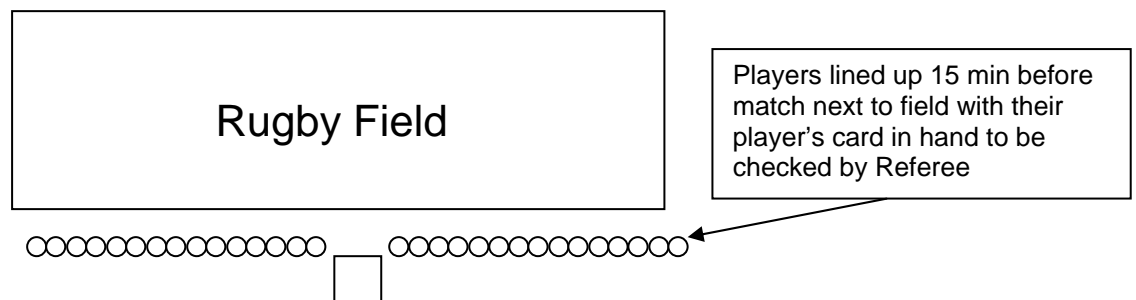


## ZERO TOLERANCE – CLUB RUGBY THE WAY FORWARD

- All players must be registered with a club and be in possession of a players card in order to take to the field. Before the commencement of all the Union's competition fixtures, the Player Cards of the Players participating in each relevant match shall be handed to the Referee officiating in that match by no later than 15 minutes before the commencement of such match. Should cards of any players in any of the Union's competition fixtures not be handed to the Referee timeously such Players shall not participate in the said match. If there are No cards then the match will not take place



- No player will be allowed to be in the starting line-up of more than one team on any given day.
- There must be trained medical personal on the side of the field.
- Emergency equipment must be readily available (Trauma board, neck brace etc...)
- A demarcated technical area must be available and strictly adhered to
- An Administration table needs to be present with officials from both teams managing the table.

***If any of the above is not in place then NO match will be allowed to take place.***

No Player will be allowed to participate in any match without a player's card

**Foul language will NOT be tolerated on the playing field.**

### LATE ARRIVAL OF TEAMS

- All matches should start as near to the scheduled time as possible but a first team match should not start later than the scheduled time e.g. 16:00.
- Where more than one match is down to be played on the same ground, an earlier match must not continue longer than the starting time of the next match. For example: if the third team game starts late, it should end before 14:40 in order for the second team match to start at 14:40.
- Where teams arrive late, the referee should play two halves of equal time which will permit the next game to start on time.
- If it is not possible to play at least 20 minutes per half, the game must officially be called off by the referee. The referee must report the matter to the Union stating why the match was called off and naming the team responsible for the match not taking place.
- Even if it is not possible to play 20 minutes per half, the teams and the referee are encouraged to play a match of shorter duration (say 15 minutes per half) but it will not count as an official league match.
- If a team does not pitch or refuses to take to the field then the referee and opposing team needs to take to the field so that the match can be called off

**NB.** No referee may officiate in **any match** without the approval or appointment of the WP Rugby Football Union or the WP Referees Society.