

Regulation 17: Appendix 3 (DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES FOR THE UNDERAGE GAME)

Law Number	Offense Description	Age Group	Low-End Sanction	Mid-Range Sanction	Top-End Sanction
9.11	Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others including leading with the elbow or forearm, or jumping into, or over, a tackler.				
		Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
9.12	A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to:				
		Up to U15	4 matches	8 matches	12+ matches
		U16–U18	8 matches	10 matches	14+ matches
	Intentional contact with eye(s)	Up to U15	4 matches	8 matches	12+ matches
		U16–U18	8 matches	10 matches	14+ matches
	Reckless contact with eye(s)	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	8+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	12+ matches
	Contact with eye area	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
	Punching or striking	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	Striking with head	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
	Striking with knee	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	8+ matches
	Striking with elbow	Up to U15	1 matches	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	Striking with hand or arm	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	Stamping or trampling	Up to U15	1 matches	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	10+ matches
	Tripping	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	Kicking	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
	Testicle grabbing or twisting or squeezing	Up to U15	4 matches	6 matches	12+ matches
		U16–U18	6 matches	12 matches	18+ matches
9.12	A player must not verbally abuse anyone. Verbal abuse includes, but is not limited to, abuse based on: religion, colour, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation.	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	8 matches	12+ matches
9.13	A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders.	Up to U15	1 matches	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	6 matches	8+ matches

9.14	A player must not tackle an opponent who is not in possession of the ball.	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	6 matches	8+ matches
9.15	Except in a scrum, ruck or maul, a player who is not in possession of the ball must not hold, push, charge or obstruct an opponent not in possession of the ball.	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
9.16	A player must not charge or knock down an opponent carrying the ball without attempting to grasp that player.	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	6 matches	8+ matches
9.17	A player must not tackle, charge, pull, push or grasp an opponent whose feet are off the ground.	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
9.18	A player must not lift an opponent off the ground and drop or drive that player so that their head and/or upper body make contact with the ground.	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
9.19	Dangerous play in a scrum.				
	a. The front row of a scrum must not form at a distance from its opponents and rush against them				
	b. A front-row player must not pull an opponent				
	c. A front-row player must not intentionally lift an opponent off their feet or force the opponent upwards out of the scrum.				
	d. A front-row player must not intentionally collapse a scrum.				
		Up to U15	Warning	1 match	2+ matches
		U16–U18	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
9.20	Dangerous play in a ruck or maul.				
	a. A player must not charge into a ruck or maul. Charging includes any contact made without binding onto another player in the ruck or maul.	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	b. A player must not make contact with an opponent above the line of the shoulders.				
	c. A player must not intentionally collapse a ruck or a maul	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	d. A player may remove the jackler from the tackle area by pushing/driving them backwards (including by grabbing the knee/leg), but must not roll, pull or twist an opponent.	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
	e. A player must not drop their weight onto an opponent or target the lower limbs.	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
9.25	A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball.				
		Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	6 matches	8+ matches
9.27	A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship including but not limited to:				
	Hair pulling or grabbing	Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches

	Spitting at anyone	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
	Grabbing, twisting or squeezing the genitals (and/or breasts in the case of female players)	Up to U15	4 matches	6 matches	12+ matches
		U16–U18	6 matches	12 matches	18+ matches
	Other	Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
9.28	A player must not disrespect the authority of a Match Official				
		Up to U15	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
		U16–U18	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
9.28	A player must not verbally abuse a Match Official. Verbal abuse includes, but is not limited to, abuse based on: religion, colour, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation.				
		Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
9.28	A player must not make physical contact with Match Officials.				
		Up to U15	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
		U16–U18	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
9.28	A player must not use threatening actions or words towards Match Officials.				
		Up to U15	4 matches	6 matches	12+ matches
		U16–U18	6 matches	12 matches	24+ matches
9.28	A player must not physically abuse Match Officials.				
		Up to U15	6 matches	12 matches	24+ matches
		U16–U18	12 matches	24 matches	48+ matches