

RUGBY VICTORIA

Competition Rules Addendum #1

(including National Model Competition Rules)

2026



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The following amendments shall be read in conjunction with the Rugby Victoria Competition Rules (Including National Model Competition Rules) 2026 and shall take effect **immediately**.

Rules Specific to Rugby Victoria Competitions

Rule 8.10 – Game On Rules

The following note is added to Rule 8.10:

NOTE: Teams must be **equal** at the commencement of the match.

For all grades other than Colts, the minimum number of players required for a match to be considered valid is ten (10) players per team. For Colts, the minimum number of players required for a match to be considered valid is twelve (12) players per team.

For the avoidance of doubt, where a match commences with fewer than the minimum number of players specified above, the match shall not be considered a valid competition fixture unless otherwise determined by Rugby Victoria.

Junior Competition Specific Rules

Rule 8.19 – Two Teams in the Same Age Grade

The following provision is added to Rule 8.19:

Once a junior player has participated in eight (8) matches in an age grade, that player becomes ineligible to subsequently play:

- a) in a lower age grade; or
- b) in a lower division within the same age grade.

For the purposes of this Rule, a player shall be deemed to have participated in a match if they are named on the official team list.