



SMALL BLACKS DEVELOPMENT MODEL

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APPLAUD

Together we can create a great experience for everyone in rugby by role modelling good sideline behaviour and calling out bad sideline behaviour. Applaud is a New Zealand Rugby programme that outlines the expectations for all parents, caregivers, and spectators of rugby.

These are:

- be a good role model
- calmly call out any bad behaviour when you see or hear it
- remember children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours
- respect officials' and coaches' decisions even if you don't agree
- applaud good play and performances by both teams
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- thank the coaches, officials, and other volunteers
- assist when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights and dignity of everyone in the game and
- behave appropriately at pre- and post-match functions.

Help us keep kids in sport by creating a positive rugby environment in schools and clubs.

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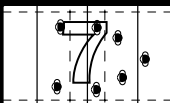
FIELD SIZE

$\frac{1}{4}$ field = 40m x 27.5m max. Use small post at ends if available.



NUMBERS PER TEAM

7-a-side. If a team doesn't have enough players to start a game, it should then be played with equal numbers.



GAME LENGTH

4 x 10 minutes maximum.



REFEREE

Beginning coach.



BALL SIZE

Size 2.5 or 3 balls.



KICKING

No kicking in general play.



TACKLE (RIP)

When 'rip' is made, player passes the ball. Ripper flags should be 33cm x 5cm.



RESTART

Tap and pass to be rotated through all players.



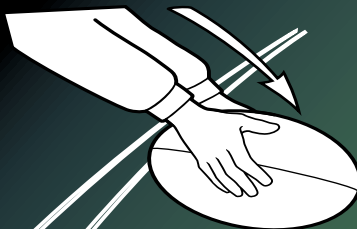
PENALTY

Tap and pass.



TRY

If score blow-outs are occurring (ie 35+ at halftime), both coaches MUST meet and come to an agreement as to how they can generate a more even contest. Try = 5 pts.



FUN ACHIEVE BELONG SAFE

FABS

- Fun is a key component of success in sport and life.
- Every player and coach are capable of achieving.
- Rugby brings people together.
- Safety is keeping all participants in our game safe physically and mentally.