



# BERMUDA RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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## 1. Introduction

Through the BRFU Mini, Midi and Youth Rules, the BRFU wishes to promote the 'spirit of rugby'. This means the enjoyment of learning a challenging team sport that values effort as much as achievement. In the past, some adults involved in developing Mini- Midi Rugby promoted a 'win at any cost' culture to the exclusion of the wider values of the [game](#) including enjoyment, teamwork and respect for the efforts of others. The Continuum includes Codes specifically designed to overcome such negative attitudes for the greater good of the [game](#).

## 2. Age Grades

The age grades are as follows:

- Under 7 and Under 8 (stage 1) - both age grades play Mini Tag Rugby to the same rules except that Under 8s can only be tagged a maximum number of times;
- Under 9 and Under 10 (stage 2) - both age grades play Mini Rugby to the same rules except Under 9s have uncontested scrums and line-outs and Under 10s have contested scrums and line-outs;
- Under 11 and Under 12 (stage 3) - both age grades play Midi Rugby to the same rules.

A player's age grade is determined by their age at midnight on 31 August at the beginning of each Season.

During the course of each Season, players may only play rugby with other players in their age grade unless they are permitted to play with players from a different age grade under a dispensation.

## 3. Pitch Size

The maximum pitch size is

- A) Under 7 and Under 8 – 60 metres by 30 metres, plus 5 metres for each ingoal area.
- B) Under 9 and Under 10 – 60 metres by 35 metres, plus 5 metres for each ingoal area.
- C) Under 11 and Under 12 – 60 metres by 43 metres, plus 5 metres for each in goal area.

Provision should be made to indicate the position of the line 15 metres out from each goal line, serving a similar purpose to the 22 metre line in the iRB Laws of the [Game](#).

Reduced pitch sizes are acceptable provided this is agreed between the officiating referee and coaches, and the smaller pitches do not materially increase the risk of injury to players.

Adjacent pitches should be no closer than 5 metres



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### **Inappropriate Behavior**

If the referee decides that a player must cease to participate in a match, they must stop the match, call the individual player aside from the other players and invite the coach of that player on to the field. The referee must explain to the coach and the player why they feel the player's behavior is unacceptable and instruct the coach to provide a substitute player. That player is to take no further part in that Fixture or Tournament. It is the responsibility of the coach to speak to and educate the player as to why such action was taken.

In the case of actions on the part of adults involved in Mini, Midi and Youth Rugby, the recommended procedure is as follows:

- (a) the match or training session should be stopped and the match officials and coaches should confer and agree on a course of action appropriate to the circumstances. This may include the match officials and relevant coach warning the adult concerned or requesting the relevant adult to vacate the vicinity of the pitch before recommencing the match or training. In extreme cases or where the adult refuses to cooperate, the match or training should be abandoned;
- (b) the match officials and coaches should notify the incident to the Chairmen of the BRFU or a School Principal in the case of a school game for further consideration. In extreme cases this may include banning the relevant adult from attending matches and/or training sessions for a period and/or submission of a complaint to the BRFU Board.