

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Policy Title:	MATCH DAY FACILITIES PREPARATION PROCEDURE
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

This procedure is to be followed by all Clubs in order to standardise the match day experience for all participants. The team listed as the “Home” team on the draw is primarily responsible for implementing this procedure, even when not playing at their usual Home venue.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- This policy and procedure should be read in conjunction with World Rugby Laws, particular Law 1 – The Ground
- [RA Medical and First Aid Requirements](#)

STEPS

Field Set-up and Preparation

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	<p>Match Day Inspection Report</p> <p>The nominated person from the Home Team who is responsible for home game setup should complete a Match Day Inspection report, ensuring the pitch is prepared and safe for competition, and any identified risk is mitigated so far as is reasonably practicable.</p>	Home Team
2	<p>Refer to World Rugby Law 1. The Ground for accurate pitch dimensions and pitch markings</p>	Home Team
3	<p>Refer to the diagram within this policy document for accuracy on perimeter roping and Team Zone areas, including:</p> <p>Perimeter rope/barrier should be no less than 5m from the sideline where practicable</p> <p>Team Zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • front edge must be no less than 2m from the sideline • solid structures (e.g. benches, chairs, marquees etc) must be no less than 5m from the sideline where practicable • team zone should be no more than 10m wide and 3m deep • team zones should be placed equally either side of half way where possible (i.e. both on 10m line, or 22m line etc) <p>NOTE – Team Zone can be roped off in the Spectator Area if there is not sufficient space between sideline and perimeter rope/barrier.</p> <p>Administrative Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must include 2 x chairs (for yellow card players), not closer than 5m from the sideline • table and chairs for match officials <p>Assistant Referee Corridor is the area from the sideline up to 1.5m back from the sideline. There must be no other person or object providing obstruction in this corridor (e.g. sideline flags, substitute players, ball boys/girls, photographers, Team Officials etc)</p>	Home Team

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Safety/Medical Set-up and Preparation

STEP	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	<p>Smart Rugby Qualifications</p> <p>All Coaches, regardless of the team they are coaching, must be Smart Rugby qualified.</p> <p>Any volunteer assisting with Refereeing or AR (e.g. refereeing a U10 or below match) must be Smart Rugby qualified.</p> <p>Smart Rugby is an online course in the Rugby Learning Centre (available via the online Rugby Xplorer portal)</p>	Clubs
2	<p>First Aid</p> <p>The Home Team (regardless of Home Game location) should provide a qualified First Aid person on-site. This person should be known to the Team Officials and/or clearly visible to those who may require first aid assistance.</p> <p>In addition to a current First Aid certification, persons can also complete the following online courses in the Rugby Learning Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Attendant Kids Rugby U6-U12 Program • First Aid Attendant Level 1 <p>Depending on which level of Rugby they are overseeing.</p> <p>The Home Team (and/or First Aid personnel) must also have available a fully stocked first aid kit (including ice being available) to support them in the administration of first aid.</p> <p>Sports/Team Trainer</p> <p>Any team Sports Trainer must be suitably qualified for that role, at minimum having completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concussion & Serious Injury Management (Blue Card) Course • World Rugby – First Aid in Rugby <p>Both courses are available online in the Rugby Learning Centre</p>	Home Team / Club
3	1 x Scoop Stretcher per pitch being used must be available for use by trained personnel	Home Team
4	<p>In Case of Emergency</p> <p>The Home Team should have available a contact list for the closest hospital, medical centre, dentist etc</p> <p>The Home Team must have a phone available to use in case of an emergency</p> <p>The Home Team must ensure there is vehicle access for an ambulance via a clear entry. If ambulance access is via a locked gate, ensure the gate is unlocked before play and the key is located in a clearly marked and visible area in the Club Office (or other nominated location).</p>	Home Team

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