



RULES OF THE 2017 SRFC MINI FESTIVAL

Age Group	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
No of Players	8 (2 x 4)	6	7	8	9	12	13
Max. Squad size	12 (2 x 6)	11	12	13	14	18	19
Duration-each half	5 mins	5 mins	6 mins	6 mins	7 mins	7 mins	7 mins

1. For U7 – U13 age groups, the [RFU New Rules of Play](#) will apply.
2. Clubs must nominate their teams/sides prior to the tournament and must NOT switch during the day. SRFC would like to see a mixed ability tournament to make it as enjoyable as possible for all participants.
3. All clubs are required to register their players at the Clubhouse by 9.15am. Any player who is not registered cannot play, unless prior arrangement has been agreed with Dorset & Wiltshire RFU.
4. Players must always play within their individual age grade. Any team playing a player over or under the stated age for the age group will be automatically disqualified from the festival. Unless prior agreement has been made with Dorset & Wiltshire RFU.
5. The new Age Grade rugby guidance will be adhered to for the festival. Each age group will compete in pools on a Round Robin basis.
6. No extra time is allowed in any match, except that added for injury time at the referee's discretion.
7. Rolling substitutions will be allowed throughout the games as long as there is a break in play. All substitutes must be brought to the attention of the referee before being made.
8. All team coaches must substitute any of their players at the request of the referee when foul or dangerous play or persistent offending is identified. The player concerned will be suspended from the remainder of that game. At the discretion of the referee, a player may be sent off for serious misconduct and this player will take no further part in the festival.
9. Coaches must ensure that their teams are present at the allocated pitches 5 minutes before kick-off to allow time for the preliminaries to be undertaken by the referee.
10. Where there is a clash of team colours the referee will decide which team changes shirts or wears bibs.
11. No conversion kicks will be taken.
12. The referee's decision in all cases is final.
13. Coaches should try to resolve any disagreement over refereeing decisions amicably between themselves, but failing that, any such issues should be referred to the Head of Festival at the Reg "Mike" Rowland room in the Clubhouse.