

RUGBY ONTARIO OPERATIONS MANUAL (ROOM) BRIDGING DOCUMENT (2020)

This document is designed to assist Members and registrants by highlighting the main variations / material changes from the 2019 version to the 2020 version of the Rugby Ontario Operations Manual (ROOM).

However, Members and registrants are still advised to read the revised ROOM in its entirety to familiarize themselves with all the content and their rights and responsibilities. The 2020 ROOM is in force from the date of Board approval.

AREA	ROOM 2019		ROOM 2020		
	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Purpose & Administration	1.3	Definition of harassment	1.3	Definition of harassment updated	To be more comprehensive
Registration of Participants	NA	NA	2.3.9	Addition of a 48 hour player registration category	To cater for one off situations such as alumni games, tryouts.
Transfers & Loans	2.4.4	Transfer requests	2.4.4	A Member may only deny a transfer request if the registrant is not in good standing or if a written agreement exists between the Member and the registrant in addition to the Rugby Canada registration system	To ensure a Member does not unfairly deny a transfer request.
Transfers & Loans	2.4.10	Indicates the process for playing 7s for a Different Member	2.4.10(i)	Addition of a notification requirement for a player participating in 7s for another Member.	So the Member with whom the player is registered is aware

Transfers & Loans	2.4.14	Indicates where loans are not permitted	2.4.14	Addition that loans are not permitted for Junior Provincial Championships	To protect the integrity of the Championships
Concussion Management	NA	NA	3.3.2	New section that indicates the requirements of Rowan's Law	To meet the requirements of Ontario Ministry legislation.
Concussion Management	3.3.4	Pilot of Blues Card in Marshall and OWL 1 st Leagues	3.3.5	The Rugby Ontario Blue Card Concussion Initiative is now applicable in all matches under the jurisdiction of Rugby Ontario.	To meet the requirements of Ontario Ministry legislation.
Eligibility to Play Lower Age Grade Rugby	3.10.3	Eligibility requirements to play "down"	3.1.15	Addition that University, National and Provincial HP program players cannot play down.	For Player Welfare reasons
Trans Inclusion	NA	NA	3.20	Rugby Ontario adopts The Rugby Canada Trans Inclusion policy	Introduction of a Trans Inclusion Policy
Coaches & Managers	4.1.4 (iii)	NA	4.1.4 (iii)	New point that indicates the requirements of Rowan's Law	To meet the requirements of Ontario Ministry legislation.

Match Officials	4.2.8	NA	4.2.9(v)	New point that indicates the requirements of Rowan's Law	To meet the requirements of Ontario Ministry legislation.
Recognized Competitions	5.1.1 5.1.26	NA	5.1.11 5.1.26 (ii)	Addition of new procedure regarding league/competition declaration of participation	To provide acknowledgement, on an annual basis, from Members of entry into competitions or leagues.
Match Confirmation	5.1.13 (ij)	NA	5.1.13(ii) & (iii)	(ii) Change of timeline for date, venue change. (iii) New point that further outlines the procedure for a kick off time change.	(ii) Change from 2 days notice to 4 days notice (iii) New point. 2 days notice
Club Match Officials	4.2.9	Indicates the requirements of Members in relation to Club match officials.	5.1.22 (iii)	Amended to identify the number of Club Match officials required	To take into account the number of teams that a Member fields.

Defaults	NA	NA	5.1.22(iv)	Addition of a section to allow for a match intended to be defaulted to be potentially rescheduled.	To try and get matches played if possible.
Junior Provincial Championship Eligibility	NA	NA	5.1.43 5.1.44	Eligibility requirements now in place for players to participate in Junior Provincial Championships	To protect the integrity of the Championships
High Performance Programs	6.1.2	A player does not need to be registered to try out for a provincial team program	6.1.2	To be eligible to participate in a tryout for a Rugby Ontario High Performance program, a player must be currently registered in the Rugby Canada National registration system.	To meet the requirement that all participants must be registered to be covered by the Rugby Insurance.
Disciplinary Actions	7.3.3	Members are responsible for the actions of their registrants, officials, administrators and spectators	7.3.3	Members are responsible for the actions of their registrants, officials, administrators and spectators in relation to all matters that occur under the jurisdiction of Rugby Ontario	For clarification

Modified Procedures for Foul Play in Sevens	NA	NA	7.7.7	For all Sevens matches played under the jurisdiction of Rugby Ontario, <u>World Rugby Regulations 17.29 to 17.36</u> shall apply.	Added to provide direction as to how discipline procedures are applied in Sevens Tournaments
Handling Harassment Complaints	NA	NA	7.8.2	Members are responsible for the actions of their registrants, officials, administrators and spectators in relation to all matters that occur under the jurisdiction of Rugby Ontario. If, at a match, an alleged harasser cannot be readily identified as being affiliated with a Member, then the Member which is the home team shall be responsible for that individual.	Added to provide clarity
Harassment Case Review Panels	8.6.7	Indicates possible disciplinary actions	8.6.7	In recommending disciplinary actions, the Panel may consider the options listed in Table 7 – Standard Penalties for Harassment Incidents.	Moves disciplinary actions to the Schedule of Sanctions as this is where other sanctions appear.

Schedule of Sanctions	NA	NA	1.8	Sanction now in place for failure to provide a Club match official when required by Rugby Ontario	To provide for the application of a sanction in this situation.
Schedule of Sanctions	NA	NA	3.5	Sanction now in place for verbal abuse, including, but not limited to abuse based on religion, colour, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation.	To provide more specific direction for the application of a sanction in this situation.
Schedule of Sanctions	NA	NA	Table 7	Added Table 7 – Standard Penalties for Members, Registrants and Individuals relating to Harassment Case Review Panel Decisions	Moved from disciplinary actions to the Schedule of Sanctions as this is where other sanctions appear.