



U8 – U10 Festival rules and guidelines

1. Stage 2 regulations will apply to U9 and U10 and Stage 1 to U8 as applicable. (Stage 1-3 regulations are available on www.ciymsminis.com/festivalofminirugby).
2. Squad sizes of 14 are recommended with 8 players in a team.
3. 2 groups of 4 teams with 3 matches in total.
4. Please ensure all squad members get similar game time.
5. Non-injury substitutions should ideally be made at half-time and must be requested through the referee at all times.
6. Matches will be 7 mins each way with 1 min for half-time. Short extensions are possible for injury time.
7. Tracksuits with zips are not permitted. Players should wear appropriate shorts and jerseys.
8. 1 coach is permitted to run behind their team and may assist the flow of the game in a coaching capacity but may not interfere or impede play, identified by way of a coloured bib.
9. The playing enclosure will be roped off 5m from the sideline and dead ball line and only 1 other coach from each team apart from the 1 running behind his team is allowed to enter the playing enclosure (but not the pitch) and will be identified by way of a coloured bib. All other coaches should remain with the reserve players behind the playing enclosure boundary.
10. 2 bibs will be provided to each age group team at the coaches briefing.
11. U10's will play uncontested scrums and line outs.
12. Teams can not take a quick penalty without the referee's permission.
13. Please ensure that your team is at the pitch 5 minutes before the designated kick off time.