

LANGLEY SCHOOL
U15
2019 RUGBY
FESTIVAL
Festival Rules

All games are played in accordance with ERFUSU Laws as appropriate for Under 15 age grade rugby.

(i). In the primary phase of the competition, competing schools will be drawn into two groups of four and one group of five. These have been organised on an even spread and there has been no attempt to seed the groups.

(ii). Each team will play every other team within their own group, 2 points being awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.

(iii). **SATURDAY:**

All teams play all of their group games on the first day, each of consisting of two halves lasting 15 minutes each way (10 minutes each way in Group 3).

(iv). **SUNDAY:**

The top three teams in each group will be re-drawn into groups of three corresponding to their overall finishing position in their group the previous day. The teams coming fourth and fifth will be drawn in the Vase semi-finals.

The Cup will be contested between the first placed teams in Groups 1, 2 and 3 at the end of Day 1.

The Plate will be contested between the second placed teams in Groups 1, 2 and 3 at the end of Day 1.

The Bowl will be contested between the third placed teams in Groups 1, 2 and 3 at the end of Day 1.

The Vase semi-finals will be contested between the fourth placed teams in Groups 1, 2 and 3 and the fifth placed team in Group 3.

The Shield will be contested between the losing semi finalists of the Vase.

Should two or more teams finish their group matched with the same number of league points, the team with the greatest points difference will be placed in the higher overall position within the group. If still equal, the greater number of points scored will decide. If still equal, the greater number of tries scored will decide. Should two or more sides still be equal, the decision will be reached on the basis of the games between those sides using the above criteria. Should the match between these sides have ended in a draw, then the side that scored first shall qualify as the higher placed. Should this match have ended 0-0 then the Saturday a toss of a coin shall decide the issue on the Sunday the positions will be shared.

All Group 1 & 2 matches on **Saturday** shall be of **thirty minutes** duration – fifteen minutes each way with a three minute interval at half time.

All Group 3 matches on **Saturday** shall be of **twenty minutes duration** – ten minutes each way with a three minute interval at half time.

All matches for **the Cup, the Plate, the Bowl, the Vase and the Shield** on **Sunday** shall be of **thirty minutes duration** – fifteen minutes each way with a three minute interval at half time.

The Laws of the Game of Rugby Union Football shall be applied as appropriate for the age group.

(v). Schools will be required to certify that all nominated players are full time students attending the school for which they are nominated.

The age group definition for the Tournament is in line with the RFU “Age Grades and Applicable Variations”, under the age group ruling that all players must be Under 15. In line with the regulations players must be Under 15 at midnight on 31st August 2019.

(vi). Replacements may be used in accordance with the Laws of the Game of Rugby Union Football. The **half game** rule will be applied to festivals and tournaments as per ERSFU guidance. Therefore, players are not required to play a minimum of half a game in each game, but are required to play a minimum of half the playing time on each day.

(vii). Any player receiving a Yellow card will be temporarily sent-off for 4 minutes in the 30 minute games and 3 minutes in the 20 minute games. Any player sent off the field of play (red carded) will not be allowed to take further part in the competition, until reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Festival Organiser, Lead referee and the Headmaster of Langley School. Any decision they take will determine whether or not that player takes any further part in the competition. A copy of the disciplinary review will be sent to the Head Teacher of the offending player for consideration of whether further sanctions are appropriate or not.

(viii). Each school will advise the organisers of their colours at the time of entry. An alternative set of jerseys must be available and, in the event of a clash of colours, the team named second in the programme shall be required to change. The referee will make any decision with regard to the clash of colours.

(ix). It is the responsibility of each school to ascertain their playing commitments throughout the tournament, and to be present at the pitch where they are due to play ten minutes before the advertised kick off time. Failure to observe this rule could result in forfeiture of the match in the qualifying series.

(x). A team of three qualified referees will be appointed by Norfolk/EC Referees Society for each game. However, if necessary, schools must be prepared to provide a touch judge.

(xi). Any matter arising from these rules shall be referred to the Tournament referee whose decision shall be final.

(xii). The organisers reserve the right, in the event of inclement weather or for any other reason to alter the format of the competition and/or the programme. Clarification and instructions in such case will be issued by the Tournament Control.

(xiii) These rules supersede any previous ones issued.