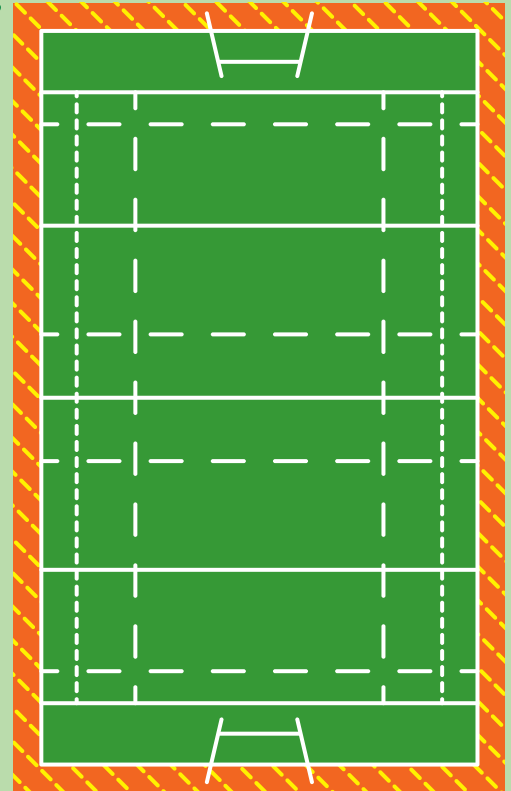


SAFETY IN THE PLAYING ENVIRONMENT

FIELD SAFETY INSPECTION DECISION MAKING

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Condition of playing field in accordance with the laws of the game?
- Athletic field or concrete border around playing field within 5 m of the playing field?
- Fixed objects within 5 m of playing field?
- Movable objects within 5 m of playing field?



SAFETY DECISION MAKING MATRIX

**SAFE
TO
PLAY**



SAFE TO PLAY
WITH MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OR FIXES

- Bring field markings in to make field smaller and create sufficient distance away from movable or fixed objects surrounding the field
- Increase playing enclosure perimeter space surrounding the playing field to create sufficient distance away from movable objects
- Need to provide protective padding or mats over athletic field, concrete border, or in front of movable or fixed objects
- Need to completely remove unsafe fixed or movable objects
- Perform 'chicken-parade' inspection of fields before matches to remove any dangerous objects such as glass

**UNSAFE
TO PLAY**

Unsafe to play, major adjustments required. All rugby suspended until cleared by Union representative



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN OR EAP DETAILS REQUIRED

- Layout of the facility and access to the facility
- Equipment available
- Internal support personnel
- External support personnel
- Communication required
- Follow up required post catastrophic injury

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Nearest Accessible Private Hospitals
- Nearest Accessible Government Hospitals
- Nearest Spinal Unit Accessible
- Local Government Emergency Service Providers
- Local Private Emergency Service Providers
- BokSmart SpineLine
- SICM or Serious Injury Case Manager
- Always have qualified adult supervision with scholars
- Practice techniques regularly with medical teams prior to match days