

RUGBY ONTARIO OPERATIONS MANUAL (ROOM) BRIDGING DOCUMENT (February 2019)

This document is designed to assist Members and registrants by highlighting the main variations from the 2018 version to the 2019 version of the Rugby Ontario Operations Manual (ROOM).

However, Members and registrants are still advised to read the revised ROOM in its entirety to familiarize themselves with all the content and their rights and responsibilities.

AREA	ROOM 2018		ROOM 2019		
	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Transfers & Loans	2.4.9	Loans or transfers not needed for recreational non-contact rugby.	2.4.9	Loan or transfer not needed for recreational non-contact or Masters rugby.	Masters rugby added for 2019.
Transfers & Loans	NA	NA	2.4.10	Players do not require a loan or transfer for Fall 7's if their club of registration is not participating	To reduce administrative requirements for Members and Rugby Ontario.
Transfers & Loans	2.4.13	Describes regulations around loans	2.4.14	Two additional regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loans are 30 days max - May be terminated by mutual agreement 	To set a time frame for loans
Transfers & Loans	NA	NA	2.4.15	Transfer and loans applications must be submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to player wishing to play for another Member.	To provide sufficient time for evaluation and processing of applications.
Concussion Management	NA	NA	3.3.4	Piloting of Blue Card Concussion Initiative in 2019	In Marshall and OWL 1 st team matches.
Participating in	3.10.8	No time frame for	3.10.8	Applications must be	To provide sufficient

a Different Age Category		submitting request		submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to player wishing to play in a different age category.	time for evaluation and processing of applications.
Participating in a Different Gender Category	3.11.7	No time frame for submitting request	3.101.8	Applications must be submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to player wishing to play in a different age category.	To provide sufficient time for evaluation and processing of applications.
Police Record Checks	3.14.15	No time frame provided for submission of Police Record Checks by Members to Rugby Ontario	3.1.15	Members must submit checks to Rugby Ontario when requested within 7 days.	To set a time frame for provision of the requested information.
Imported Players	5.1.10 (ii)	Clubs allowed two (2) imported players per match	5.1.10(ii)	Clubs allowed four (4) imported players per match	
Imported Players	5.1.10	No process in place by which Members notify Rugby Ontario of their imported players.	5.1.10 (iii)	Imported Player Notification Form introduced. Members required to complete and submit a minimum of 4 days prior to the player participating for the Club.	To create a process for tracking the participation of overseas players.

Game Sheet Administration	5.1.18	No formal process in place for team sheets for joint teams.	5.1.18 (iv)	Process introduced so all Members who are a part of a joint team can access eligible registered players for that team.	To allow Members and RO to better create and monitor joint team sheets
Defaults	5.1.22	NA	5.1.22 (iii)	In Rugby Ontario administered Senior Men's and Women's Leagues, where a Member defaults a 2 nd team match scheduled after the 31 st August, there shall be no financial penalty imposed on that Member.	Added as at this time of year many Members face challenges fulfilling 2 nd team fixtures due to the loss of players to university and collegiate rugby.
Player Eligibility for Transferring Players	5.1.27	No allowance for Ontario players who have been unavailable to participate due to participation in a Rugby Canada program outside Ontario.	5.1.27 (ii)	Process now in place for Ontario players to participate, who have been unavailable due to participation in a Rugby Canada program outside Ontario.	
Eligibility for OWL Playoff Matches	NA	No policy in place to define player eligibility for playoff matches	5.1.28(i)	A player must be registered with that Member prior to 50% of the scheduled regular season matches being completed to be eligible to participate in playoff matches.	To assist in determining eligibility for OWL Playoff matches.

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Additional Procedures for Rugby Ontario Non-League Championships	5.1.28 to 5.1.32	No references to the Fall Cup.	5.1.29 to 5.1.34	Broadened to include the Fall Cup as well as the McCormick Cup and OWL Cup.	McCormick Cup now an eight team competition for #1 to #8 seeds from Marshall & EORU Leagues. Fall Cup is the eight team competition for #9 to #16 seeds from the Marshall & EORU Leagues.
Player Eligibility for Rugby Ontario Non-League Championships	5.1	NA	5.1.31	Players must be registered with a Member prior to the commencement of the relevant Cup in order to be eligible to participate for that Member.	To assist in determining eligibility for Non-League Championships.
Player Eligibility for Intermediate Cup	5.1.37	A player must have played 50% of the regular season matches with that Member to be eligible for the Intermediate Cup	5.1.39	A player must be registered with a Member prior to 50% of the regular season matches being completed to be eligible to participate for that Member in the Intermediate Cup	To take account of players who registered at the start of or early in the season but subsequently missed a large portion of the season due to injury or personal circumstances

Player Eligibility for Intermediate Cup	NA	No allowance for Ontario players who have been unavailable due to participation in a Rugby Canada program outside Ontario.	5.1.40	Process now in place for Ontario players to participate, who have been unavailable due to participation in a Rugby Canada program outside Ontario.	To assist in determining eligibility for Intermediate Cup matches.
Joint Teams for Leagues	NA	NA	5.1.51 to 5.1.53	Policy created which indicates the requirements to be met by Members who are looking to create joint teams where they do not have the capacity to do so individually.	To formalize the creation of joint teams so all Members have a known process to follow.
Discipline Matters	7.1.6	Rugby Ontario will deal with all other complaints	7.1.6	Rugby Ontario will deal with all other complaints which involves a breach of Rugby Ontario policy	To clarify that Rugby Ontario only deals with matters which involve a breach of RO policy.
Disciplinary Actions	7.3.2	Registrants are bound by Rugby Ontario's Codes of Conduct	7.3.2	Registrants and non-registrants are bound by Rugby Ontario's Codes of Conduct	To confirm that non-registrants such as spectators and parents are also bound by RO Codes of Conduct
Other Misconduct	7.6.1	Any person may submit a complaint about the conduct of any Member, individual, or team which involves a breach of Rugby Ontario policy.	7.6.1	Expanded to add that all supporting documentation must be submitted at the time of lodging the complaint.	To allow any proceedings to be dealt with in a more timely manner.

Other Misconduct	7.6	NA	7.6.2 to 7.6.4	Where a complaint only involves people from within one Member, the complaint must first be lodged and dealt with internally by that Member.	To give Members the opportunity to deal with matters internally where possible prior to being referred to Rugby Ontario.
Hearing Procedures	8.2.4	Refers to incidents that occur in match or in the vicinity of a match venue.	8.2.4	Revised to refer to incidents that occur under the jurisdiction of Rugby Ontario.	To provide better clarity as to what incidents are the responsibility of Rugby Ontario.
Determination of Sanctions	8.5.1	Provides a general statement that if a player is a persistent offender the Discipline Panel “will take this into account when determining the sanction”.	8.5.1	Provides Discipline Panels with specific loadings to use in determining sanctions for persistent offenders.	To provide better direction for Discipline Directors and Panels in sanctioning persistent offenders.
Determination of Sanctions	8.5.9	Categorizes standard penalties for player send offs and citings into unfair play, dangerous play and violent play.	8.5.9	Adds a 4th category of potentially dangerous play.	So that policy and the Schedule of Sanctions better align.

Schedule of Sanctions	Tables 2,3 & 5	Standard penalties are expressed in days	Tables 2,3 & 5	Standard penalties now expressed in both days and matches with the longer of the two to be applicable.	Added to create better equity in applying sanctions as current league schedules have gaps due to holidays and special events.
Schedule of Sanctions	NA	NA	Table 6	New table created to provide standard penalties relating to personal abuse not involving match officials	To provide sanctioning for such instances and direction for Discipline Directors and Panels