

## 2010 RULES AND REGULATION AMMENDMENTS

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1.6 The Composition of the RRC is:

- Rugby Alberta Board Member.
- 2 other Members appointed annually.

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### Added

3.1.2 All volunteers working with or coaching minors under the age of 18 must carry out a Police Check under the vulnerable sector act. Information can be found at [www.albertajuniorrugby.com](http://www.albertajuniorrugby.com)

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3.2.3 Approval of senior teams for the season will take place once fifteen (15) players per team have been registered into the Rugby Canada IT Registration database.  
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- 3.3.7 For teams entering Alberta Junior Rugby Association League competition a \$100 bond will be collected which will be refundable if a team completes a season without default.

### 3.4 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 3.41 All persons active in a Club must complete, date and sign a registration form. This includes players, coaches, managers, therapists; board of directors, etc...Registration provides liability and accident insurance coverage.

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- 3.4.3 All players that qualify as an under 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> **must register** with the Alberta Junior Rugby Association (AJRA) and the request dispensation to play up in senior rugby. If dispensation is permitted the player will be issued with a photo ID card that permits them to play in Rugby Alberta's senior leagues.

- 3.4.3 In the event that a U-18 shows advanced physical development and skills, an application in writing may be made to AJRA, requesting that the junior player be permitted to participate in senior rugby. If dispensation is permitted the player will be issued with a photo ID card that permits them to play in Rugby Alberta's senior leagues. Once a player turns eighteen, dispensation is no longer required; however the sub-union that the player intends to play for must be notified and that player must transferred in the ID system to a Senior player and a senior ID card produces

- 3.7.2 Only a player who is currently registered with Rugby Alberta and its Sub-Unions shall be able to participate in competitions organized, recognized or sanctioned by that Union. A player may not be registered simultaneously with more than one Provincial or Sub-Union. The Union with which he/she was **initially** registered shall determine the status of a player.

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## 3.8 FOREIGN PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.8.1 All foreign players coming to Canada must be cleared through Rugby Canada and their existing Rugby Union. Foreign players should contact their respective Sub-Union to make sure an International Rugby Board (IRB) clearance form is completed. A foreign player is not permitted to take the field of play in Canada until the IRB clearance form has been approved by Rugby Canada. A player ID Card will not be produced for a player that has not been cleared through the IRB process.
- 3.8.1 All foreign players coming to Canada must be cleared through Rugby Canada and their existing Rugby Union. Foreign players should contact their respective Sub-Union to make sure an International Rugby Board (IRB) clearance form has been completed and sent directly from the player's national union to Rugby Canada. A foreign player is not permitted to take the field of play in Canada until the IRB clearance form has been approved by Rugby Canada. A player ID Card will not be produced for a player that has not been cleared through the IRB process. If cubs fail to follow the international transfer protocol set out above and plays ineligible players the game or games in question will be classed as a default and sanctions set out in section ten (10) will apply
- 3.8.3 A player is no longer classed as a foreign player once they have been registered with Rugby Canada for 2 prior seasons and registers for a 3<sup>rd</sup> season. The seasons do not necessarily have to be consecutive seasons of play but must fall within a 5 year period prior to the player's 3<sup>rd</sup> season registration.
- 3.8.3 A player is no longer classed as a foreign player once they have registered with Rugby Canada for their third season. The seasons do not necessarily have to be consecutive seasons of play but must fall within a four year period prior to the player's third season of registration.
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- 3.8.5 An application by a club for dispensation for foreign player(s) may be presented to the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations Committee (RRC) a minimum of **14 days** prior to any given fixture that they wish that player to take part in. Dispensation is only needed once and the player will be cleared to play for the rest of the playing season if granted approval. All Foreign Player dispensation requested should be sent by e-mail to [www.rugbyab@telus.net](mailto:www.rugbyab@telus.net)
- 3.8.5 An application by a club for dispensation for a foreign player(s) to be classified as a resident player may be presented to the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations Committee (RRC) a minimum of **14 days** prior to any given fixture that they wish that player to take part in. Dispensation is only needed once and the player will be cleared to play for the rest of the playing season if granted approval. All Foreign Player dispensation requested should be sent by e-mail to [www.rugbyab@telus.net](mailto:www.rugbyab@telus.net).
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- 3.8.6 In the event that a club only runs a single team of a specific gender they may apply to the Rules and Regulation Committee to add a greater number of foreign players to their roster. In this case the Rules and Regulations committee reserves the right to impose rules or criteria on league play or playoff restrictions for that specific team. Each request will be dealt with on an individual case basis. This criterion does not apply to teams playing in AWP or AC competition.
- 3.8.6 In the event that a club only runs a single team of a specific gender they may apply to the Rules and Regulation Committee to play more than three foreign players in league games. In this case the Rules and

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3.8.8 If a team files a complaint in writing to Rugby Alberta. E-mail ([rugbyab@telus.net](mailto:rugbyab@telus.net)) or Fax (780) 422-5558, with regards to excess or illegal foreign players by the opposition team must provide proof to meet the criteria in (3.8.3). The opposition team will have 72 hours from the notice of the complaint to submit match to the team who filed the complaint and subsequent fines will be implemented.

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4.8 At the conclusion of the match, the appointed match official will complete the game sheet and retain his or her portion for their records. The appointed match official will then provide a duplicate of the game sheet to both teams. The winning team or, in the event of a tie, the home team, shall submit the game sheet and final score to their respective sub-union office **within 48 hours** of completion of the game. The game sheet is triplicate and the following should get a copy of the signed game sheet for clarification:

- The winning team or, in the event of a tie, the home team takes the top signed copy and is responsible for faxing or scanning by email the result to the local sub-union office (see section 12.2).
  - The losing or away team takes one duplicate copy
  - The Match official retains a copy for their records.
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### **7. SUBSTITUTIONS AND REPLACEMENTS**

7.1 Rugby Alberta and its member Sub-Unions and Clubs will follow the guidelines on substitutions according to the IRB Laws of the Game (Law 3). [www.irb.com](http://www.irb.com)

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7.1 For Rugby Alberta matches a team may nominate up to seven replacements/substitutes.

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7.3 A game in the Alberta Cup Men's, or AWP Division is forfeited by a team if the team must move to a depowered scrum because it is unable to make two trained front row substitutions due to lack of qualified front row.

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- 7.4 **The score of a forfeited game under section (7.3) shall be 20-0 in favour of the non-forfeiting team and the forfeiting team will not be docked any points as they committed and fulfilled the fixture.**
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## **8. LENGTH OF GAME**

- 8.4 If the playing time of an abandoned match amounts to less than forty minutes, then the game shall be rescheduled, the result of a shortened game would have no bearing on any league or other competition standings.
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## **9. POSTPONEMENTS**

- 9.4 A game will not be postponed due to players being on representative duties. Bonus points are awarded to losing teams if they have 3 or more registered players playing for a representative teams, (National Teams, America's Rugby Championships, RCSL National Championships, NWL Senior and U23, Rugby Alberta) on the same day as a club game.

### **Bonus Point system**

3 – 5 players (1 bonus point);

6 or more players (2 bonus points).

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**It is the clubs responsibility to inform both their Sub-Union and Rugby Alberta of any players selected to representative duties at least 48 hours before any given league game.**

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9.7 All league fixtures must be fulfilled by clubs and cannot mutually agree not to play a fixture.

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## 10. DEFAULTS

10.1 A club shall be considered to have defaulted a game in the following circumstances.

- i. Failure to fulfil an approved fixture schedule posted on the provincial or sub-union website.
- ii. Failure to have a minimum of 12 players on the field by the scheduled kick-off time.
- iii. A team plays an ineligible or unregistered player as defined by these Rules and Regulations.
- iv. Failure on the part of the home team, in the referee's discretion, to provide adequate field markings and equipment in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and in the IRB *Laws of the Game of Rugby Union*. Please refer to regulation 7.4 of these rules and regulations
- v. Failure to submit game scores in accordance with regulation 7.9 of these Rules and Regulations.

10.1 A club shall be considered to have defaulted a game in the following circumstances.

- i. Failure to fulfil an approved Rugby Alberta or Sub-Union appointed fixture.
  - ii. Failure to have a minimum of 12 players on the field by the scheduled kick-off time.
  - iii. A team plays an ineligible or unregistered player as defined by these Rules and Regulations.
  - iv. Failure on the part of the home team, to provide adequate field marking and equipment in accordance to these rules and regulation and in the IRB laws of the game, where in the referees discretion a fixture cannot be played.
  - v. Failure to submit the game sheet in accordance with regulation 4.8 of these Rules and Regulations.
  - vi. If a qualified coach is not present at all times for any AJRA sanctioned festival or league game
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## 10.2

- i. The Club shall **be deducted (5) league points from the league standings and an additional (5) points will be deducted from all teams of the same gender**. The Club must also forthwith pay a MINIMUM fine of \$750 for a default offence to the regional sub union to be dispersed as follows:
  - \$250 is to be paid to the host facility to cover facility costs.
  - In the event that **the non-defaulting** team travels, or makes arrangements to travel (outside their home City or its immediate area), the travelling team will be awarded \$250 to assist with travel expenses.

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- In the event that the **defaulting team** is the team who would have incurred the travel expenses (*E.G. Knights travelling to ERP to play Rockers*), the \$250 would stay with the sub-union.
  - All other funds will remain with the respective Sub-Union to cover any other costs associated with the default (e.g. Officials Travel & Accommodation)
  - In the event that a team defaults a play-off game an additional fine of \$250 will be levied by either the sub-union or Rugby Alberta whichever is applicable.
- ii. If a team defaults for a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) time in a season that team will be **removed from playoffs**, and an additional five (5) league points **from all** teams of the same gender will be deducted from the standings. The local Sub-Union will consider the circumstances and may apply additional fines.
- iii. If a team defaults for a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) time the club will be removed from competition and an additional five (5) league points **from all** teams of the same gender will be deducted from the standings. The Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations Committee in conjunction with the regional Sub Union will consider the circumstances and may apply additional fines if deemed appropriate.
- iv. Teams that default three times in any given season or in a playoff game will need to apply to their Sub-Union for entry into the league for the following season. The respective club's Sub Union will determine if the team will be permitted to re-enter the league in the following season. For AC & AWP teams, the club must apply to Rugby Alberta's RRC.
- v. **The score of a defaulted game shall be 20-0 in favour of the non-defaulting team and non-defaulting team will be awarded five (5) points for a bonus win. A game sheet must be submitted, by the non-defaulting team, to the respective sub-union within 48 hours of the game. If no game sheet is submitted, no points shall be awarded to either team and the game shall be recorded as not having been played (0-0).**

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- vi. **The Club shall be deducted (5) league points from the league standings and an additional (5) points will be deducted from all lower division teams of the of the same gender** The Club must also forthwith *pay a MINIMUM fine of \$1000* for a default offence to Rugby Alberta for AC and AWP and theregional sub union(s) for all lower divisions to be dispersed as follows:
- \$500 is to be paid to the host facility to cover facility costs.
  - In the event that **the non-defaulting** team travels, or makes arrangements to travel (outside their home City or its immediate area), the travelling team will be awarded \$500 to assist with travel expenses.
  - In the event that the **defaulting team** is the team who would have incurred the travel expenses (*E.G. Knights travelling to ERP to play Rockers*), the \$500 would stay with rugby Alberta (AC/AWP) or the sub-union(s) for all lower divisions
  - All other surplus funds will remain with Rugby Alberta to be placed into a rugby development trust fund for the province. These funds may be used for development initiatives as directed by the Rugby Alberta Board.

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- In the event that a team defaults a play-off game an additional fine of \$250 will be levied by Rugby Alberta
  - All surplus funds collected by Rugby Alberta for AC/ AWP and any play-off defaults will we moved to the Rugby Alberta Development fund to assist in all levels of rugby development. All funds allocated to the Rugby Alberta Development fund will be distributed by the Rugby Alberta Board as they see fit.
- vii. If a team defaults for a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) time in a season that team will not be **permitted to participate in the playoffs**, and an additional five (5) league points **from all** teams of the same gender will be deducted from the standings. The local Sub-Union will consider the circumstances and may apply additional fines.
- viii. If a team defaults for a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) time that team will be suspended from league play for the remainder of the competition and an additional five (5) league points **from all** teams of the same gender will be deducted from the standings. The Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations Committee in conjunction with the regional Sub Union will consider the circumstances and may apply additional fines if deemed appropriate.
- ix. Any team suspended from league play for defaulting three league matches will need to apply for reinstatement to their Sub-Union for entry into the league for the following season. The respective club's Sub Union will determine if the team will be permitted to re-enter the league in the following season. For AC & AWP teams, the club must apply to Rugby Alberta's RRC.
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- 12.4 In the event of a tie in the standings at the conclusion of the regular season, the following tie- breaking formula shall apply to determine the higher placed team. The formula is to be applied in the following sequence (from i. to vii). Once the tie is broken, the remainder of the sequence becomes irrelevant.
- ii. The team with the highest point percentage between the two teams that are tied.
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- ii. **In the event the teams do not play the same amount of games at the conclusion of the season, the team with the highest winning point percentage between the two teams that are tied.**
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### **Section (13.3)**

The home team will have the option of playing their **first** round playoff game at their home field or at their sub-union's main facility. **All subsequent** play-off round locations will be determined by each respective sub union. All sub-unions will be played at the sub-union facility.

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The home team will have the option of playing their playoff game(s) at their home field or at their sub-union's main facility. All sub-union finals will be played at the sub-union facility. AC and AWP divisions do not technically have sub-union finals and the home team will have the option of playing their semi-final game at their home field or at their sub-union's main facility. The team that finished highest in the standings will get home team advantage.

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### **16. PROTESTS**

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- 16.4 Any Club shall have seventy two (72) hours from the date of a protest ruling from RRC against them to notify their respective sub-union of their wish to have a hearing held into the matter, upon receipt of which request the respective sub-union shall convene a hearing within seven (7) days, consisting of a minimum of three (3) members of the RRC.
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- 18.4 If a club wishes to make amendments to the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations they must submit in writing to the RRC any amendments proposed clearly stating the following:
- iv) Any recommendation for changes to the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations by the RRC must be approved by the Rugby Alberta Board before being incorporated into the document.