



**ERFSU**

**DAILY MAIL RBS SCHOOLS'**  
**COMPETITION REGULATIONS**  
**2010/11**



**ENGLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL SCHOOLS' UNION KNOCKOUT  
COMPETITIONS (DAILY MAIL RBS) 2010/11**

**COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

**1. Description and Form**

1.1 The Competitions shall be called the England Rugby Football Schools' Union Cup Competitions. The Competitions are:

1. The Under 18 Cup to be known as "The Daily Mail RBS Under 18 Cup"
2. The Under 18 Vase to be known as "The Daily Mail RBS Under 18 Vase"
3. The Under 15 Cup to be known as "The Daily Mail RBS Under 15 Cup"
4. The Under 15 Vase to be known as "The Daily Mail RBS Under 15 Vase"

1.2 All matches must be played in accordance with the iRB Laws and Regulations, Rugby Football Union Rules and Regulations and ERFSU Rules and Regulations, with particular reference to Under 19 variations specific to each Age Grade.

**2. Organising Committee**

2.1 The ERFSU Competitions Sub Committee (the "Committee") will have overall responsibility for the Competitions and report to the ERFSU.

2.2 The Committee shall have discretion to decide on matters not provided for in (and in the interpretation of) these Regulations in the context of the Competitions. Any interested party may seek clarification of any of these Regulations by submitting their question to the Organising Committee in writing. This discretion shall include the interpretation of these Regulations in accordance with the underlying principles and intent (insofar as it can be ascertained) of the relevant regulation and the interests of rugby union football. Any person affected by the exercise has a right of appeal against the decision in accordance with paragraph 18 below.

2.3 The Committee will establish an Organising Committee of three people, who will be nominated before the first round of the competitions, to manage the successful delivery of the Competitions as set down in Regulations 3 – 14. The ERFSU Competitions Referral Group will adjudicate on disputes arising out of the interpretation of these Regulations and the National Schools & Youth Disciplinary Secretary (NSYDS) will oversee and manage disciplinary processes and appeals relating to this Competition.

2.4 In the discharge of its responsibilities the Organising Committee may further delegate some or all of the powers contained within these Regulations to any individual member(s) of the Organising Committee or staff member(s) of RFU Tournaments & Competitions Department who manage the competitions for the ERFSU. Such delegation must be in writing.

**3. Eligibility of Schools/Colleges**

- 3.1 The Competitions will be open to all Schools/Colleges in membership of the ERFSSU.
- 3.2 For the Under 18 competitions, educational establishments will only be allowed to enter at the discretion of the Organising Committee subject to Regulations set down in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.9 below.
- 3.3 Educational Establishments providing the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) programme in Rugby Union will not be eligible to participate in the Competitions.
- 3.4 In all matches in the Competitions Schools/Colleges must select their strongest available Squad of eligible players (being the starting 15 and a maximum of 7 replacements).
- 3.5 The format of the Competitions will be as follows:
  - 3.5.1 The Organising Committee will determine the precise structure of the Competitions as soon as the number of participating teams has been finalised. The structure will be published to all Schools/Colleges participating in the Competitions at least one month before the start of those Competitions.
  - 3.5.2 All participating Schools/Colleges will be entered into the Under 18 Cup or Under 15 Cup as appropriate.
  - 3.5.3 Schools/Colleges that fail to reach a Round to be determined by the Organising Committee prior to the commencement of Round 1 in the U18 Cup Competition will automatically be entered into the Vase Competition.
  - 3.5.4 Schools/Colleges that fail to reach Round 2, or receive a walkover into Round 2 and subsequently lose their Round 2 match, in the U15 Cup Competition will automatically be entered into the Vase Competition.
  - 3.5.5 Any School/College conceding a match will be removed from all Competitions in the current season at that age level.

#### **4. Eligibility of Players**

*Note: Any team found breaching Regulation 4 risks disqualification from the competition.*

- 4.1 Players must be under 15 years of age at Midnight on the 31 August/1 September 2010 to be eligible for the Under 15 Competitions. In addition, Regulation 2 (a) (Age Grades and Applicable Variations) of the Schools & Youth Regulations will apply to the Under 15 Competitions
- 4.2 Players must be under 18 years of age at Midnight on the 31 August/1 September 2010 to be eligible for the Under 18 Competitions. In addition, Regulation 2 (b) (Age Grades and Applicable Variations) of the Schools & Youth Regulations will apply to the Under 18 Competitions.

- 4.3 Players taking part in Competitions must be on the roll and in attendance at the participating School/College on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- 4.4 All AASE registered players are prohibited from participating in the Competitions.
- 4.5 In the Under 18 Competitions, and with the exception of Sixth Form Colleges/Further Education Institutions/Schools that have been granted Collegiate School status, only three players who have joined the School/College after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 are permitted to be part of the Squad of players selected.

*Note: Sixth Form Colleges/Further Education status will be determined through the EduBase database produced by the Department for Children Schools and Families. The Organising Committee will produce a definitive list of participating teams that are not restricted to the 3 player limit.*

*Collegiate School status can be granted in the following circumstances:*

- 4.6 A State School/College that provides education for pupils up to and including 18 years of age, who feed into its Sixth Form as part of a normal transfer at this age from a local School/College or local Schools/Colleges that only educate pupils up to the age of 16 years, may for the purposes of this competition only apply to the Organising Committee for registration as a Collegiate School. Collegiate Schools may select any number of such pupils to play in the U18 Competitions, providing the Organising Committee has approved their application for registration as a Collegiate School in accordance with Regulation 4.7 below.

*Note: The purpose of Regulation 4.5 is to prevent teams gaining an unfair advantage through the recruitment of players. It is not intended to penalise Schools/Colleges that have an intake of students in Year 12 because the student's previous School/College does not go beyond GCSE.*

- 4.7 Only State Schools/Colleges can apply for "Collegiate School" Status. Any State School/College that wishes to register as a Collegiate School must complete and submit the form set out in Annex I. Applications must be submitted by 17 May 2010. The Organising Committee reserves the right to decline any application for Collegiate School status.

*Note: Teams that are granted "Collegiate School" status can select any number of players from the approved schools list plus up to 3 other players who joined them from other schools in years 12 or 13.*

- 4.8 Where pupils in two or more Schools/Colleges in the same area are taking some subjects in one School/College and other subjects in a second School/College, then players from both the Schools/Colleges involved can play in the team of one or other of the institutions involved, provided that that institution has been granted Collegiate School status in accordance with Regulation 4.7 above.

*Note: The Organising Committee will publish on the Daily Mail RBS Schools section of the RFU website a list of schools that have been granted "Collegiate School" status, together with the schools from which they can select players.*

4.9 Post-16 establishments (Sixth Form Colleges/Further Education Institutions) will be required by the Organising Committee to propose their catchment area in miles radius from the postcode of the Post-16 Establishments designated sport campus and submit a definitive list of Educational Establishments (and postcodes) that fall within that catchment area by 17 May 2010. Once approved by the Organising Committee, the Post-16 Establishment may then select up to 3 players who have joined them from schools beyond this defined catchment area. The ERFSU will actively seek the co-operation of the County Schools Unions in monitoring the application of this Regulation.

## **5. Format of Competitions**

5.1 In all competitions the first named team in the draw is the Home team and the second named team is the Away team irrespective of where the game is actually played.

5.2 The Organising Committee will determine the structure of the draws, which will be played on a local, county, regional, semi-divisional, divisional or national basis in the best interests of those competing.

5.3 When conducting a draw, every endeavour will be made to minimise travel.

5.4 The U18 Cup and Vase and the U15 Cup will be based on a straight knockout format. The U15 Vase will include a Pool stage in which teams will play against the others in their Pool. At the conclusion of the Pool stage, the Pool Winners will progress to the Knockout stage,

5.5 Teams participating in the U15 Vase will be drawn into pools of size to be determined by the Organising Committee. Teams in the pool will play each other once to determine the winner of the pool who will progress to the knock out stages of the Vase Competition between the dates of October 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 and November 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

5.6 In the U15 Vase pool stages points will be awarded on the following basis:

1. Win: 3 points
2. Draw: 2 points
3. Loss: 1 point
4. In the event of a match not being played, the result will be 50-0 awarded to the team that was able to honour the fixture.

5.6 In the U15 Vase pool stages the pool winner will be awarded on the following basis:

1. The team obtaining the most points from matches, or if that fails to produce a winner
2. The team having the highest points difference, or if that fails to produce a winner
3. The team scoring the greatest number of tries
4. In the event of the above cannot determine a winner the toss of a coin will be used

- 5.7 There will be an open draw for the Quarter Finals in the U15 Cup and U18 Cup Competitions.
- 5.8. There will be a structured draw for the Quarter Finals in the U15 Vase and U18 Vase Competitions. The winners from the North divisional stages will play the winners from the Midlands divisional stages and the winners from the South West divisional stages will play the winners from the London and South East divisional stages. Home advantage will be determined through the draw process.

## **6. Match Management**

- 6.1 Apart from the Semi Finals and Finals, the Home team is responsible for arranging the fixture at a suitable venue.
- 6.2 Where the Home team is unable to provide a suitable venue for the match, the fixture must be reversed and played at the Away team venue to ensure the match is completed by the due date. If neither venue is available the matter must be referred to the Organising Committee which will have power to extend the date by which the Game must be played, or decide which team shall go forward to the next round
- 6.3 Where a fixture is reversed in accordance with Regulation 6.2, the Home team will remain as published in the draw.
- 6.4 All matches must be played in the regulated week as detailed in the youth structured season, with the exception of U15 Vase pool stage matches that must be completed within a predetermined time period as specified in Regulation 5.4. Should this not be possible the Home team must contact the Tournaments & Competitions Department to apply for dispensation to play on an alternative date, subject to agreement from the Organising Committee.
- 6.6 Where the first named school to be drawn in a match plays its home fixtures in the Isle of Man or the Chanel Islands, the match shall, unless both schools agree to play off-shore at the expense of the off-shore school nevertheless, be played on the mainland of England on the ground of the second named school to be drawn.
- 6.7 The Organising Committee retains the right to specify the date and Kick Off time for any match in the Competitions.
- 6.7 The best possible venue must be used and where appropriate every attempt made to rope off the pitch.

*Note: Both teams must control their spectators. The tension of a competitive cup game is not an excuse for abuse from the touchline towards players or officials.*

- 6.8 Under 15 matches will be 30 minutes each way. Half-time will be 5 minutes, with both teams staying on the Field of Play.
- 6.9 Under 18 matches will be 35 minutes each way. Half-time will be 5 minutes, with both teams staying on the Field of Play.

- 6.10 Should a fifty point differential occur at any time during a match, then the Referee will end the match and the result at that time will stand, unless both teams are in agreement to continue.
- 6.11 The Home team must advise the referee that their appointment is to a Daily Mail RBS Competition fixture and advise him/her of the Competition Regulations and U19 Law variations.
- 6.12 Where a match has not been played or the result of a match remains unresolved, the Organising Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine which team (if any) will progress in the competition(s). This power will only apply to situations where there is no other opportunity to play/replay a match and the successful delivery of the competition(s) is at risk.
- 6.13 The Semi Finals will be played at a venue to be determined by the Organising Committee.
- 6.14 The Finals will be played at Twickenham on Schools' Day.

**7. Replacements / Substitutions (see Under 19 Variations)**

- 7.1 The number of replacements and substitutes in all matches shall be no more than seven.
- 7.2 Rolling Substitutions are permitted in all Daily Mail RBS Cup and Vase matches. A player who has been substituted may later replace any player, whether or not that player has been injured.
- 7.3 In the interest of safety each team must have at least six players in their nominated match squad who are suitably trained and experienced to be capable of playing in the front row to ensure that on the first, second or third occasions (whether due to injury or consequent to a player(s) being temporarily suspended or ordered off) that a front row player is required to be replaced, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums.
- 7.4 If on any occasion a front row player requires to be replaced and his team cannot provide a replacement or another player suitably trained and experienced from those who started the match or from the nominated replacements to enable the match to continue safely with contested scrums, the referee having made enquiry of and having confirmed this fact with the Manager of the team (or such other person nominated by the School/College as the person responsible for the team), the match will continue with uncontested scrums and (subject to Regulation 7.6 below) the final result will stand.
- 7.5 In the unusual event that a Referee decides to continue the game with uncontested scrums on the grounds of safety, because he cannot safely manage the scrums otherwise, the final result will stand, subject to Regulation 7.6.
- 7.6 The Organising Committee may review the circumstances in every case where a match is completed with uncontested scrums and save for the right of appeal the

Organising Committee and the Referral Group (as the case may be) shall be entitled to impose penalties in accordance with regulation 17.

#### 7.7 Temporary Absence during match

Where during a match,

(i) a player is temporarily suspended from the field of play (which includes a blood injury) and that suspension results in a replacement on any occasion, and his team cannot provide a replacement or suitably trained and experienced player to enable the match safely to continue with contested scrums; and

(ii) the Referee has made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the Manager of the team (or such other person nominated by the School/College as the person responsible for the team); then the match shall continue with uncontested scrums only for the duration of the temporary suspension. The match result will be unaffected.

### **8. Drawn Matches**

8.1 There will be no extra time in any round.

8.2 In all matches, with the exception of U15 Vase pool stage matches, in the event that scores are level at the end of the match, the winner will be:

the team scoring the most tries or if that fails to produce a winner

the team scoring the most goals from tries.

8.3 With the exception of the Semi Finals and Final if Regulation 8.2 does not produce a winner then the Away team is the winner. In accordance with Regulation 5.1, in all rounds of the Competitions, the second named team in each match is the Away Team.

8.4 In the Semi Finals, Regulation 8.3 will not apply. If the application of Regulation 8.2 fails to produce a winner, then the winner of the match will be determined by a Place Kicking Competition (see Regulation 8.6).

8.5 In the Finals, Regulation 8.3 will not apply. If the application of Regulation 8.2 fails to produce a winner, then the trophy will be shared.

#### 8.6 Place Kicking Competition

8.6.1 Each team shall nominate three (3) players from its number on the field of play at the final whistle to participate on its behalf in a place kicking competition.

8.6.2 Each kicker in turn shall attempt a place kick, alternating between the team that kicked off and their opposition until all six (6) kickers have kicked at goal. At the end of each sequence of six (6) kicks the team that has scored the most goals will go through. For all attempts the same ball will be used.

8.6.3 The first kick shall be taken by the team that Kicked-off at the commencement of the match. The attempts will be taken from the following positions in turn, repeating the sequence until a decision is reached: -

- a) the intersection of the 22-metre line and the centre of the 22-metre line
- b) the intersection of 22-metre and 15-metre lines to left of posts facing
- c) the intersection of 22-metre and 5-metre lines to left of posts facing
- d) the intersection of 22-metre and 15-metre lines to right of posts facing
- e) the intersection of 22-metre and 5-metre lines to right of posts facing

## **9. Postponed or Abandoned Matches**

### **9.1 Weather Conditions (including bad light)**

#### **9.1.1 Postponed Match**

If weather conditions (including bad light) prevent a match being played then the match will be played at a later date unless the Organising Committee exceptionally, and in its absolute discretion, agrees/specifies otherwise.

#### **9.1.2 Abandoned with Less than 50 minutes played**

If the match is abandoned because of the weather conditions, (including bad light), when less than 50 minutes have been played, then the match will be replayed unless the Organising Committee exceptionally, and in absolute discretion, agrees/specifies otherwise.

#### **9.1.3 Abandoned with 50 or more minutes played**

If a match is abandoned because of weather conditions, (including bad light), when fifty or more minutes have been played, then the score at the moment of abandonment shall stand and be deemed the final score in the match. The Referee's decision as to the necessity for abandonment and the number of minutes played at the moment of abandonment shall be final.

### **9.2 Other Reasons**

If the Referee finds it necessary to abandon a match for any reason other than weather conditions, (including bad light), then, irrespective of the number of minutes played, the result of that match shall be reviewed by the Organising Committee. On receipt of the appropriate report from the Organising Committee, the Referral Group may order the match to be replayed and/or impose such other sanction as it deems appropriate. The Referee's report must be submitted on why play was curtailed.

## **10. Notification of Results**

10.1 The **Home** School/College must inform the Tournaments & Competitions Department (*see contact numbers below*) within 24 hours of the end of the match.

10.2 **Contact numbers at the Tournaments & Competitions Department:**

Daily Mail RBS U18 Competitions/Regulations:

Tel: 020 8831 6775

Email: [u18dailymailrbs@therfu.com](mailto:u18dailymailrbs@therfu.com)

Daily Mail RBS U15 Competitions/Regulations:

Tel: 020 8831 6784

Email: [u15dailymailrbs@therfu.com](mailto:u15dailymailrbs@therfu.com)

## **11. Team Sheets**

- 11.1 Each School/College in every round of each Competition must complete a Team Sheet (See Annex II) of 15 starting players and a maximum of 7 replacements.
- 11.2 The Team Sheet will contain the following information:
- a) Full Name of Player
  - b) Date of Birth of Player
  - c) School attended in year 11 (U18 only)
- 11.3 Each Team Manager **must** sign both team sheets (where indicated) prior to the start of the match. The Team Sheet must be retained by the Team Manager for future inspection by the Organising Committee or its representative(s).
- 11.4 Post-16 establishments (Sixth Form Colleges/Further Education Institutions) required to define their catchment area in accordance with Regulation 4.8 must submit a copy of the completed Team Sheet to the Tournaments & Competitions Department within 72 hours of the final whistle of each match they play, signed by the Team Manager from Round 1 onwards. Team Sheets may be faxed (020 88924446) or emailed ([u18dailymailrbs@therfu.com](mailto:u18dailymailrbs@therfu.com)) or sent in the post (Tournaments & Competitions Department, Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA) as appropriate. If emailed, a copy of the Team Sheet signed by the Team Manager must be retained for inspection.
- 11.5 Schools in Round 4 and beyond of each Competition must submit a copy of the completed Team Sheet to the Tournaments & Competitions Department within 72 hours of the final whistle of each match they play, signed by the Team Manager. Team Sheets may be faxed (020 8892 4446) or emailed ([u15dailymailrbs@therfu.com](mailto:u15dailymailrbs@therfu.com) or [u18dailymailrbs@therfu.com](mailto:u18dailymailrbs@therfu.com)) or sent in the post (Tournaments & Competitions Department, Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA) as appropriate. If emailed, a copy of the Team Sheet signed by the Team Manager must be retained for inspection.
- 11.6 Each School/College must ensure that information provided on a Team Sheet is accurate and legible. Failure to submit a team sheet, or late submission, will render a School/College liable to sanction. The provision of false or misleading information on players or replacements shall be a serious breach of this Regulation and may give rise to a severe penalty.

## **12. Kit**

- 12.1 The Home team is responsible for ensuring that there is no clash of colours.
- 12.2 The Home team will change shirts in the event of a clash of colour.
- 12.3 All teams in the Semi Finals and Finals must wear numbered shirts.

## **13. Referees**

- 13.1 The Home team shall seek an independent referee through their local Referees' Society.
- 13.2 In the case of a Referee Society being unable to appoint a referee, the Home team may contact a **neutral** School/College to provide a Teacher to act as Referee or a neutral experienced referee from outside the School/College, but only if both Schools/Colleges playing in the competition are in full agreement with this arrangement prior to the game being played.
- 13.3 If a Society or Neutral referee is unavailable then the Away team should be offered the opportunity to provide a referee, or they can consent to a proposed home referee.
- 13.4 For the Semi Finals and the Finals, referees and touch judges will be appointed by the RFU.

## **14. Accommodation & Travel Expenses**

- 14.1 For the Semi Finals and Finals, accommodation will be arranged by the Tournaments & Competitions Department.
- 14.2 A contribution towards transport costs for the Semi Finals and Finals will be made by the ERFUSU through the Tournaments & Competitions Department.
- 14.3 For funding purposes, the travelling party will consist of 26 per team – 22 players, 3 members of staff & 1 coach driver.

## **15. Disciplinary Procedures**

- 15.1 When any player is sent off or cited in any match in any of the Competitions, the Disciplinary Procedures for Schools and Club Youth players will apply (see RFU Disciplinary Regulation 10). For procedures/timings for citings see Appendix 7 of the RFU Disciplinary Regulations.
- 15.2 A player who has been suspended from Club Rugby or Schools' Rugby may not play in any of the Competitions matches whilst under suspension.

## **16. Disputes and Breaches of Regulations**

- 16.1 To deal with matters arising from alleged breaches of the regulations and disputes in respect of the application of these regulations, the ERFSU will establish a Competitions Referral Group of 6 members (the 'Referral Group') chaired by an ERFSU Trustee. A quorum of the Referral Group will consist of the Chairman and any three members. The members of this group will be actively involved with schools rugby, but will have no connection with the running of the competitions. The ERFSU Full Committee will approve the composition of the Referral Group annually.
- 16.2 Subject to a right of appeal by any School/College (see Regulation 18) and in accordance with Regulation 17, the Referral Group shall have the power to discipline any School/College for breach of any of these Regulations. Ignorance of these Regulations will not be deemed an excuse in the event of breach.
- 16.3 Acting either on its own initiative or on an allegation of a breach of any of these Regulations by a School/College from an identified third party, the Organising Committee may review any aspect of the Competition. Any third party allegation shall be notified in writing to the Organising Committee within three school working days (Monday to Friday) of the final whistle of match giving rise to the allegation. The School/College alleged to have breached the competition's Regulations shall have 3 school working days, from its receipt of notification of the allegation, to respond. On receipt of this response the Referral Group will then give a ruling (which may include a sanction as permitted under these Regulations) within a further 72 hours.
- 16.4 If any member of a County Schools' Union becomes aware of a breach or potential breach of Regulation, they are required to notify the Organising Committee within 48 hours of knowledge of the occurrence or facts giving rise to the allegation. Failure to comply may result in a 5.12 (Bringing the Game into Disrepute) charge heard by the CB.
- 16.5 The outcome of any complaint must be given in writing to the complainant within 35 days of receipt of the written complaint by the Organising Committee.

## **17 Sanctions**

*The standard of proof applied to decisions in Regulations 17 and 18 relating to decisions on Breach of Regulation and Disciplinary matters is the civil standard of "on a balance of probability".*

- 17.1 If the Referral Group finds a breach of a regulation has occurred it may bring breach proceedings within 72 hours of receiving the Organising Committee's evidence. If it feels there is a case to answer the party committing the alleged breach will be notified and given an opportunity to make submissions or to attend a hearing. Such a hearing will be conducted in line with RFU procedures. The National Schools and Youth Disciplinary Secretary will be copied in to any such notification. If the Referral Group is subsequently in dispute with a School/College and arbitration is not possible the NSYDS will appoint an independent panel to review the case.
- 17.2 With the exception of breaches of Regulation 4 (Eligibility of Players) for which the

Referral Group can disqualify a team for a first offence, sanctions open to the Referral Group/Independent Panel will include:

- Reprimand an individual or School/College
- A fine up to £100 and/or an Award of reasonable Costs as scheduled by either the Referral Group and/or a complainant
- Order a replay
- Order that the result is that a School/College has lost the match
- Exclusion from the Competition for a team or that educational establishment, for a specific period of time.

17.3 The maximum fine to be levied is a Policy Decision for the Committee to recommend to the ERFSU Executive. Such action by the Committee will be recorded and reported to the ERFSU Executive. Any Fines collected by the ERFSU will be put towards their costs of this Competition. Failure by a School to pay a Fine or Costs will be considered by the ERFSU Executive and may result in their removal from future National Schools' Competitions, until it is paid.

## **18. Right of Appeal**

18.1 Any interested party aggrieved at the decision of the Referral Group under Regulation 16.2 above may, within 72 hours from the receipt of the letter informing it of the Referral Group's decision, lodge an appeal in writing or request a further review of the decision in writing to the National Schools & Youth Disciplinary Secretary, c/o Tournaments & Competitions Department, Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA, stating the grounds on which the appeal or complaint is made. Any such appeal must be accompanied by a payment of £100 payable to the ERFSU; this fee is refundable in the event the appeal is upheld unless the Appeals Panel decides otherwise.

18.2 The National Schools & Youth Disciplinary Secretary will establish an Appeals Panel whose three members will exclude members of both the Organising Committee and the Referral Group. The NSYDS will establish what the issues are and canvass to see whether, if parties agree, an Appeal can be heard by way of written submissions rather than oral evidence/submissions. If a "live" hearing is necessary he will oversee and determine the timing and venue of the Hearing ensuring minimal delay.

18.3 Any individual with a connection to any party involved in such a dispute, breach hearing or with a clear interest in the outcome will not adjudicate on that case.

18.4 The Appeal Chairman will determine the conduct of proceedings and their scope. They will provide written reasons for their decision. The Appeals Panel can vary or impose sanctions as in Regulation 17.2. For the sake of the competition schedule adjournments will be for exceptional circumstances only.

18.5 In any appeal the Appeal Panel shall have discretion, only in exceptional circumstances, to act in any manner it sees fit provided that it is of the opinion that the application of these Daily Mail RBS Regulations has resulted or would result in a perverse and/or unfair outcome. In all cases where the Appeal Panel exercises that discretion, or where it fails to follow its own procedures, any party to the proceedings

may, within 72 hours of the publication of the Appeal Panel's decision, refer the matter to the RFU Disciplinary Officer for review. The Disciplinary Officer will then review the decision and may affirm it or substitute an alternative finding and his decision shall be final and binding. The Disciplinary Officer may make his decision on paper submissions or hold a hearing to determine the matters in dispute.

## **19 Obligations**

19.1 Each School or College entering its team (s) in any ERFSU Competition agrees that by commencing its programme of matches in any ERFSU Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the ERFSU and as a separate covenant with each other team in the ERFSU Competition and with any sponsor of the ERFSU Competition in which the team plays:

19.1.1 To comply in every particular with these Regulations;

19.1.2 To permit access to its premises during a match to any person authorised by the Committee or Organising Committee (with or without notice) to check compliance with all or any of these Regulations.

## **20 Broadcasting & Image Rights**

20.1 The Broadcasting & Image Rights for these competitions belong to the RFU. The RFU hereby grants to the ERFSU consent to manage the Broadcasting & Image Rights as deemed to be in the best interests of the game and the welfare of the participating players as defined by the RFU's Legal Officer.

20.2 In all competition matches apart from the Semi Finals and Finals the ERFSU has determined that participating teams may record matches for the purpose of analysis. Any team wishing to record a match using television or any audio-visual or electronic media must obtain the permission of both participating teams prior to the match. For avoidance of doubt no team is permitted to record the Semi Final matches or the Finals matches.

20.3 Anyone wishing to broadcast any match by means of radio, television or any other audio-visual or electronic media must obtain permission from the ERFSU, c/o Tournaments & Competitions Department, RFU, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA.

20.4 No team shall take any part (either as organiser or participant or in any other way) in any match that is in whole or in part broadcast by means of radio, television or any other audio-visual or electronic media where doing so shall be a breach of any broadcasting or other contract entered into by the RFU/ERFSU or any other person acting for or on behalf of itself or any group or association of Clubs, Schools, Constituent Bodies or Unions.

**Annex I**

**APPLICATION FOR “COLLEGIATE SCHOOL” STATUS**

To: The Daily Mail RBS Competitions Organising Committee

From: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of lead School)

Name(s) of additional School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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We hereby apply to the Organising Committee for Collegiate School status under the following Regulation (delete as appropriate):

4.6 A State School/College that provides education for pupils up to and including 18 years of age, who feed into its Sixth Form as part of a normal transfer at this age from a local School/College or local Schools/Colleges that only educate pupils up to the age of 16 years, may for the purposes of this competition only apply to the Organising Committee for registration as a Collegiate School. Collegiate Schools may select any number of such pupils to play in the U18 Competitions, providing the Organising Committee has approved their application for registration as a Collegiate School in accordance with Regulation 4.7.

4.8 Where pupils in two or more Schools/Colleges in the same area are taking some subjects in one School/College and other subjects in a second School/College, then players from both the Schools/Colleges involved can play in the team of one or other of the institutions involved, provided that that institution has been granted Collegiate School status in accordance with Regulation 4.7.

**Statement of Case**

We submit the following in support of our application:

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(If necessary, please attach additional evidence)

**Declaration:** On behalf of the above Schools, I hereby confirm that the information provided is correct and agree to abide by the Organising Committee’s decision. I understand that if this application is unsuccessful, the School will not be able to utilise the Player Eligibility dispensation offered by Regulations 4.6 and/or 4.8.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

*This form must be received by the ERFUSU c/o Tournaments & Competitions Department, RFU, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA by 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Failure to do so will make this application invalid.*

**Annex II**

**TEAM SHEET**

**Name of School/College Submitting Team Sheet:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition:** U18 Cup  U18 Vase  U15 Cup  U15 Vase   
(tick as appropriate)

| <b>SQUAD LIST</b> |                       |                        |                             |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                   | <b><u>Surname</u></b> | <b><u>Forename</u></b> | <b><u>Date of Birth</u></b> | <b><u>School attended in year 11</u></b> |
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| <b>RESULT DECLARATION</b>  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>HOME TEAM NAME:</b>   | <b>POINTS:</b> |
| <b>AWAY TEAM NAME:</b>   | <b>POINTS:</b> |
| <b>MATCH DATE:</b>   | <b>ROUND:</b>  |
| <u>Uncontested Scrums</u> – Tick box if match completed with Uncontested Scrums and explain when & why on reverse.   |                |
| <u>Red Cards</u> – Remember to consult with & inform your CSYDS of Sanctions applied on any Player Sent off or Cited |                |

Signed Home team Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Away team Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This form must be completed and sent to the ERFSU c/o Tournaments & Competitions Department, RFU, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA within 72 hours of the final whistle. **Fax: 020 88924446. Email: [u15dailymlrbs@rfu.com](mailto:u15dailymlrbs@rfu.com) or [u18dailymlrbs@rfu.com](mailto:u18dailymlrbs@rfu.com).**

### Annex III

#### SUMMARY OF ERF SU DAILY MAIL RBS COMPETITIONS ROUND DATES FOR 2010/2011 SEASON

| <b>DATE</b>       | <b>U18 CUP</b> | <b>U18 VASE</b> | <b>U15 CUP</b> | <b>U15 VASE</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Wed 15 Sept<br>10 | Round 1        |                 | Round 1        |                 |
| Wed 29 Sept<br>10 | Round 2        | Round 1         | Round 2        | Pool Stages     |
| Wed 13 Oct<br>10  | Round 3        | Round 2         | Round 3        | Pool Stages     |
| Wed 10 Nov<br>10  | Round 4        | Round 3         | Round 4        | Pool Stages     |
| Wed 24 Nov<br>10  | Round 5        | Round 4         | Round 5        | Pool Stages     |
| Wed 8 Dec<br>10   | Round 6        | Round 5         | Round 6        | Round 5         |
| Wed 12 Jan<br>11  |                | Round 6         |                | Round 6         |
| Wed 19 Jan<br>11  | Round 7        | Round 7         | Round 7        | Round 7         |
| Wed 9 Feb<br>11   | Quarter Finals | Quarter Finals  | Quarter Finals | Quarter Finals  |
| Sat 26 Feb 11     |                |                 | Semi Finals    |                 |
| Sun 27 Feb 11     |                |                 |                | Semi Finals     |
| Sat 5 Mar 11      | Semi Finals    |                 |                |                 |
| Sun 6 Mar 11      |                | Semi Finals     |                |                 |
| Wed 6 Apr<br>11   | Final          | Final           | Final          | Final           |

- a) All rounds to be played in specified weeks.
- b) Flexibility within week as stated but not beyond week ending (Sunday).
- c) Semi-Finals & Finals subject to change.