

## **REGULATION 16. ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL MATCHES; INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS; INTERNATIONAL TOURS**

- 16.1** All International Matches between the senior National Representative Teams or the next senior National Representative Teams of Unions must be regulated, co-ordinated and approved by the Council. No International Match, International Tournament, International Tour or Series of Matches between the National Representative Team and/or next senior National Representative Team of Unions can be confirmed before it has been approved by the Council, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. The criteria for the approval of International Matches, International Tours, International Tournaments or Series of Matches by the Council shall be determined by the Council from time to time.
- 16.1.1 The Council will establish a schedule of International Matches, an International Tournament schedule and an International Tour schedule for an agreed period. Once International Match, International Tournament and International Tour details are confirmed by the Unions concerned and have been approved by the Council, the arrangements cannot be changed unless agreed by the Council.
- 16.1.2 International Matches, International Tours or a Series of Matches involving National Representative Teams may be provisionally arranged by the Unions concerned and subsequently submitted to the Council for approval at the discretion of the Council. No International Match, International Tour, International Tournament or Series of Matches involving a National Representative Team(s) may be arranged by any organisation other than the Council or the Unions of such National Representative Teams.
- 16.2 Matches, tours and tournaments below National Representative level**
- 16.2.1 A Rugby Body or Club shall not play a Match or Matches against any Rugby Body or Club or other team(s) that are not affiliated (temporarily or otherwise) to a Union or against teams that contain players that are not members of a Union without the prior written consent of the CEO.

- 16.2.2 When consideration is being given to a Match, Series of Matches or tour involving teams below National Representative level (e.g. Provincial, State, County, District, Club or other Rugby Body) from more than one Union, written permission to arrange such Matches or tours must first be obtained from the Secretary of the organiser's Union, who in turn, subject to permission being granted by his Union, will seek the agreement of the secretary of the other Union.
- 16.2.3 No Match, tour, or Series of Matches below National Representative level (eg Provincial, State, County, District, Club or other Rugby Body) shall be arranged or permitted to take place between teams from different Unions or one Union without the prior written agreement of the secretary of each of the Unions or Union concerned and the secretary of the Union within whose territory such Match, tour or Series of Matches is due to take place.
- 16.2.4 The visited Union shall be fully responsible for ensuring the proper administration and control of Matches or tours.
- 16.2.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the instigation, negotiation or arrangement of a Match, Series of Matches, tournament or tour to the country of another Union by a "composite" or "scratch" team is prohibited unless the specific written permission of the Unions concerned and the CEO has been granted.
- 16.2.6 For the purposes of Regulation 16.2.5 a "composite" or "scratch" team is one which is neither:
- (a) a Club team; nor
  - (b) a National Representative Team or the team of a Rugby Body.
- 16.2.7 When any tournament is planned where it is proposed that teams, at any level, from two or more Unions will participate, the approval of the Unions concerned must be obtained in writing through the Secretaries of those Unions before applying for the consent of the Council or finalising the arrangements or issuing invitations.
- 16.2.8 Any Match, Series of Matches, tour or tournament which does not fully comply with the requirements of the Bye-Laws, Regulations and Laws of the Game shall be deemed unofficial. The Union within whose territory such an unofficial event takes place (and the visiting Union or Unions) and/or the Union or Unions of participating Provincial, County, District, Clubs or Rugby Bodies will be held responsible and will be liable to sanction in accordance with the Regulations and/or Bye-Laws.