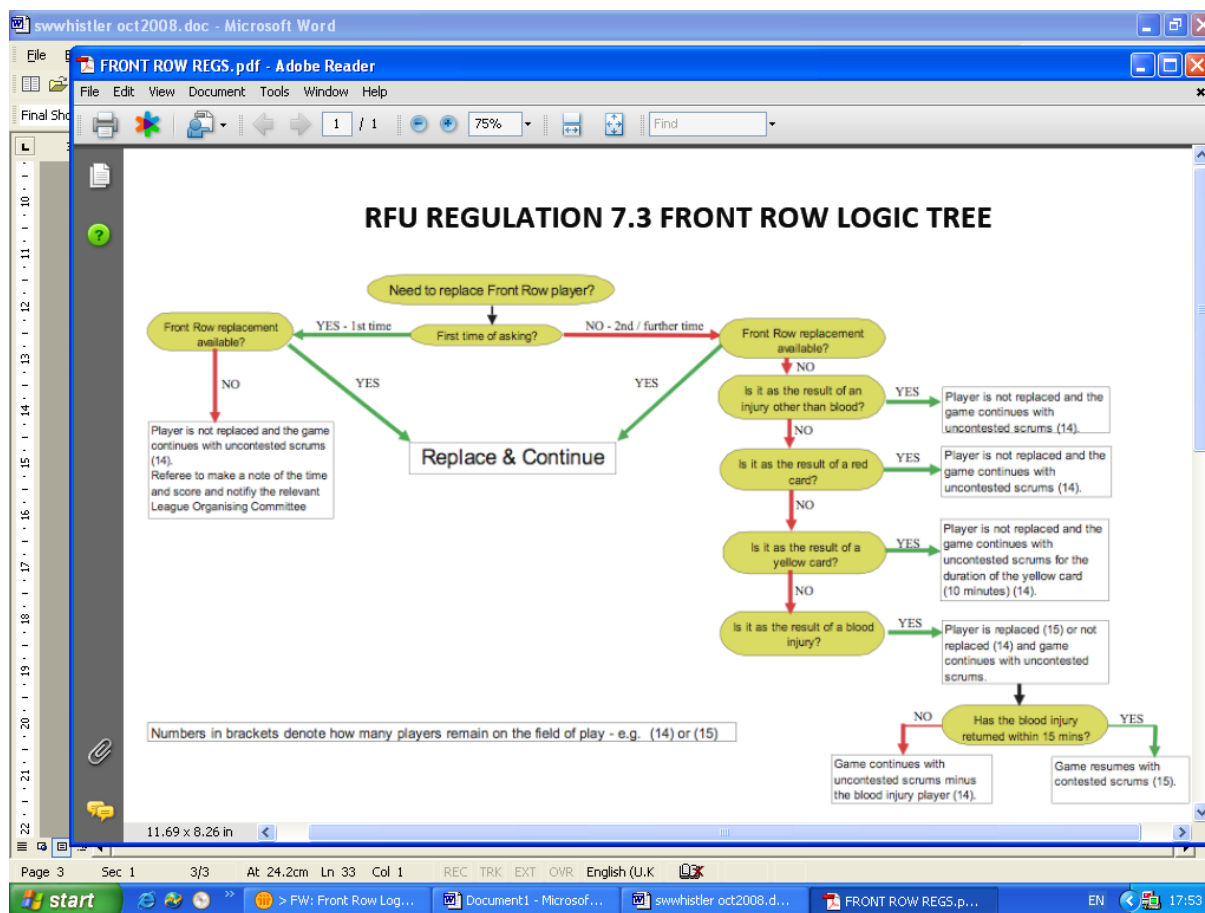
6 (e) In the event of a Competition League match being started and played for more than half a game with uncontested scrums through the inability of one of the clubs to field a full front row, the offending team will be deducted one 'league point' from the points awarded for that match, and will also be obliged to play with one less player (i.e. with a maximum of 14) as per rule 7(b). Should they subsequently be able to contest scrums they can bring on the missing player.

7 (a) Teams are encouraged to play games with any number of players. No team may play a team with more than one extra player. The minimum number allowed to start a game is 10 players' verses 11 players. Teams are encouraged to lend players to make the numbers greater (11 v 12, 12 v 13, 13 v 14, etc).

7 (b) A team responsible for a game going to uncontested scrums shall have a player removed from the pitch for the remainder of the game, unless the reason for going to uncontested scrums is to treat a blood injury. A time limit of 15 minutes applies for a blood injury in these circumstances. The August 2009 RFU directions for League matches on this will be followed.

Replacements

For those of you who have not received a copy of the “tree map “regarding replacements this season please see below. If you are doing any competitions outside of London please check the local Society regulations as they may be different at the lower levels of our game from those in London.



A lengthy SWHistler but I hope it has been worth the read many thanks to Eric for putting the majority of this copy together.

See you at the meeting 28th September at KCS Old Boys Motspur Park KT3 6LX

Cheers

Phil Dimes SW Regional Manager