

## **Procedure for UW-Rugby Rules Changes**

- A. Rule suggestions will be discussed at the general meeting of the commission every 2 years, during the Zone or World Championships (WC). The rule suggestions will be written down at the meeting.
- B. Further rule suggestions can be sent to the rules director up to 7 month after the meeting. They must be in English.
- C. 11 month after the meeting all suggestions will be put together by the Chief Referee and sent out to all federations who participated in the previous meeting. It is intended that each federation discusses all new rule suggestions, and possibly try them out in their national system.
- D. Not later than 19 month after the meeting, a written response from each federation shall be sent to the Chief Referee so that suggestions for alteration in wording and/or meaning and/or comments concerning the proposed rule changes are recorded on paper. Only those changes sent out per paragraph C can be commented upon. No new rules can be suggested at this stage.
- E. Not later than 20 month after the meeting the final rule suggestions will be sent to the participating federations. A copy of each nation's response will be attached.
- F. These rule suggestions will then be voted on at the coming Zone/WC, approximately 2 years after the last meeting. Only minor changes in wording can be accepted for discussion before voting on the rule changes. The original meaning must not be altered. A simple majority is required for acceptance of new proposals. New rule suggestions will also be discussed at the meeting. They can be voted on at the next meeting approximately 2 years later.  
The rules can be applied immediately after acceptance. The national federations must comply with the rules by July 1st the following year.

## Flow Chart for UW-Rugby Rules Change

