## **Tag Rugby**



## Rules

- 1. Pitch size 10 metres X 15 metres or 15 metres X 25 metres.
- 2. The game is played 8 v 8.
- 3. Tag belts must be worn by all players and on the outside of clothing. Shirts should be tucked in.
- 4. Substituted players can be re-used at any time but only when the ball is not in play or when it is half time.
- 5. A free pass is used to start the match at the beginning of each half from the centre of the pitch or when the referee thinks a foul has taken place.
- 6. A try is scored by the attacking team when they ground the ball on or over the oppositions' try line without the player being tagged.
- 7. A player can run with the ball until tagged by an opposition player.
- 8. Only the ball carrier can be tagged.
- 9. When a player is tagged they must reattach their tag before continuing with the game.
- 10. Once tagged the ball carrier must pass the ball within three steps or three seconds.
- 11. For beginners the ball can be passed in any direction and then only sideways or backwards as they develop.
- 12. No physical contact (including fending off with hands, or ball).

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- 13. The tagger can only tag one player at a time and must give the tag back before resuming with the game.
- 14. All passes must be caught. If they are dropped, go out of play, or are touched by a defender then the ball is given to the defending team, who then become the attackers.
- 15. A ball goes into touch when a ball carrier is run off the sideline, the opposition get a free pass. If this happens within 5 metres (depending on pitch size) of the touch line the ball should be brought back 5 metres.
- 16. If the ball carrier is tagged within 1 metre of the try line a score can be made.
- 17. If a free pass is awarded the opposition should be 3 5 metres back (depending on pitch size), toward their own try line.
- 18. A free pass may not take place within 3 metres of the try line.
- 19. Knock on rule (when a player drops the ball forward) does not apply for beginners but can be used for more experienced teams.
- 20. Players may not dive on the ball or ground themselves at any time.
- 21. A player is offside when they prevent a player making a pass by being ahead of the line of play.