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**To All Clubs and Schools Participating in  
Scottish Rugby National Competitions**

Dear Sir / Madam

**Minimum Pitch Sizes : Effective 1 January 2018**

Within World Rugby's 2017 Law Book, Law 1 sets out a maximum pitch size for all rugby matches but contains a minimum size only in relation to international matches. The 2018 Law Book (effective from 1 January 2018) **sets out both maximum and minimum sizes for all pitches**. Law 1 then goes on to say:

*"Any variations on these dimensions must be approved by the relevant Union for domestic competitions or World Rugby for international matches."*

Recognising that many Scottish pitches will not meet the new minimum size criteria (of 94m by 68m) the Scottish Rugby Board has approved the following position statement on this:

**"Dimensions of the Field of Play:** *The dimensions of the Field of Play used within Scottish Rugby domestic competitions shall be as near as is practicable to the maximum permitted by Law 1."*

It is Scottish Rugby's intention to include this new policy, which is effective from 1 January 2018, within the 2018/19 *National Competition Rules*.

Yours faithfully

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