

New Zealand Rugby 2014 Game Laws - Update June

Ensuring all Small Blacks get fair playing time during a match is at the heart of New Zealand Rugby's Half Game law.

These laws apply to Small Blacks grades of rugby only (including Small Blacks representative games).

1. All players must play a minimum of half a game (this is to include at least two full quarters).

Rolling substitutions are not permitted.

Substitutions may be made at half time or approximately half way through each half when the referee will allow and signal a Substitution Break.

This break should be no longer than one minute and will indicate the end of the current, and beginning of a new quarter. This Substitution Break is solely for the purpose of making substitutions, coaches are not permitted to use this break to provide coaching advice to players/teams.

Non-injury substitutions can only take place at half time or these quarter time breaks. Rolling substitutions are not permitted.

2. Return to play after minor injury

If due to a minor injury a player leaves the field during a quarter, and is cleared to later continue playing, then this player may only return at a designated Substitution break, or at halftime.