



## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES RUGBY FEDERATION

### COMMUNITY LEAGUE REGULATIONS

These Specific Competition Rules for the UAERF Premiership (the “**Specific Competition Rules**”) shall be read together with the UAERF Competition Regulations (the “**Competition Regulations**”) and any terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Competition Regulations. Where there is any conflict between these Specific Competition Rules and the Competition Regulations these Specific Competition Rules shall govern.

#### 1. Competition Name

The competition shall be known as the UAE Rugby Community League (the “**Competition**”).

#### 2. Competition Format

The competition is organised in a league format with points being awarded as set forth below and the teams playing each other team once. The two teams who finish top of the League will play off in a Grand Final.

#### 3. Points

In the league format of the Competition points shall be awarded as follows:

- a) Four (4) competition points for a win;
- b) Two (2) competition points for a draw;
- c) Zero (0) competition points for a loss;
- d) One (1) bonus point for a loss by 7 match points or less;
- e) One (1) bonus point for scoring 4 tries or more;
- f) Five (5) competition points will be awarded to a team that gains a forfeiture or is awarded match points by the UAERF;
- g) One (1) competition point will be deducted from a team that forfeits a match; and
- h) No competition points will be awarded for a bye or for a loss by more than 7 match points.

In the event of teams being on equal points following the end of the league part of the competition, the team having the higher positive ratio of 'points for' to 'points against' will be declared the winner. In the event of that process resulting in the teams being still equal the team having the most 'points for' will be ranked higher in the points table.



#### **4. Forfeiture**

As set forth above a team forfeiting a match shall be deducted one competition point and their opponents awarded five (5) competition points. In addition the 'match points for' and 'match points against' will be as follows:

- a) The team receiving the forfeiture, will receive 20 match points for and nil match points against; and
- b) The team forfeiting the match, will receive nil match points for and 20 match points against

In the event that a team forfeits a match in the knock out competition they shall be deemed simply to have lost the match.

#### **5. Players**

Each match day teams must consist of a minimum of fifteen and up to twenty-two players and include at least five trained front row players

#### **6. Duration**

The playing time in all matches shall consist of two equal halves each of forty minutes. Stoppage time including any intervals, water breaks and injury time shall be determined by the referee.

#### **7. Discipline Regulations**

The UAERF Discipline Regulations will apply to all games.

#### **8. Promotion Relegation**

At the end of the season, the highest ranked team will have the opportunity to be promoted up to the next division at the discretion of the UAERF.