

## REGULATION 1. DEFINITIONS

**1.1** For the purposes of these Regulations the terms below shall have the following meanings assigned to them unless the context otherwise requires.

**Age of Majority** is deemed to be acquired on a Person's 18th birthday.

**Agent** means an agent or adviser acting on behalf of a Person, Union, Rugby Body or Club in relation to that Person's, Union's, Rugby Body's or Club's activity in the Game.

**Appeal Committee** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 18.3.

**Appeal Panel** means a panel of individuals from which Appeal Committees may be selected in accordance with Regulation 18.3.

**Appeal Tribunal** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 17.6.

**Association** means an association of Unions recognised by the Council.

**Board** means the IRB.

**Broadcasting Rights** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 13.1.

**Bye-Laws** means the Bye-Laws for the time being adopted by the Board and in force.

**CEO** means Chief Executive Officer of the IRB appointed by the Council.

**Clearance** means the written consent (in the standard form) authorising a Player to participate in the Game in a New Union at the request of such New Union and signed by:

- (a) the Player's Current Union;
- (b) the Union for whom the Player plays International Matches where such Player has represented that Union in a Match covered by Regulation 8.3 or 8.4;
- (c) the New Union.

**Contract Player** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 4.5.4.



**Council** means the Board's Executive Council which comprises representatives of Unions and Associations appointed as provided in the Bye-Laws and which manages and controls the affairs of the Board.

**Club** means a body or organisation affiliated directly or indirectly to a Union.

**Current Union** means the Union with which a Player is Registered.

**Disciplinary Committee** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 17.

**Dual Registration** means registration with two Unions in the circumstances permitted under Regulation 4.5.5 and 4.5.6.

**Game** means rugby football played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

**Host Union** means the Union under whose jurisdiction an International Match is played.

**Home Ground** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 2.1.4.

**Home Union** means the Union with which a Player is or was first Registered, or, if different, the Union where a Player was trained or developed.

**IRB** means the International Rugby Board, being the association of Unions or Associations in membership of the Board in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

**International Match** means any match played between National Representative Teams selected by Unions.

**International Tournament** means a tournament in which teams representing Unions at any level meet to participate in a Series of Matches whether at 15-a-side or an abbreviated version of the Game.

**International Tour** means a Match or Series of Matches in which a team representing a Union at any level participates against a National Representative Team and/or other Rugby Bodies or Clubs in the jurisdiction of another Union.

**IOC** means the International Olympic Committee being an association created by the Congress of Paris of June 1894 and which is entrusted with the control and development of the Modern Olympic Games pursuant to the Olympic Charter.

**IRB Sevens Tournament** means the Rugby World Cup Sevens (Finals and Qualifying Matches), the World Sevens Series and such other Sevens Tournaments that the IRB shall from time to time designate.

**Judicial Committee** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 18.2.

**Judicial Officer** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 17.2.

**Judicial Panel** means a panel of individuals from which Judicial Officers and Judicial Committees may be selected in accordance with Regulation 18.2.

**Match** means a Game in which two teams compete against each other.

**Material Benefit** means money, consideration, gifts or any other benefits whatsoever promised or given to a Person or any other individual, body corporate, partnership (or any other entity or body whether incorporated or not) at his direction in respect of such Person's participation in the Game, but shall not include bona fide reimbursement of expenses incurred for reasonable travel, accommodation, subsistence or other expenses incurred solely and directly in relation to the Game.

**Match Official** means a referee and/or a touch judge and shall include, when appointed, a Citing Commissioner and/or the fourth official.

**Minor** shall mean a person who has not reached the Age of Majority as referred to in the IRB Regulations

**National Representative Team** means a team selected by a Union to represent that Union.

**National Squad** means the group of Players (of any number) selected by a Union from time to time from which Players may be nominated to represent that Union's two senior National Representative Teams.

**New Union** means the Union with which a Player wishes to become Registered.



**Non-Contract Player** has the meaning given to it in Regulation 4.5.4.

**Person** means a Player, trainer, referee, touch judge, coach, selector, medical officer, physiotherapist or any other individual who is or has been at any time involved in the Game, or in the organisation, administration or promotion of the Game.

**Player** means a player of the Game who is a Non-Contract Player or a Contract Player.

**Registered** means registered with a Union, whether directly, or indirectly via registration with a Club or other Rugby Body affiliated to such Union.

**Regulations** means Regulations Relating to the Game binding on all Unions and Associations and which have been passed by the Council or which may hereafter be passed by the Council under the powers contained in the Bye-Laws.

**Regulations Committee** means the Committee appointed pursuant to Regulation 2.2.

**Residence** means the place or location in which a Player has his primary and permanent home and Resident shall be construed accordingly.

**Rugby Body** means a provincial Union, district, state, group of Clubs or similar organisation affiliated directly or indirectly to a Union.

**Series of Matches** means two or more Matches.

**Standard Dual Registration Forms** means the standard form used by a Student and/or Serviceman's Home Union to permit the Student or Serviceman to register with a second Union pursuant to Regulations 4.5.5 and 4.5.6.

**The British and Irish Lions** means "The Lions – A team comprising of Players selected from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales".

**The Combined Team of the Pacific Island Unions** means a combined team comprising of Players selected from the Pacific Island Unions of Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

**Tours Agreement** means the agreement approved by the Council which provides for the terms under which a Union visits another Union or Unions.

**Union(s)** means every national rugby Union for the time being in membership of the Board.

- 1.2** Unless the context otherwise requires in these Regulations the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.3** In these Regulations, reference to a Law is a reference to a Law of the Game.
- 1.4** In the event of any inconsistency between the Council's Tours Agreement and these Regulations, these Regulations shall prevail.
- 1.5** In the event of any inconsistency between the Laws of the Game and these Regulations, the Laws of the Game shall prevail.
- 1.6** In these Regulations, reference to the secretary of a Union shall include the Chief Executive Officer appointed by a Union or such other person acting in a similar capacity and vice versa.

