



Rugby Union

PITCH MEASUREMENT

Maximum size: 100m (109yd) long by 70m (75yd) wide.

Minimum permissible dimensions should be laid down in the rules of the competition in which a match is played.

DEAD BALL LINE

Should not be less than 10m (10.94yd) or more than 22m (24.06yd) from the goal line.

The six short lines are marked 5m (5.47yd) in front of, and parallel to, the goal lines and at the 5m and 15m lines. These lines are 1m (1.09yd) long.

GOAL LINES

Measures 22m (24yd) from the end-line on either side of the field.

GOALPOSTS

These extend upwards by at least 3.4m and are 5.6m (6.12yd) apart measured from the inside of the posts.

The posts are connected by a crossbar 3m (3.28yd) measured from the ground to the top edge of the crossbar.

10 METRE LINE

The broken line is marked 10m from, and parallel to, the halfway line on both sides and 5m from, and parallel to, the touch line, again on both sides.

LINE WIDTH

Maximum 12cm (5in).

COLOUR

Typically white.

When the lines for Rugby Union are being marked the touchlines are in the in-touch area. The goal lines are in the in-goal area. The dead ball line is not in the in-goal area. The touch-in goal lines and corner posts are in the touch-in-goal area.

Note: In certain competitions, provision needs to be made for two technical areas. They are not to exceed 10m in width and will be at least 1m from the touchline. The technical areas must be clearly designated between the touchline of the pitch and any perimeter or pitch side fencing or barrier.

