



2018 Secondary Schools Rugby - Semi-finals and Finals Rules

Tied Team Formula at the End of Round Robins or Second Rounds

Where any number of teams finish on equal points at the end of the round robin or second round, the team rankings for semi-finals will be determined by the following criteria:-

- Who beat who, in the last game(s) played between the teams, then if still tied
- The team with the highest number of wins in all games, then if still tied
- The team with the best points differential (points for - points against)

Player Eligibility for Semi-finals and Finals and Player Movement Between Grades

Players may move freely between any 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV teams until the semi-final or championship playoff rounds when only those players who have;

- i. played fewer than 7 games in a higher graded team and,
 - ii. played more than 5 regular season games for the lower graded team or,
 - iii. been granted a re-grading or dispensation, may play in a lower graded team.
- iv when a player is moving between teams as a substitute, time on/off, playing position or did not play (DNP) is to be recorded on the team sheet.
- v. No re-grades will be approved for 1st XV/2nd XV players after one week before semi-finals.

Players may not move between 4th and 5th Grades after the third week of play unless they have been granted a re-grading.

In all other cases, once a player has played 3 games in any grade, he is deemed to belong to that grade. He may subsequently play "up" one or more grades, but may not play "down" one or more grades without first being re-graded.

A re-grading is unlikely to be granted for the semi-final, final or championship playoff rounds. A re-graded player must have played most of his rugby in the lower grade to request a re-grade after participating in higher grade semi/finals.

A player is deemed to have played a 'game' if he plays 50% of the game.

Where a player has played for a team in a semi-final, or championship play-off, he cannot then play in a lower grade final for another team unless a re-grade has been granted. If in a semi or final a player went on for a blood-bin or injury replacement then that is not counted, only a tactical substitution counts as playing.

Semi-final Rules

- There will be no extra time played in semi-final games
- if the scores are tied at full-time, the team progressing to the final will be the team that:-
 - has scored the most tries in the match
 - if this is equal then the Team progressing to the final will be the Team that has had the fewest players sent off the field in the game
 - if this is equal then the Team progressing to the final will be the Team that has had the fewest players sent to the sin-bin during the game.
 - If this is equal, than the Team progressing to the final will be the Team that was the higher ranked going into the semi-final, based on the preceding competition.

Finals Rules

If at the end of any Championship final both teams are level, the title shall be shared. No extra time to be played.