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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation to the U18 and U20 XV Championships is subject to Unions' signature of a Participation Agreement. The Rugby Europe Participation Agreement, the Tournament regulations and all its associated appendices, and the Tournament Handbook form the full terms of Participation of this competition. They may be amended from time to time as required by Rugby Europe.

Rugby Europe bylaws, Disciplinary Rules and Code of Conduct must also be respected at any time.

In addition, Rugby Europe would like to remind all Unions that its competitions are regulated by the World Rugby Laws of the Game and World Rugby Regulations.

1.2. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATIONS

For **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**, please refer to the **Article 1.2** of the 2023- 24 Rugby Europe International XV Championships Tournament Manual (Further – “2023-24 REIC Manual”)



2. TOURNAMENT DATES AND DEADLINES

2.1. Pre-Tournament Deadlines

Pre-Tournament	
No later than 4 weeks before the tournament	- Host Union to release Tournament's Handbook
4 weeks before the tournament	- Deadline to fix the last details of transport, visa (if relevant) and accommodation. - Deadline to confirm Team's activity schedule and team's training session to Host Union. - Participating Teams to send their long list of players for import on Sportlomo (up to 50 player and no limited officials).
2 weeks before the tournament	- All the players profiles must be completed and RE should be informed about the profiles completed.
2 weeks before the tournament	- The kit colours to be provided to rugbyxv@rugbyeurope.eu
One day prior to Day 1 of the Tournament, before 14.00 local time	- Deadline for arrival of the Team Delegations
One day prior to Day 1 of Tournament	- Team Entry Check (during the day) , Managers meeting (20h00 tbc) & Captains' Photo (place and time tbc)
24 hours prior to KO of a relevant match	- Official Team Sheet <u>in hard copy and online on Sportlomo</u> to be delivered to the Rugby Europe Match Commissioner or staff on-site and to be sent to rugbyxv@rugbyeurope.eu

2.2. Tournaments' Dates

A full 2023 RE U18 & U20 Superweek Tournaments Programme is available in Appendix 11 to these Regulations.

U18 and U20 Championships Dates	
Friday, November 10 th	U18 Last day of Teams Arrival, Entry Check, Team Managers Meeting, Captains' Photo
Saturday, November 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U20 Last day of Teams Arrival, Entry Check, Team Managers Meeting, Captain's Photo • U18 Round 1 – Quarterfinals
Sunday, November 12 th	U20 Round 1 – Quarterfinals
Tuesday, November 14 th	U18 Round 2 – Semifinals
Wednesday, November 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U20 Round 2 – Semifinals
Thursday, November 16 th	U18 - 2 nd Manager's Meeting U20 2 nd Manager's Meeting
Saturday, November 18 th	U18 Round 3 - Finals
Sunday, November 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U20 Round 3 - Finals • U18 Teams' Departure
Monday, November 20 th	U20 Teams' Departure

3. PARTICIPATING TEAM

3.1. LONG LIST OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

The Participating Unions will be requested to register their players and team officials and staff using the competition management tool Sportlomo. **A long list (panel of players and team officials) of maximum 50 players + team's officials must be sent by email to Rugby Europe no later than 4 (four) weeks before the tournament.**

According to the long list received, Rugby Europe will set up the 2023 U18 and U20 XV panels of the players and officials on Sportlomo. The panel will be visible to the Unions from their Sportlomo account. Participating Teams will be only able to use players from this panel for the tournament(s) they participate in this season.

The long list of players and staff must be submitted using the Excel file of Appendix 10. If a player has participated in other Rugby Europe events and has already been uploaded onto Sportlomo, please highlight his name in yellow colour on the list.

A short guide on how to use the platform is available in Appendix 8.

From this year, you will also be able to upload new members on Sportlomo by yourself. For more information, please use the guide section 6 page 10 in Appendix 8.

3.2. TEAM DELEGATION

3.2.1. Team Delegation Size

The official Team Delegation of a Union shall be limited to

- a minimum of 30 accredited Team Members, including 26 Players and 4 Team Officials.
- a maximum of 34 accredited Team Members, including 26 players and 8 team Officials.

The following team officials are mandatory members of the Team Delegation:

- Team Manager
- Coach
- Physio/Team Doctor, and

The following Team Officials are recommended members of the Team Delegation:

- Assistant Coach
- Video Analyst.
- Social Media or Media Manager

All the delegation, between 30 and 34 persons, will be accommodated in the same hotel and will receive accreditations.

Rugby Europe will cover a percentage (%) of the travel expenses up to 30 persons. The financial support given by Rugby Europe has been summarized in a document sent to each Union with their Participation Agreement. All the costs inherent in additional participants will be payable by the Union.

3.2.2 Change in the Delegation of 26 During the Tournament

In the event of an injury for any of the 26 players of a team, it is possible to replace injured players during the Tournament by another player from the list of 50 players previously submitted. A procedure of the replacement shall be the following:

A request must be made to Tournament Director and rugbyxv@rugbyeurope.eu by email.

The request must contain the following:

1. Full name and date of birth of injured player.
2. A medical certificate that confirms the injury or other inability of the player to further participate in the tournament.
3. Full name and date of birth of the replacing player.

The Rugby Europe Tournament management may then confirm the replacement.

3.3. MATCH TEAM SHEET

As tournament organiser, Rugby Europe allows up to 26 Players listed on the team sheet for this competition, however as per the World Rugby Law 3.4, replacements are limited to a maximum of 8.

After the panel is created, up to 26 players and team officials of the Team Delegation must be selected from this panel and put onto the final Team Sheet of the relevant match. The Team Sheet must be submitted on Sportlomo, downloaded from Sportlomo, signed by Team Manager, sent to rugbyxv@rugbyeurope.eu and handed out to RE Match Commissioner no later than **24 hours days prior to KO time** of the relevant match.

One copy of the downloaded Team Sheet must be printed and signed by the Union's President, or any person authorised by the Union + stamp of the Union. This signed and stamped Team Sheet must be handed to the Tournament Director or Rugby Europe administration representative at the Entry Check of the Tournament.

For more information on the **MATCH TEAM SHEET** please refer to **Article 3.6** of the 2023-24 REIC Manual.

3.4 TEAM KIT SPECIFICATIONS

Please refer to the **Article 3.7** of 2023-24 REIC Manual, with addition of the following on numbering:

Starting XV

- 1 - Loosehead Prop
- 2 - Hooker
- 3 - Tighthead Prop
- 4 - Left Lock
- 5 - Right Lock
- 6 - Blindside Loose Forward
- 7 - Openside Loose Forward
- 8 - Number Eight
- 9 - Scrum Half
- 10 - Fly Half
- 11 - Left Wing
- 12 - Inside Centre
- 13 - Outside Centre
- 14 - Right Wing
- 15 - Fullback

Replacements

- 16 - Hooker
- 17 - Loosehead Prop
- 18 - Tighthead Prop
- 19 - Forward
- 20 - Forward
- 21 - Scrum Half
- 22 & 23 - Backs
- 24 to 26 - Various

The Unions must make sure the **9 cm minimum** high Rugby Europe logo is displayed on the upper RIGHT sleeve of each of their home and alternative playing jerseys as a minimum and on their training tops / tracksuits, where possible.

No other sponsor cannot be displayed in this area.

Example of good display of the RE logo on playing shirt:

RE logo will be sent to Unions on demand at communication@rugbyeurope.eu.

Logo is also available in the online folder [here](#).



4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

4.1. AGE CRITERIA ELIGIBILITY

Rugby Europe uses a reference document, the World Rugby Guidelines on Age Differential Playing that uses the calendar year to determine the eligible age window. Based on these guidelines, please Refer to the table below for the mandatory requirements for the players that will compete in

- 2023 RE U18 XV Championship:

FRONT ROW	
Age Dispensation Forms NOT REQUIRED to play	Date of birth (DOB) between 01/01/2005 and 31/12/2005
Age Dispensation Forms REQUIRED to play	DOB between 01/01/2006 and 31/12/2006
Not eligible to play	DOB between 01/01/2007 and after
OTHER POSITIONS (Non-front row playing positions)	
Age Dispensation Forms NOT REQUIRED to play	DOB between 01/01/2005 and 31/12/2006
Age Dispensation Forms REQUIRED to play	DOB between 01/01/2007 and 31/12/2007
Not eligible to play	DOB between 01/01/2008 and after

- 2023 RE U20 XV Championship:

FRONT ROW	
Age Dispensation Forms NOT REQUIRED to play	DOB between 01/01/2003 and Day and Month of the Event /2004
Age Dispensation Forms REQUIRED to play	DOB between Day and Month of the Event/2004 and Day and Month of the Event /2005
Not eligible to play	DOB between Day and Month of the Event /2005 and after
OTHER POSITIONS (Non-front row playing positions)	
Age Dispensation Forms NOT REQUIRED to play	DOB between 01/01/2003 and Day and Month of the Event /2005
Age Dispensation Forms REQUIRED to play	DOB between Day and Month of the Event/2005 and Day and Month of the Event /2006
Not eligible to play	DOB between Day and Month of the Event/2006 and after

Age Dispensation Forms (other title Age Criteria Eligibility Forms) comprise the following 5 forms:

1. Player Consent Form – filled and signed by the player concerned.
2. Parental Consent Form – filled and signed by a mother, father, or guardian of the player:
 - a. Either Parental Consent Form for Front Row Player, or
 - b. Parental Consent Form for U18 years old player
3. Coach Confirmation – filled and signed by the coach of the player.
4. Medical Officer Agreement
5. Medical Practitioner Confirmation

More details on World Rugby directive and **AGE GUIDELINES** can be found following this link and the guidelines below:

<https://playerwelfare.worldrugby.org/?documentid=115> and in the **Article 2.9** of the 23-24 REIC Manual.

Age Dispensation Forms (other title Age Criteria Eligibility Forms) are available in the relevant Appendix 6 and must be uploaded to the respective player's Sportlomo profile at least **2 (two) weeks** prior to Day 1 of the competitions.

4.2. PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate in the Tournament, Players must be eligible to play for the Union of the country with which the Player has a genuine, close, credible and established national link in accordance with WR Regulation 8.1.

Unions and Players should note the requirement for each Player to satisfy one or more of the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8.1 notwithstanding the fact that from January 1, 2018, Unions may no longer nominate their U20s team as the Union's next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team.

The full Regulation and Guidelines may be found on the World Rugby website <https://www.world.rugby/organisation/governance/regulations/reg-8>

It is a responsibility of each Participating Union to ensure its players are eligible in accordance with these Regulation.

Use the Eligibility Checker provided by World Rugby at:

<https://iris.world.rugby/player-eligibility/player-eligibility-guide/>

This checker will help you to understand if:

- Your players are eligible according to a correct interpretation of Regulation 8
- Your players have not been captured by another national team before joining yours.

Eligibility for the Rugby Europe competitions is monitored through the players profiles entered in the Sportlomo system.

4.2.1 Special Regulation for RE U18 Events

For U18 Competitions only, Rugby Europe, in agreement with World Rugby, has decided to apply **a minimum of 12 months of consecutive residency** immediately preceding the day 1 of

the Tournament, and not 60 months, as valid for any Senior tournament (including U20 tournaments).

All other provisions remain identical to Regulation 8.

It is important to underline, that, according to the Regulation, an **U18 player will NOT be CAPTURED** by the Union they represent at the Tournament by participating in the Tournament.

4.2.2 Documents to Confirm Eligibility

Documents that confirm the eligibility of the player must be uploaded onto the respective player's profile on Sportlomo. The Sportlomo User-Manual is available as Appendix 8.

The following documents are to be provided to the following player's profile sections:

I. In case a player was **born** in the country of the Union they represent (World Rugby Regulation 8.1 a):

1. Passport or another ID document that has the player's place of birth written on it in PDF or JPEG to the "ID Copy" section:
 - a. In case the passport/ID doesn't show the place of birth, please merge another document (for example, a birth certificate) that shows the place of birth with the passport/ID and upload them together.
2. Player Eligibility Declaration filled and signed by the respective player in PDF or JPEG to the "General Attachment" section (Available in Appendix 5)

II. In case the player's **parent/grandparent** was **born** in the country of the Union (World Rugby Regulation 8.1 b):

1. The player's passport or ID that demonstrates the player's place of birth in PDF or JPEG to the "ID Copy" section,
2.
 - a. A document that shows the player's parent's/grandparent's place of birth, together with
 - b. A document that proves that the person is indeed the parent/grandparent of the player,
all in one merged PDF or JPEG file to "Eligibility Document" section.
For example:
 - the player's birth certificate + father's/mother's birth certificate (or passport with the place of birth), or
 - the player's birth certificate + father's/mother's birth certificate + grandparent's birth certificate (or passport with the place of birth).
3. Player Eligibility Declaration in PDF or JPEG to the "General Attachment" section.

III. In case the player completed at least **60 (sixty) - or 12 (twelve) for U18 - consecutive months of residency** in the country of your Union **immediately preceding** the time of playing (World Rugby Regulation 8.1 c):

1. The player's passport or ID that demonstrates the player's place of birth in PDF or JPEG to the "ID Copy" section,
2. *A prove of the 60/12-months consecutive residency immediately preceding the dates of the competitions in one PDF or JPEG file to the "Eligibility Document" section.
3. Player Eligibility Declaration in PDF or JPEG to the "General Attachment" section.

The following is the requirement for the U20:

IV. In case the player completed at least **10 years of cumulative residency** in the country of your Union preceding the time of playing (World Rugby Regulation 8.1 d):

1. The player's passport or ID that demonstrates the place of birth in PDF or JPEG to the "ID Copy" section,
2. A proof of the 10 year-residency in one PDF or JPEG file to the "Eligibility Document" section.
3. Player Eligibility Declaration in PDF or JPEG to the "General Attachment" section.

The WR concept of residency may or may not be in line with the concept of residency of the country of the Union. The WR Residency requires that the player has not been leaving the country of the Union for more than 62 days in each year during the required period.

In case of either 60/12 months' consecutive or 10 years' cumulative Residency, the following documents must cover either

- a consecutive period of 60/12 months starting backwards from the Day 1 of the Tournament, or
 - a period of 10 year before the day of submission of the documents.
- The player's education certificates, admission certificates with dates,
 - Registrations at an address(es) of the player in the country of the Union for each required year,
 - Stamps in the player's passports, showing that the player hadn't been leaving the country of the Union for more than 62 days per year during the required period,
 - Any bills (electricity, water, shopping etc.) with the player's name and date on it,
 - Copies of abstracts of the player's work contracts with dates,
 - The player's tax payments or/and declarations,
 - Their service (civil, military) certificates with dates,
- Or other similar documents.

All the documents that are not in English or French must be translated into English or French. The translation may be done by the Union and must be certified by a signature of the Union's president or secretary general. The translation must be merged and uploaded together with the respective document.

When the documents have been duly uploaded and confirmed, there will be no check of Eligibility documents on site.

4.3. MINIMUM PARTICIPATION CRITERIA FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

Unions and each Staff member part of the Team Delegation must comply with the Minimum participation criteria voted during the General Assembly in December 2019 as follows for the season 2023-2024:

	Coaching	Strength & Conditioning	Medical
U20 Men XV	2 x Level 2 C	1 x Level 2 S&C	1 x L2 ICIR
U18 Men XV	2 x Level 2 C	1 x Level 2 S&C	1 x L2 ICIR

For more information regarding the Minimum Participation Criteria, please refer to the Article 3.5.2 of 2023-24 Rugby Europe International Championship Manual and contact Mr Charlie Brown at rtm@rugbyeurope.eu

5. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

5.1 COMPETITION FORMAT

5.1.1 U18 XV Championship

The competition is comprised of 8 participating teams. The competition is run through a direct elimination system (knock-out matches) with classification matches. All teams will play 3 (three) matches during the competition.

5.1.2 U20 XV Championship

The competition is comprised of 8 participating teams. The competition is run through a direct elimination system (knock-out matches) with classification matches. All teams will play 3 (three) matches during the competition.

5.2 PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND SEEDING

5.2.1 U18 XV Championship

Rank	U18 CHAMPIONSHIP Teams
1	GEORGIA
2	PORTUGAL
3	SPAIN
4	BELGIUM
5	NETHERLANDS
6	CZECH REPUBLIC
7	ROMANIA
8	SWITZERLAND

5.2.2 U20 XV Championship

Rank	U20 CHAMPIONSHIP Teams
1	Ligue AURA (Auvergne Rhône Alpes) - FRANCE
2	NETHERLANDS
3	PORTUGAL
4	BELGIUM
5	ROMANIA
6	POLAND
7	CZECH REPUBLIC
8	SWITZERLAND

The seeding has been done based on the ranking of 2022 Rugby Europe U18 and U20 XV Championships, and the Qualification Matches, as follows in the Article 5.3.

The seed number 1 Spain, not playing this year, has been replaced by Ligue AURA (France).

5.3 QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR 7TH AND 8TH PLACES

5.3.1 U18 Championship:

Team Switzerland had qualified for the 2023 U18 XV Championship by winning the qualification match against Team Poland.

Team Romania qualified automatically following a withdrawal of the Team Germany.

5.3.2 U20 Championship:

Team Switzerland had qualified for the 2023 U20 XV Championship by winning the qualification match against Team Bulgaria.

Team Czech Republic qualified automatically following a withdrawal of the German team.

5.4 COMPETITIONS SCHEDULES

5.4.1 U18 XV Championship

Round 1 – QUARTER-FINALS, Sat Nov 11 th	Round 2 – SEMI-FINALS, Tue Nov 14 th	Round 3 – FINALS, Sat Nov 18 th
M1: POR (2) v (7) ROU	M5: Loser M1 v Loser M2	M9: Loser M5 v Loser M6
M2: ESP (3) v (6) CZE	M6: Loser M3 v Loser M4	M10: Winner M5 v Winner M6
M3: BEL (4) v (5) NED	M7: Winner M1 v Winner M2	M11: Loser M7 v Loser M8
M4: GEO (1) v (8) SUI	M8: Winner M3 v Winner M4	M12: Winner M7 v Winner M8

Order of matches may be subject to changes.

5.4.2 U20 XV Championship

Round 1 – QUARTER-FINALS, Sun Nov 12 th	Round 2 – SEMI-FINALS, Wed Nov 15 th	Round 3 – FINALS, Sun Nov 19 th
M1: NED (2) v (7) CZE	M5: Loser M1 v Loser M2	M9: Loser M5 v Loser M6
M2: POR (3) v (6) POL	M6: Loser M3 v Loser M4	M10: Winner M5 v Winner M6
M3: BEL (4) v (5) ROU	M7: Winner M1 v Winner M2	M11: Loser M7 v Loser M8
M4: AURA (1) v (8) SUI	M8: Winner M3 v Winner M4	M12: Winner M7 v Winner M8

Order of matches may be subject to changes.

5.5 RANKING SYSTEM

At both U18 and U20 XV Championships, participating teams advance in the competition through three stages:

- Quarterfinals
- Semi-Finals
- Finals:
 - o Winner of Match 12 is ranked 1st and Tournament's Champion
 - o Loser of Match 12 is ranked 2nd
 - o Winner of Match 11 is ranked 3rd
 - o Loser of Match 11 is ranked 4th
 - o Winner of Match 10 is ranked 5th
 - o Loser of Match 10 is ranked 6th
 - o Winner of Match 9 is ranked 7th
 - o Loser of Match 9 is ranked 8th

5.6 QUALIFICATION TO 2024 EDITION

5.6.1 U18 XV Championship:

The teams ranked from 1st to 7th are automatically qualified for the next edition.

The team ranked 8th will have to play-off against a Challenger in Spring 2024. Further details will be communicated in due course.

5.6.2 U20 XV Championship:

The team "Ligue AURA" is an invited team this year and is not planned to participate in the 2024 edition of the Championship. This team won't be qualified regardless of its ranking.

Further details on qualifying system will be communicated in due course.

6. COMPETITION RULES AND MATCH OPERATIONS

6.1 WORLD RUGBY LAWS OF THE GAME

The games shall be played according to the current *World Rugby Laws of the Game 2023* and the *World Rugby Regulations Relating to the Game*: <https://www.world.rugby/>

Important Note:

The following new Laws will be applied at the U18 and U20 XV Championships:

Law 19: Brake foot: this will be applied.

Law 6: Restrictions on Water Carriers and Technical Zone: based on revised version sent by World Rugby effective from 1st of January 2023.

6.2 IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

If the teams arrived at a tied game at the end of the full-time, the winner shall be determined through the following sequential criteria:

U18 XV Championship:

- a. The team which scores the biggest number of tries in that particular match is declared winner. If no winner can be declared then,
- b. The team which scores the biggest number of converted tries in that particular match is declared winner. If no winner can be declared then,
- c. Kicking Competition will be organised between the two Teams, following the procedure outlined below. The winner of that competition shall be declared the winner of the Match.

U20 XV Championship:

- a. Sudden Death / Extra Time: following an interval of 5 minutes, an extra time of 10 minutes each way (with an interval of 5 minutes) shall be played. During the extra time periods, the first Team to score any points (a try, a successful penalty kick or a drop goal) shall be declared the winner.
- b. Kicking Competition: if, after the extra time periods, no winner can be declared, a kicking competition will be organized between the two Teams, following the procedure outlined below. The winner of that competition shall be declared the winner of the Match.

Procedure of Kicking Competition

- a. All players and Match Officials will remain on the playing enclosure. The referee will call the captains of the two Teams to the centre of the pitch and will conduct a coin

toss. The winner of the coin toss then may either choose which Team kicks first (in which case the loser chooses the end at which all kicks will be taken) or choose the end at which all kicks will be taken (in which case the loser chooses which Team kicks first).

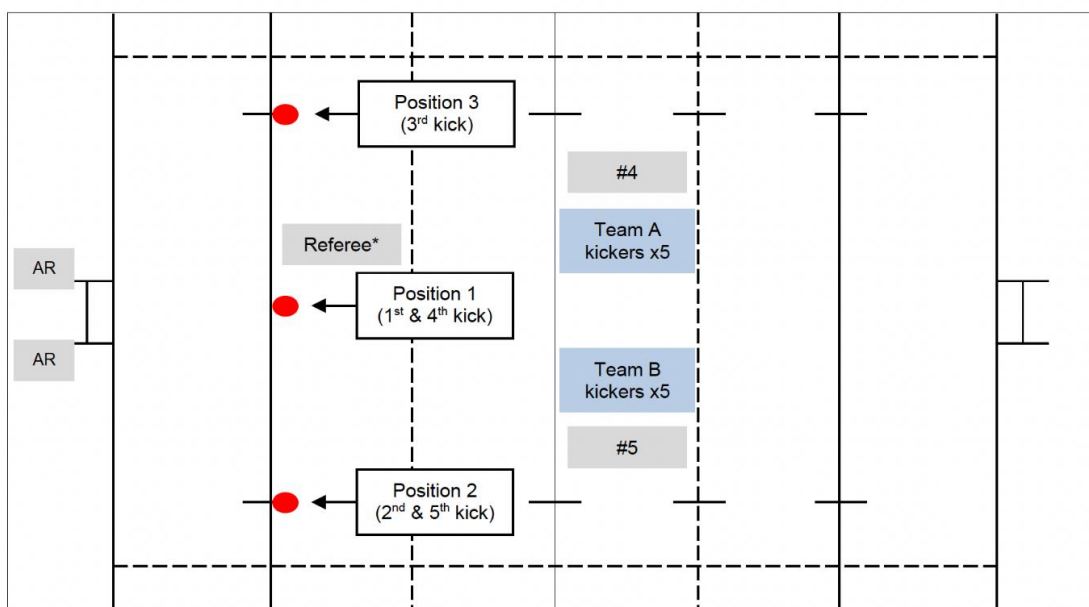
- b. Each team captain must nominate 5 players to participate in the kicking competition. Only the 5 players nominated by the captains and present on the playing enclosure at the time of the completion of the extra time may take part in the kicking competition. No injured, substituted or dismissed player may take part at any time. The order in which the players kick does not have to be predetermined.
- c. The Match Officials and Team Members will assemble on the halfway line. Team Members must remain behind the halfway line in the side of the playing area not used for the kicking competition. No one except the referee, two touch judges and two ball boys/girls are allowed in the part of the playing area being used for the competition.
- d. The five players from each Team will place kick from three different points, all on the 22-meter line, as follows:
 - First point: directly in front of the posts.
 - Second point: on the 15-meter line on the left-hand side facing the posts.
 - Third point: on the 15-meter line on the right-hand side facing the posts.
- e. The referee will start the competition by calling the first player selected from the Team kicking first to the first kicking point. Once the player has taken the kick, the referee calls a player from the opposing Team to kick from the same point.
- f. The next two players (one from each Team) will kick from the second point in turn. This will continue until all five players from each Team have kicked (the next players kicking respectively from the third point, first area and finally the second point), or until one Team is unable to equal the score of the other Team within the remaining number of kicks.
- g. If there are an equal number of successful kicks once each Team has completed its five kicks, the competition continues on a “sudden death” basis, following the same order of kickers used in the first five kicks.
- h. The competition will continue two kicks at a time (one from each side), going progressively through the three kicking areas stated above (and repeating the process if necessary) until one player succeeds with a kick and the player from the other side taking the same kick misses it. Once this occurs, the Team of the player who succeeded with the kick will be declared the winner. Each of these additional kicks shall be taken by the same 5 players in rotation.

Throughout the kicking competition:

- Once a player has been handed the ball by the referee on the kicking point, they must take the kick within one minute. Should they take longer, the referee shall declare the kick void and therefore a miss.
- After each kick, the referee records the number of the player and whether the attempt was successful. The Match Commissioner will record the same details in the official Match Report.
- Whether or not a goal is scored from each attempt is the sole decision of the referee, who may at their sole discretion rely on the assistance of their touch judges. The referee’s decision shall be final and binding.

- Once a player has completed their kick, they shall return to stand with their Team behind the halfway line in the side of the playing area not used.

Please refer to the diagram below which demonstrates the operation of the Kicking competition:



* Location of the Referee is approximate (centrally located between the 22m and 10m lines)



6.3 MATCH OPERATIONS

For **MATCH OPERATIONS**, please refer to the **Article 4.8** of the 2023-24 REIC Manual, emphasizing the following:

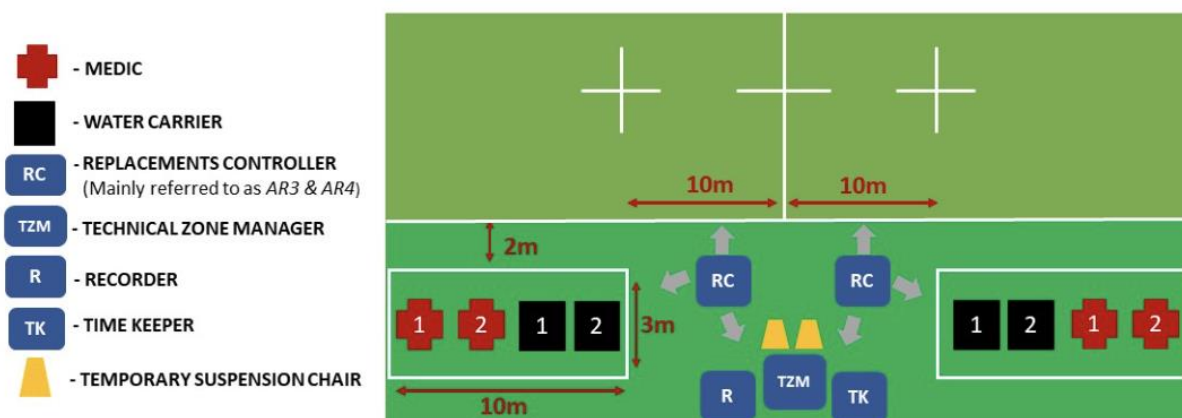
As per World Rugby regulations, the following are permitted in the marked Technical Zone as set in Law:

A total of 4 (four) per team are permitted.

The four must be made up of no more than:

- 2 (two) medically trained personnel and
- 2 (two) nominated water carriers (who can be assistant coaches but under no circumstances can the Head Coach be part of the nominated four).
- No other person or player should be permitted in the Technical Zones.

Medical Personnel and Water Carriers must wear Bibs throughout the match and leave the Bibs on the bench after their match.



One of the medically trained personnel permitted to operate from the technical zone may be positioned on the far side of the playing area on the touch line opposite the technical zone.

The second medically trained personnel permitted to operate from the technical zone may be positioned on the near side of the playing area on the touch line. The two medically trained personnel may not be together on one touch line.

Where practically possible the medical personnel must stay outside the advertising hoardings. The medical personnel may keep up with play but must pay due regard to the needs and rights of players, match officials, spectators, broadcasters, and commercial partners. Medical personnel must notably not stand in front of a camera. If the medical personnel must stay there for medical reasons, the medical personnel must bend the knee to be below the camera line.

The medical personnel may enter the field of play in accordance with Law at any time a player is injured. They must not obstruct, interfere, or aim comments at match officials.

6.4 POSTPONED, ABANDONED AND CANCELLED MATCHES

For Postponed, Abandoned and Cancelled Matches, please refer to the Article 2.7 of the 2023-24 REIC Manual, with the addition of the following:

- In the interests of the Teams, the commencement of Matches at the scheduled time shall be the first priority in all instances. However, in circumstances deemed necessary by Rugby Europe Tournament Director, Matches may need to be delayed, postponed, abandoned, or cancelled. All decisions in this regard shall be communicated to Teams / Referee by the Match Commissioner.
- If a Team has been expelled from the Tournament, for whatever reason, then:
 - i. that Team shall be deemed to have lost all the Matches previously played,
 - ii. for the purposes of determining final standings, that team will be ranked last of the competition.

6.5 MATCH STOPPED

In the event of a match being stopped, due to specific conditions, facilities (including but not limited to lighting problems, power cut, etc...) or inclement weather conditions (the decision can only be taken by the match referee World Rugby rule 5.10, cannot be discussed and has to be applied by the concerned Unions), The Rugby Europe Tournament Director will decide whether the match will be rescheduled or whether the recorded result is the score at the time of the match being stopped, following the criteria listed under point a below.

Apart from the wilful abandonment of a Match and subsequent expulsion under point 7.8.2, in the event of a Match having to be stopped after its commencement under the provisions of the Laws of the Game, the following procedure shall apply:

- a) Where a Match has been abandoned either at half-time or at any time in the second half, the result and any points and tries scored by each Team in the Match shall stand.
- b) In knock-out matches, if the Teams are drawn (or where the Match is cancelled or abandoned before or during the first half), the winner shall be determined in accordance with the following criteria, in the following order:
 - (i) the Team which has scored most tries during the Match is declared the winner;
 - (ii) the Team that has scored the most points during the Tournament to date is declared the winner;
 - (iii) the Team which has scored the most tries during the Tournament to is declared the winner;
 - (iv) the Team that has received fewer red cards during the Match is declared the winner;
 - (v) the Team that has received fewer yellow cards during the Match is declared the winner;
 - (vi) the Team that has received fewer red cards and citings during the Tournament is declared the winner;
 - (vii) the Team that has received fewer yellow cards and Citing Commissioner Warnings during the Tournament is declared winner;

- (viii) if none of the above produce a result, then the winner will be determined with a toss of a coin.

6.6 MATCH OFFICIALS

Rugby Europe shall appoint or procure the appointment for the administration and implementation of the Tournament, the following International Technical Officials (ITOs):

- (a) Tournament Director / Technical Delegate
- (b) Match Commissioners
- (c) Referee Manager
- (d) Performance Reviewer
- (e) Citing Commissioner
- (f) International Referees
- (g) Judicial Officer
- (h) any further ITOs required according to the size of the Tournament

Rugby Europe shall appoint or procure, if deemed necessary, the appointment for the administration and implementation of the Tournament, the following Rugby Europe Staff:

- (a) Rugby Europe Representative Member(s)
- (b) Rugby Europe Media Manager
- (c) Rugby Europe Competition Manager
- (d) Rugby Europe Medical Delegate
- (e) such other persons or entities as the Rugby Europe may determine are reasonably required to organise a good competition

Host Union is responsible for the appointment of the following Officials:

- (a) Tournament Medical Doctor and Medical staff
- (b) Assistant Referees

7. TOURNAMENT ARRANGEMENTS

7.1. TRAINING

For **TRAINING** please refer to the **Article 4.1.2** of 2023-24 REIC Manual, with exception of the following:

Host Union must make available a training pitch(es) for Participating Teams during the Tournaments.

The training schedule on the training pitch(es) is to be confirmed with the Teams by Host Union in advance of the Tournaments.

Captain's Run may not take place due to the structure of the Tournament and the availability of the match venue.

7.2. KEY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

7.2.1. Entry Check Meeting

Upon arrival of the team delegation, the Manager must enter the RE tournament office and deliver the following documents:

1. Final Team Sheet signed by the President of the Union, or any person authorised by the President and stamped in hard copy,
2. Passports of the members of the delegation – original documents,
3. Team Delegation Consent Form, Appendix 2 to this Manual,
4. Age Dispensation Forms if not previously confirmed on Sportlomo (when relevant), Appendix 6 to this Manual,
5. TUE (when relevant), Appendix 4 to this Manual,
6. Eligibility documents, if not previously confirmed on Sportlomo,
7. Host Union may also request specific documentation or payment confirmation (this will be confirmed event by event through each tournament Handbook).

Rugby Europe will provide Bibs for the competition. Loss of bibs will be sanctioned by a fine as per article 7.5 "Fines" of these Regulations.

The Tournament Director, Match Commissioners, and Rugby Europe Staff will confirm the players' entries upon receipt of the above-mentioned documents, verification of age and eligibility requirements.

7.2.2. Team Managers Meeting

Time and venue will be confirmed in the Tournament's Handbook. Rugby Europe Tournament Director & Match Commissioners will conduct the team managers Meeting the day prior the first match day. The Host Union will also provide a presentation on all local logistics relating to

transport, accommodation, ice and water, training, and all other relevant aspects to the Tournament.

A second Meeting will be scheduled after the second match day, prior to the finals.

7.2.3. Medical Meeting

The Tournament Medical Officer will introduce the Medical Team structure, facilities, and equipment available and provided at the Tournament. They will detail how injuries will be managed during match days, the process for dealing with players transferred to hospital, payment for medical care and assistance offered for illness and injury outside of the match venue.

Times and locations of the above events are to be confirmed in the Team Managers Handbook provided by the Host Union and in accordance with any specific sanitary rules that must be applied.

7.2.4. Official Teams Photo

Participating Unions must arrange photographer for official team's photo, to be taken prior to arrival in Host Union. Photo usually includes subs and staff, and should be sent one week before the event to rugbyXV@rugbyeurope.eu

7.2.5. Captains' Photo

To be held on the evening preceding the first day of the tournament. Captains will be required to assemble as advised in full home playing kit including jersey, shorts, and socks along with running shoes (not studs).

7.2.6. Post-Tournament Banquet

The Host Union must organise a banquet and invite all players and staff. Attendance is mandatory for all Participating Teams. For the avoidance of doubt, the host Union shall bear the cost of this Banquet, within the limits of 30 people (26 players and 4 staff).

7.3. TROPHY

7.3.1. Trophy Terms & Conditions

Rugby Europe will present a Cup to the winners of each Championship.

Both U18 and U20 XV Championship Trophies are the property of Rugby Europe. Following the conclusion of the Final game, Rugby Europe may decide to entrust the winning Participating Union (the "Winner") with the safekeeping and security of the Trophy for a limited period of time.

The Winner shall be responsible for the safe return of the Trophy (undamaged) to Rugby Europe by appropriate means at the Winner's expenses.

No sponsorship or branding or any engraving should be placed in or around the Trophy at any time without prior approval of Rugby Europe.

7.4. TRANSPORTATION

7.4.1. International Transportation Organisation

Teams must book their travels to arrive in Host Country by no later than 14:00 on the day prior to the Day 1 of the competitions.

The cost of International Transportation is the cost of the Participating Unions.

7.4.2. Local Transportation

A coach pick-up will be made available to teams at the Host Union cost to transport them from their arrival and departure airport to their designated accommodation site, excepted for the teams coming with their own bus.

Local Transportation cost to all official competition events or meetings from one day before to one day after the Match is Host Union cost. Transportation for optional activities required by the visiting teams are Visiting Union costs.

For other **TECHNICAL OPERATIONS**, please refer to the **Article 4** of 2023-24 REIC Manual.

7.5. FINES AND PAYMENT

TYPE OF BREACH	Amount (in Euros) * Maximum fee claim
GENERAL	
Failure to attend official tournament function (including media related, per event/member)	500
Display of offensive, religious, racial, or political message either worn, in written or verbally by any of the team member	1'000
Any other(s) act(s) out of the pitch which are contrary to good sportsmanship or reflect an inappropriate behaviour from any team member; as defined by RE Code of Ethics	500
VENUES (MATCH & TRAINING)	
Failure to submit or late submission of Venue documentation (details (all) and maps for Championship division only)	500

Non-compliance with World Rugby regulation or absence of Venue dispensation Certificate	1'000
Non-compliance with Rugby Europe Commercial/Marketing requirements (per item)	
Failure to guarantee Teams' / Players' / Officials' security	1'000
Damage to equipment / facilities (including out of stadium)*	1'000
Non-compliance with RE requirements in terms of Medical/player welfare (incl. HIA)	1'000
DOCUMENTATION/ INFORMATION	
Late Submission of Union Consent form and Participation Agreement (>1 month)	1'000
Late submission of Venue and KO time	100
Late submission of Players and Officials Long List	100
Late submission of kit for approval	200
Late submission of Eligibility document (per player)	100
Late (less than 24 hours before KO) or incorrect submission of Team Sheet	100
Non justified change on the Team sheet within 24 hours to KO	100
Non presentation of mandatory game documentation to the Commissioner upon request during Manager's meeting (per missing document)	100
Late submission of Team Member personal information (per item)	50
Non-compliance with squad photo specification (per item)	50
MATCH MANAGEMENT	
Non-compliance with specified Match timings (including last minute change in KO time)	1'000
Non-compliance with directions of Match Management Team in Match Venue:	500
Breach in Team Kit Specification:	
- No number on jersey	1'000
- Inidentifiable number on jersey	500
- Non-respect of Kit and Bibs rules	200
- Use of non-compliant clothing and equipment in Match Venues (sanction applied per item)	200
- Wrong jersey number on Player's list	200
- Non-compliance with jersey numbering (WR reg 15)	100
Jersey colour conflict non-solvable	500
Loss or damage of a Bib (per one Bib)	100
COMMERCIAL / MARKETING RULES	

Non-respect of commercial/marketing rules and RE sponsors requirements (including balls, boards, logos, per item)	500
Promotion of non-compliant commercial marks during games (especially RE sponsors competitors)	1'000
Unapproved use of Rugby Europe Marks by participating Union and/or its commercial partner(s)	100
BROADCAST / LIVESTREAM	
Failure to set up or deliver a broadcast/livestream video feed of the game (for RE.TV or TV-partners)	1'000
Non-respect of RE broadcast/live-stream requirements (cameras, quality, graphics, ...)	500
Failure to provide a copy of the match to RE Match-officials after the game	200
Non-respect of Media-rights policy	1'000
MEDIA / COMMUNICATION	
Non-compliant use of Player images	1'000
Release of information before embargo lift from RE	1'000
Non-attendance of a specific team member to a post-match interview and/or Press Conference (per player)	200
Late cancellation or amendments of any previously agreed Team commitments e.g. media, open/closed training session, public engagements	200

*Reimbursement of broken items may be added to the fines payable to Rugby Europe.

Any financial sanctions shall become payable immediately by the Participating Union concerned. In cases of non-payment, the fines and financial penalties may be enforced through the withholding of any monies otherwise owed by the Rugby Europe to the Participating Union.

7.6. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Recognise and Remove protocol will be applied throughout the competitions at both U18 and U20 XV Championships.

Please refer to the following link to World Rugby to understand more about the management of Concussion and the need to 'Recognise and Remove':

<https://playerwelfare.worldrugby.org/concussion>
<https://www.world.rugby/the-game/player-welfare/medical/concussion/recognise-and-remove>

Team must complete online Injury Report after each competition day during the tournament. Link to access the form of the report is available here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/t95mYMCn1x>

For more information about the Tournaments' **MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS**, please refer to the **Article 6** of 2023-24 REIC Manual.

8. TABLE OF REFERENCES

FOR THE SUBJECTS NOT COVERED IN THE CURRENT REGULATIONS, PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF 2023-24 RUGBY EUROPE INTERNATIONAL XV CHAMPIONSHIP MANUAL:

Subject	Article to refer to in the 2023-24 RE International Championship Manual	With addition to/exception of the following
Definitions and Interpretations	1.2	
TEAM AND PLAYERS		
Age Criteria Eligibility	2.9	Article 4.1 of these Regulations
Minimum Participation Criteria for Staff Members	3.5.2	Article 4.3 of these Regulations
Match Team Sheet	3.6	Article 3.3 of these Regulations
Team Kit Specification	3.7	Article 3.4 of these Regulations
MATCH DAY OPERATIONS		
Kicking Competition	2.4.3	
Postponed, Abandoned, Cancelled Matches	2.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the interests of the Teams, the commencement of Matches at the scheduled time shall be the first priority in all instances. However, in circumstances deemed necessary <u>by Rugby Europe Tournament Director</u>, Matches may need to be delayed, postponed, abandoned, or cancelled. All decisions in this regard shall be communicated to Teams / Referee by the Match Commissioner. - If a Team has been expelled from the Tournament, for whatever reason, then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. that Team shall be deemed to have lost all the Matches previously played iv. for the purposes of determining final standings, that team will be ranked last of the competition

Tournament Balls	3.8	There will be three (3) balls available for each match. Each Team will be provided with three (3) Match balls upon arrival at the Managers' meeting. These balls will remain in the possession of the Team during all competition and after.
Pitches Obligations	3.3	
Pre-Match Protocol	3.8.5	
Training	4.1.2	
Dressing Rooms	4.1.6	
Match Day Run Sheet	4.2	
Ice Baths	4.7.1	
Warm-Up	4.8.1	
Coin Toss	4.8.2	The coin toss takes place 45 minutes before kick-off.
Match Commissioner	5.1	
Refereeing	5.2 and 5.3	It is mandatory to provide minimum 4 devices for every match of the Championships
TECHNICAL OPERATIONS		
Security	4.1.8	
Accommodation and Meals	4.5	
Accreditation	4.6	Competition accreditation passes will be supplied by the Host Union to thirty (30) Team Members, plus up to 4 (four) additional members.
Ticketing	4.7	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS		
Medical Arrangements	6	Article 7.7 of these Regulations.
Media Rules	7	
Video Production and Broadcasting	8	
Commercial Rules	9	
Anti-Doping Programme	10	
Anti-Corruption and Betting Programme	11	
Disciplinary Regulations	12	Article 7.5 "Fines" and 7.6 "Payment" of the current Regulations.

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10. APPENDICES

The following table contains all the appendices mentioned in these Regulations:

App	Document	What to do with it
App.2	Team Delegation Consent Information & Consent Form	To be signed by all players and management staff, including Teams Officials. Hard copies to be handed to the Rugby Europe Match Commissioner on the day before the first game to be eligible to play.
App.4	Therapeutic Use Exemption Form	To be completed by the Player and the Medical Practitioner, where applicable and sent to: antidoping@rugbyeurope.eu & tue@worldrugby.org before arrival to the Tournament with a hard copy for the Tournament Director at Managers Meeting.
App.5	Player Eligibility Declaration	To be completed and signed by Player uploaded on Sportlomo for eligible players with all proof documents (hard copies to be handed to Tournament Director if not confirmed on Sportlomo).
App.6	Forms for Player's Age Criteria Eligibility (Under 18 and U20)	To be completed and signed by all relevant people and uploaded on Sportlomo for eligible players, (hard copies to be handed to Tournament Director if not confirmed on Sportlomo).
App.8	Sportlomo User-Manual	To guide through the processes of submitting the team sheet and eligibility documents of the players.
App.10	Long List and Final Team Sheet of Players and Officials	Excel/CSV long list of players and team officials must be sent electronically to rugbyXV@rugbyeurope.eu no later than 4 weeks before Day 1 of the competition. Final Team Sheet (26 players + team officials) of each match to be submitted on Sportlomo 24 hours before the match . Its hard copy to be downloaded from Sportlomo, signed by Team Manager to be handed to the Rugby Europe Match Commissioner on the day before the game. Any modification within the 24h to KO must be communicated ASAP to Match Commissioner and to rugbyXV@rugbyeurope.eu
App.11	Tournaments Run Sheet	

- These Regulations,
- 2023-24 REIC Manual, and
- All the required forms

are available online by the following link:

https://rugbyeurope.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/Eh2Cteaf3JJln3JQaKhkKdUB6DGynbWrtXQV_AXxajfLbg

AND ON RUGBY EUROPE WEBSITE, SECTION "DOCUMENTATION"

APPENDIX 11 – TOURNAMENTS’ PROGRAMME T&E + Competitions

All timings are subject to changes until further notice.

EVENT	HOUR	PLACE	DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
DAY 1, NOVEMBER 9					
L2 ICIR	09:00-17:00	Gym (at the stadium)	09/11	T&E	U20/18 medics & invited local medics
DAY 2, NOVEMBER 10					
L2 ICIR	09:00 -17:00	Gym (at the stadium)	10/11	T&E	U20/18 medics & invited local medics
U18 Teams Arrivals	...-14:00	Hotel	10/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
U18 Entry Check	14:00 – 18:00	Hotel	10/11	U18 Competitions	Team Managers U18
U18 Team Managers Meeting + Medical Meeting + Captains’ Photo	20:00 – 21:00	Hotel	10/11	U18 Competitions	Team Managers U18
DAY 3, NOVEMBER 11					
M1 U18 Quarterfinals	KO 10:00	Main pitch	11/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M2 U18 Quarterfinals	KO 12:30	Main pitch	11/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
U20 Teams Arrivals	...-14:00	Hotel	11/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
U20 Entry Check	14:00 – 18:00	Hotel	10/11	U20 Competitions	Team Managers U20
M3 U18 Quarterfinals	KO 15:00	Main pitch	11/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M4 U18 Quarterfinals	KO 17:30	Main pitch	11/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
U20 Team Managers Meeting + Medical Meeting + Captains’ Photo	20:00 – 21:00	Hotel	11/11	U20 Competitions	Team Managers U20
RESC BHW v BRU	KO 20:15	Main pitch	11/11	RE Super Cup	RESC Teams
DAY 4, NOVEMBER 12					
World Rugby Activate Course - U18s	10:00 -11:30	Hotel	12/11	T&E	U18s coaches/staff/players
M1 U20 Quarterfinals	KO 11:00	Main pitch	12/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M2 U20 Quarterfinals	KO 13:30	Main pitch	12/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20

M3 U20 Quarterfinals	KO 16:00	Main pitch	12/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M4 U20 Quarterfinals	KO 18:30	Main pitch	12/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
DAY 5, NOVEMBER 13					
World Rugby Activate Course - U20s	10:00 - 11:30	Hotel	13/11	T&E	U20s coaches/ staff/players
Meeting – U18 Competition System	14 :30– 16:00	TBC	13/11	RE Competitions	U18 Team Managers, Union’s representatives
Workshop 1- Concussion Management & Return to Play	20:00 – 21:00	Hotel meeting room	13/11	T&E	U20/18 Staff
DAY 6, NOVEMBER 14					
M1 U18 Semifinals	KO 11:00	Main pitch	14/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M2 U18 Semifinals	KO 13:30	Main pitch	14/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M3 U18 Semifinals	KO 16:00	Main pitch	14/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M4 U18 Semifinals	KO 18:30	Main pitch	14/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
DAY 7, NOVEMBER 15					
M1 U20 Semifinals	KO 11:00	Main pitch	15/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M2 U20 Semifinals	KO 13:30	Main pitch	15/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M3 U20 Semifinals	KO 16:00	Main pitch	15/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M4 U20 Semifinals	KO 18:30	Main pitch	15/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
U18 2nd Managers Meeting	20:00 – 21:00	Hotel	15/11	U18 Competitions	Team Managers U18
DAY 8, NOVEMBER 16					
U20 2 nd Managers Meeting	TBC	Hotel meeting room	16/11	U20 Competitions	Team Managers U20
RESC: BHW v DEL	KO 19 :00	Main pitch	16/11	RE Super Cup	RESC Teams
DAY 9, NOVEMBER 17					
L2 Strength & Conditioning Course	9:00 – 17:00	Classroom 1 (hotel)	17/11	T&E	By registration through Union T&E department

Functional screening opportunity for players	12:00 – 17:00	Classroom 1 (hotel)	17/11	T&E	Up to 4 U20/18 teams – pre-register
Workshop – Managing Player Load	20:00 – 21:00	Hotel meeting room	17/11	T&E	U20/18 Staff
DAY 10, NOVEMBER 18					
L2 Strength & Conditioning Course	9:00 – 17:00	Classroom 1 (hotel)/ Gym	18/11	T&E	By registration through Union T&E department
M1 U18 Finals	KO 11:00	Main pitch	18/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M2 U18 Finals	KO 13:30	Main pitch	18/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M3 U18 Finals	KO 16:00	Main pitch	18/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
M4 U18 Finals	KO 18:30	Main pitch	18/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
DAY 11, NOVEMBER 19					
L2 Strength & Conditioning Course	9:00 – 17:00	Field/ Gym	19/11	T&E	By registration through Union T&E department
M1 U20 Finals	KO 11:00	Main pitch	19/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M2 U20 Finals	KO 13:30	Main pitch	19/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M3 U20 Finals	KO 16:00	Main pitch	19/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
M4 U20 Finals	KO 18:30	Main pitch	19/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20
U18 Teams Departure	All day	Hotel/airport	19/11	U18 Competitions	Teams U18
DAY 12, NOVEMBER 20					
U20 Teams Departure	All day	Hotel/airport	20/11	U20 Competitions	Teams U20