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2022 METRO CONFERENCE COMPETITIONS FEMALE TACKLE RULES UPDATE

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As of Round 3 for all Female Sydney Metropolitan Conference Competitions, the following rules will apply to all competitions (to replace page 28 of the 2022 Conference Competition Handbook):

All Female Tackle Competitions will be played as per the applicable Laws of Rugby League:

Under 8-12 National Laws

<https://www.playrugbyleague.com/laws-of-the-game-community/junior-league-laws-6-12s/>

International Laws of the Game (13s+)

<https://www.playrugbyleague.com/laws-of-the-game-community/international-13splus-laws/>

In Under 12s matches, Under 8-12 National Laws will be adhered to, understanding that these competitions are played 11 players per side. Interchange is per Under 12s Laws.

In Female Tackle Competitions in International age groups, where matches are played with a maximum of 11 players on the field, the following rules will apply:

1. Maximum of twenty (20) registered players per team
2. Teams can consist of a maximum of eighteen (18) players per game, with no more than eleven (11) players on the field at any one time
3. Unlimited interchange will apply for all Female Tackle Competitions in International age groups
4. A minimum of nine (9) players are required to take the field for a team before the match will commence
5. Five (5) players only will form scrums (all scrums are to be DE-POWERED, as per the Safe Play Code), or in the case of a player dismissed from the field, a maximum of six (6) backs
6. Match duration (U14-U18) – 2 x 25 minute halves
7. All other rules apply as per the Laws of the Game.

All other Female Tackle Competitions that are played 13 a side (including Open Age) will be refereed as per the Laws of the Game. Unlimited interchange will be permitted in these competitions.