Field Regulations & Policies

1. **Facility & Venue Rules**
    a. **No Pets:** Dogs and other pets are strictly prohibited anywhere within the facility.
    b. **Alcohol Policy:** Zero alcohol is permitted at the field complex unless the venue holds a specific permit.
    c. **Locker Rooms & Team Tents:** No adjacent locker rooms are available. Teams are strongly encouraged to bring a team tent to serve as their sideline base during inclement weather.
    d. **Hydration:** NCR provides large Gatorade-style water coolers for each team bench. Teams must bring their own water bottles and cups.
    e. **Credentials & Field Access:** Only credentialed personnel, players, and match officials are permitted inside the playing enclosure and stadium areas.
    f. **Media & Video Guidelines:**
        i. **Photographers:** Limit of one photographer per team inside the enclosure; must possess credentials and operate exclusively behind try zones.
        ii. **Video:** Permitted from behind team benches (staff only) or from the spectator side (fans). Parents and fans are strictly barred from entering the field to shoot photos or video.
2. **Technical Zone (TZ) & Bench Management**
    a. **Bench Placement:** Team benches must be positioned between the 10-meter and 22-meter lines.
    b. **Coaching Staff:**
        i. Maximum of 3 coaches inside the TZ. All must be certified and listed on the team's official PEV form.
        ii. Must stay inside their designated TZ—crossing into the opponent's TZ, entering the field, or standing near the try zone is prohibited.
        iii. Coaches must remain in their area during halftime, may not join post-score on-field huddles, and may not accompany medical staff onto the pitch unless cleared by a match official.
    c. **Water Carriers:**
        i. Maximum of 2 designated water carriers per match (coaches **cannot** serve as water carriers).
        ii. Must remain in the TZ and behind the barrier rope unless signaled onto the pitch by a match official during a stoppage.
        iii. Must wear contrasting bibs or pinnies.
        iv. Kicking tees must be brought onto the pitch by a water carrier when requested.
    d. **Warm-Up Guidelines for Reserves:**

i. Must warm up in the try zone their team is **attacking**, at least 5 meters away from the touchline. (If space is constrained, teams may use the try zone if accessed by walking behind the barrier rope).
ii. Must wear tops that contrast with active on-field jerseys (e.g., pinnies).
iii. **No equipment** (balls, cones, or ruck pads) may be used during reserve warm-ups.

3. **Administrative Area & Spectators**
    a. **Administrative Area:**
        i. The space between the 10-meter lines is reserved for the #4 Official and Match Manager.
        ii. Contains sin-bin seating for yellow-carded players.
        iii. **Restricted Access:** Coaches and players are strictly prohibited from entering this area except when petitioning the #4 Official for substitutions.
    b. **Spectator Areas:**
        i. Spectators must remain behind the barrier ropes on the side of the field **opposite** the team benches, or in designated bleachers.
        ii. Spectators and coaches are not permitted behind the dead-ball lines unless a permanent structural barrier is present.
4. **Medical Protocols**
    a. **Staffing & Mobility:** Teams may designate up to 2 credentialed medical personnel who must introduce themselves to match officials prior to kickoff.
        i. Medical staff are not confined to the TZ and may roam either sideline (max 1 medical professional per sideline).
        ii. Medical personnel making non-medical comments to match officials will be restricted to the TZ for the remainder of the match.
        iii. Teams bringing independent medical staff must present an official school appointment letter to the NCR Representative.
    b. **Equipment & Records:** Teams are responsible for their own basic medical kits and pre-match taping supplies (on-site ATCs handle injury taping as needed). Teams must carry Emergency Medical Information forms for all players.
5. **Adverse Weather & Lightning Policy**
    a. **Authority:** The Tournament Director and senior on-site referee hold sole authority to suspend play for adverse or forecasted dangerous weather.
    b. **Resumption & Cancellation:** The NCR Representative and Head Referee will jointly decide whether to resume play; either official holds independent authority to cancel proceedings if safety is compromised.

6. **Code of Conduct**
    a. All players, coaches, staff, and spectators must strictly adhere to the **NCR Code of Conduct** at all times. Failure to comply may result in ejection or team disciplinary action.