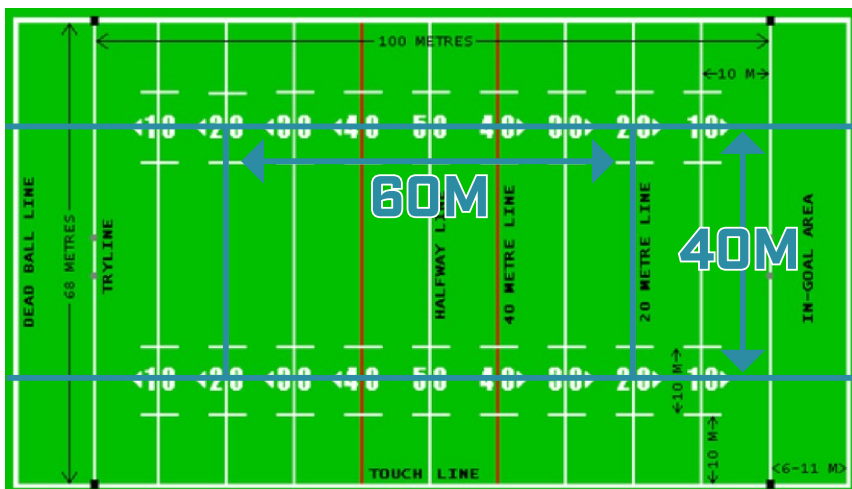




UNIVERSITY RUGBY LEAGUE 9'S DEREGULATION

Rugby League 9s Key Rules

- 9 players on the pitch at one time squad sizes can be up to 15 players, institutions could have more than one team in an event. If agreed between team's number matching can take place up to 13 a-side.
- 4 points for a try and optional 1 point for a drop kick dependant on the pitch and access to posts
- Pitch size maximum full-size pitch, Recommended 100m x 40m (full size pitch with narrower touch lines, marked by cones, Minimum 60 x 40m (see diagram below)
- The pitch doesn't need to be a fully marked rugby field and can be played on a safe adequate grass surface at the University or University Sports Facilities
- Simplified Version of the game kicking in only permitted on the 5th and last tackle – to encourage more play ball in hand



NOTES TO REFEREES

Both teams must agree which of the Uni RL9's deregulation rules will apply to the match and notify the referee at least 30 minutes prior to kick off. If both teams cannot agree which principles to apply the match will proceed without the application of the deregulation rules

1. Let the game flow
2. Do not pull up every error
3. Allow players to have ball in hand for as long as possible
4. Be willing to explain the decisions to develop understanding
5. No kicking until the last tackle
6. Encourage, Educate and Enjoy!

Please refer to your Uni RL briefing notes for more information

FAQ's

Q. Are there any scrums? **A.** There are no scrums in a Rugby League 9s game any infringements result in a turnover (play the ball to the opposition)

Q. How many subs do we need? **A.** There are up to 15 players in a 9s squad, a University may enter more than one team to any event.

Q. How long are the games? **A.** 9s games are anywhere from 10 – 20-minute games in a festival format but the total game time should not result in more than 80 minutes of game time.

USEFUL TIPS

1. Use cones to mark the Touchlines and in goal areas

2. The Pitch doesn't have to be on a current rugby pitch
For example: if you are using a football pitch make sure there is a safe distance between the end of the pitch and posts

3. You can provide the grounds team with this diagram if they wanted to mark out the pitches

4. Rugby League 9s is a great way to allow new players to experience rugby league