

## SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION

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**To: All Panel Referees**  
**All Society Chairmen**  
**All Referee Managers**  
**All Squad Referees**  
**All CEO's of Unions**  
**All High School Societies**

**RE: Playing Time for High and Primary Schools Matches**

Our previous communication dated 14/05/2014 refers.

Where applicable amendments were made for clarity purposes. Please refer to the under 19 Law Variations in the Law book.

1. The High Schools 1st team game should last 70 minutes of **PLAYING TIME** and not RUNNING TIME.
2. The sin bin time is 10 minutes **PLAYING TIME** for High School 1st teams. All other teams have a 5 minute sin bin.
3. All other rugby at High School level is to be played as per previously corresponded as follows:
  - a. u/14 and u/15 = 25 minutes playing time per half;
  - b. u/16 = 30 minutes playing time per half; and
  - c. Open sides up to 35 minutes playing time per half.

SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION (an incorporated association of persons)

President: OPM Hoskins Deputy President: MA Alexander Vice President: JY Stoffberg Chief Executive Officer: JW Roux



With respect to Primary School rugby the following **RUNNING TIME** is applicable:

1. Two halves of twenty five (25) minutes running time each will be played for u/13 only.
  - a. A maximum of five (5) minutes injury time will be allowed in a match
2. For the age group U9 to U12 a match comprises two halves of twenty (20) minutes running time.
  - a. A maximum of five (5) minutes injury time will be allowed in a match.
3. A maximum of 5min will be allowed for the interval (Half-time).

I trust you will spread above message to all your referees and the time keepers and side-line managers for the correct application.

The only occasions when above is altered is when permission is sought from SARU for tournaments such as the National weeks, e.g. Coca Cola Craven weeks, etc. due to TV schedules and/or other factors.

Should there be any questions, please contact us.



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