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### **AMENDED VERSION APRIL 2011**

Definitions:

**“Field of Play”** - is the area between the goal lines and touchlines.

**“Playing Area”** - is the field of play and the in-goal areas.

**“Playing enclosure”** – refer to Law 1

1. A province, club, rugby body or school shall adopt these regulations, and amendments thereto shall only be permitted if it is more stringent on its members.
2. A province, club, rugby body or school must ensure that it complies with these regulations and must further ensure that it takes appropriate action to inform each and every one of its members of the terms of these regulations and the obligation to comply with same.
3. Any person who coaches a rugby team or assists in the coaching of a team in whatever capacity has to be BokSmart certified and licensed accordingly.
4. Any person who officiates as a referee or assistant referee in a rugby match has to be BokSmart certified and licensed accordingly in order to officiate as such.

4.1 This does not apply to normal Touch Judges or Linesmen who are not qualified referees and simply monitor the touchline

5. The referee, assistant referees, coaches, assistant coaches or any person alleging to be the coach and any person in a coaching role who intends to enter the playing enclosure during a match have to provide proof of their BokSmart certification to the match manager / secretary of the province, club, rugby body or school hosting a match.
6. If the referee or any one of the assistant referees are not BokSmart certified, or they cannot provide proof of their BokSmart certification, the match shall be abandoned for safety reasons, unless they can be replaced by level appropriate BokSmart certified referees or assistant referees who can provide proof of BokSmart certification.
7. If the coach or the person alleging to be the coach, or any person acting in a coaching capacity for any of the participating teams, is not BokSmart certified, the match shall be abandoned.
8. Should a coach or the person alleging to be the coach, or any person in a coaching capacity allege to be BokSmart certified, but is not in a position to produce proof thereof, the match shall proceed subject thereto that such person(s) shall not be allowed on or next to the playing area during the match. They also have to produce their BokSmart certification licence to the match manager / secretary of the province, club, rugby body or school, as the case may be, on the first working day after the match.

9. The province, club, rugby body or school shall not be allowed to host any match without ensuring that the referee and assistant referees officiating in such matches and the coaches and assistant coaches of the participating teams are BokSmart certified.

- 9.1 Coaches are additionally to present proof of their BokSmart Certification to the referee at least 15 minutes before kick-off.

- 9.2 Should the coaches not present the necessary proof, then the referee is not to start the match, and subject to Clause 8, it shall be abandoned.

10. The referee shall not allow any person, excluding players and qualified medical staff, on the playing area who is not BokSmart certified. The BokSmart certification has to be presented to the referee or assistant referees by the person intending to enter the playing area.

11. It is the responsibility of provinces, clubs, rugby bodies and schools to ensure that every referee, assistant referee, coach and assistant coach affiliated to such province, club, rugby body or school are BokSmart certified and they shall keep a proper record thereof for auditing purposes by the province and / or SARU, and the Serious Injury Task Team (SITT) investigations, as the case may be.

12. The BokSmart certification shall be valid for 2 (two) years at a time, whereafter it must be renewed, subject to 13 below.

13. The BokSmart certification shall only be renewed after the successful completion of the latest BokSmart course. A 2-month grace period is provided after the expiry date on the licence card in order to undergo such course.

14. For every competition-, tournament- and/or league match played in accordance with the approved fixture list of the province, club, rugby body or school, the match referee has to submit an official referee's report to the province or to SARU, whichever is applicable, indicating the BokSmart certification status of himself and the assistant referees (where applicable) within 72 (seventy two) hours of completion of the match.

15. The following shall be recorded on the referee's report:

- 15.1 The Match Referee's Full Names, contact number and BokSmart certification code e.g. BS-0000001

- 15.2 All Assistant Referees' contact numbers, full names and BokSmart certification codes

16. For every competition-, tournament- and/or league match played in accordance with the approved fixture list of the province, club, rugby body or school, the match manager / secretary of the province, club, rugby body or school has to draft a signed and dated report, indicating the BokSmart certification status of coaches and assistant coaches of the teams, and those, excluding players and qualified medical staff, who entered the playing area during the match within 72 (seventy two) hours of completion of the match, and keep this report filed and on record at the province, club, rugby body or school's offices for auditing purposes should the documentation be required by SARU and/or the Province. The full names, contact numbers and BokSmart certification codes shall be recorded on the report.
17. Any breach of these regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable Judicial and Disciplinary Regulations. The Judicial Officer, Judicial Committee, Appeal Officer or Appeal Committee shall apply the recommended sanctions as referred to in the applicable Judicial and Disciplinary regulations.
18. In addition to the recommended penalties prescribed by the disciplinary and judicial regulations, the following minimum penalties shall apply:
  - 18.1. Should the referee or assistant referee officiate in a match without being BokSmart certified – 3 match suspension and shall remain suspended until they have obtained BokSmart certification.
  - 18.2. Should a team participate in a match, without the coach or assistant coach being BokSmart certified – 3 match suspension of the coach and / or assistant coach and shall remain suspended until they have obtained BokSmart certification.
  - 18.3. Should the referee allow any assistant referee to officiate in a match without being BokSmart certified or subject to Clause 8, start a game without the coaches having provided proof of their certification - 3 match suspension of the referee.
  - 18.4. Should a referee allow any coach, assistant coach or any official on the playing area who is not BokSmart certified – 3 match suspension of the referee.
  - 18.5. Should the province, club, rugby body or school hosting a match either allow a referee or assistant referees to officiate in a match and / or allow such match to continue with coaches and assistant coaches of the participating teams who are not BokSmart certified – the province, club, rugby body or school hosting the match will be declared the losers and forfeit any league points or trophies (if applicable). The visiting team will be declared the winners and be awarded with maximum league points or be awarded with the trophy (if applicable).
19. These regulations will be enforceable from 1 January 2011.