

Rules - Tag Rugby

AGE GROUPS

- Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 Mixed Option – 2 age groups

TEAM SIZE

- 7 players from a previously named squad of 12.
- Maximum number of squads allowed per village in each of the age groups is 2.

FORMAT

- The format will be a round robin competition in both age groups.

DURATION

- 6 or 7 teams entered, the games will consist of 2 halves of 4 minutes for Years 3 & 4, and 6 mins for Years 5 & 6.
- 5 or less teams entered. The games will consist of 2 halves of 5 mins for Years 3 & 4 and 7.5 mins for Years 5 & 6.

RULES

- Tag rugby is a small sided, non contact version of rugby league.
- All players must wear a tag belt around their waist, with 2 tags, attached with Velcro & positioned on either side of the hips. **All teams to use the same size tags i.e. the long thin design.**
- Play starts with a 'play the ball' centre field, at each half.
- Only the player who has the ball can be tagged. When the tag is removed, defender shouts 'tag' and holds tag above head. Tag is then given back and returned to the belt – both players can then continue with the game.
- Player tagged returns to defender – game restarts with a play the ball with a single marker.
- The defence can only move up once the acting half-back has passed the ball. The acting half-back cannot run directly from a play the ball (i.e. no scooting from half-back).
- A try is scored in the normal way by placing or touching the ball down over your opponents try line.

All infringements will result in a hand over. If acting half back is tagged – hand over. • No kicks allowed.

- No hand-offs allowed and no protecting the tags.
- 5 metre rule will be implemented.
- The team in possession has the ball for a maximum of 6 tags.
- After a try is scored, the non – scoring team will restart with play the ball centre field.

ORDER OF PLAY

- The draw will take place prior to the day of competition and teams will only be accepted by the organisers in advance of the draw deadline.

WARNING

- Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated and may result in competitors being dismissed from the event/tournament.
- Spectators must not coach from the side lines and intimidation of officials will not be tolerated.

REVISIONS Aug 2014. 2 squads per event. Aug 2015 – Use of long thin tags. Reformatted.