

SWWhistler November 2009

Law changes for 2009/10 season

November's meeting will be reviewing them so please save your questions for that meeting or e-mail Eric or Bob Ockenden if you cannot attend so they can be raised.

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For Jonap League matches, if at the start of the match uncontested scrums are declared, the team declaring them starts with 14 players, if a player turns up, and can play front row, the numbers are back to 15 and the match continues with contested scrums.

If the referee declares scrums unsafe at any point uncontested scrums will be ordered for both sides but remaining with 15 players per team

Next two SW Regional meetings

The meeting on Monday 23rd of November will be with Uncle Bob reviewing the new law changes for this season as he will require feedback on the positives and negatives that we have had from clubs and from our personal experiences.

The second half of the meeting will be a presentation by ex-Premiership Referee Roy Maybank on how to handle difficult players and captains who do not adhere to your briefing requirements.

Our December meeting on the 21st will be a light hearted Quiz evening with the Questions set by your Editor.

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](#).

The reason for this reminder is that **Sarah Stanley has a spare ticket** if anyone still needs one as Sarah unfortunately cannot now attend. Please contact Sarah direct if you wish to purchase her ticket.

The Burns Supper will be held at Sutton and Epsom RFC on Saturday 23rd of January 2010. For details please contact Ian McGraw or see him at the November meeting.

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Re-appointments

If you are unavailable for any of the Saturdays/Sundays below or suddenly become available when at first you said you were unavailable, PLEASE do not contact Phil or Richard but please contact the following members of the re-appointments team (their e-mail addresses/telephone numbers are in the London Society Handbook)

W/e 28th/ 29th November and 5th/6th December - Frank Venner

National School Sevens 2010- This will take place from the 22nd until 26th of March 2010, you MUST be CRB approved and also been sanctioned by Phil to take part in this event. The application forms for referees wanting to take part from Monday to Thursday have already been despatched by e-mail and MUST be returned by 11th of January 2010 in order to get your name in the programme. Even if you only want to do a day or even a half day you will be accommodated.

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, Hon General Secretary of London Society has mentioned that there might 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.

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:-

Please note John Durkin, our Regional Website IT manager has put details of the SWWHistlers and some photos of our referees in action on there for your perusal on the SW Regions page.

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Below in response to a request from Andy Morris, here is a reminder of the updates for Jonap games. We are awaiting Tony Price also updating this on the Surrey Rugby Website page as well.

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).

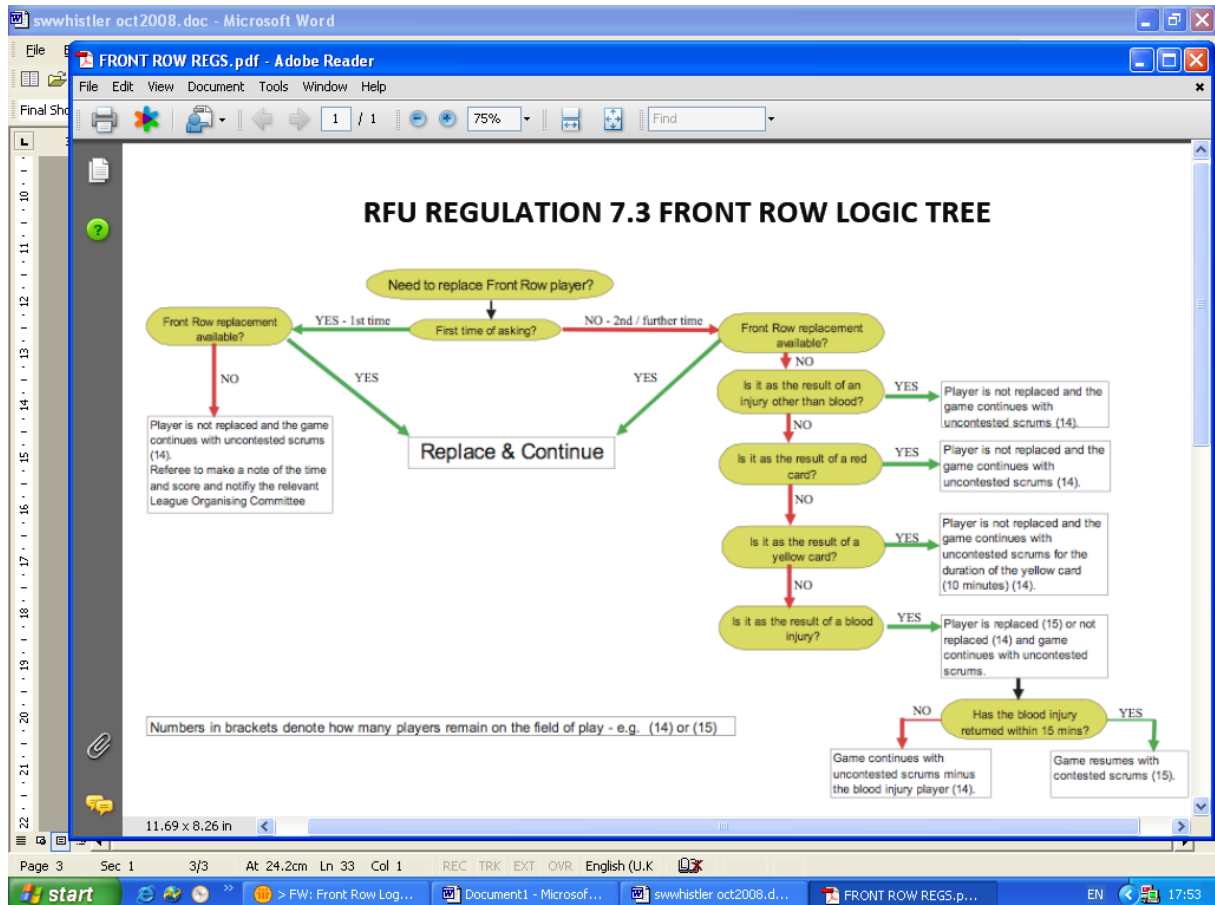
7 (b) A team responsible for a game going to uncontested scrums shall have a player removed from the pitch for the remainder of the game, unless the reason for going to uncontested scrums is to treat a blood injury. A time limit of 15 minutes applies for a blood injury in these circumstances. The August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

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Replacements

There are still some issues with so please make sure you have a printed copy with you in your kit bag so you can advise teams of the requirements and thus have yourself covered.

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 SWWhistler 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 23rd November at KCS Old Boys Motspur Park KT3 6LX

Cheers

Phil Dimes SW Regional Manager