

2017-18 Girls Champion Schools Rules Quick Guide – National Festivals

The notes below are a quick guide to the girl's rules within the champion schools' competition. For the comprehensive rules breakdown please see the separate tournament rules document.

Game Times

National Rounds	Years 7, 8 & 9	Years 10 & 11
Festivals*	Announced prior to the event	Announced prior to the event
Finals	20 minutes each way	25 minutes each way

*60 minutes maximum playing time.

Ball Size

Years 7 & 8	Years 9, 10 & 11
Size 4	Size 5

Squad Size & Interchanges

	Years 7, 8 & 9	Years 10 & 11
Players per match	9	11
Squad size	15	15

Unlimited interchanges are allowed throughout the competition including the finals.

Note - No player is allowed to play for more than one-year group on one day.

Games Rules –

- Each festival match commencing with a kick off,
- Play will start with a play the ball on half way by the conceding team after tries have been scored,
- Goal kicks will be taken in front of the posts after tries have been scored,
- The six tackle rule applies,
- Kicking in open play is allowed, (no drop goals or penalty kicks at goal allowed),
- The defence should be 10m back at every play the ball (PTB),
- One defensive marker is allowed at each PTB,
- Handovers will occur for a knock on, forward pass or the ball going into touch – play will restart with a PTB,
- Advantage is not played following an infringement,
- No ball stealing,
- No scrums rule will be played in all festival formats.
- Penalties will be taken where the offence took place or 10m further up field – play will restart with a tap.