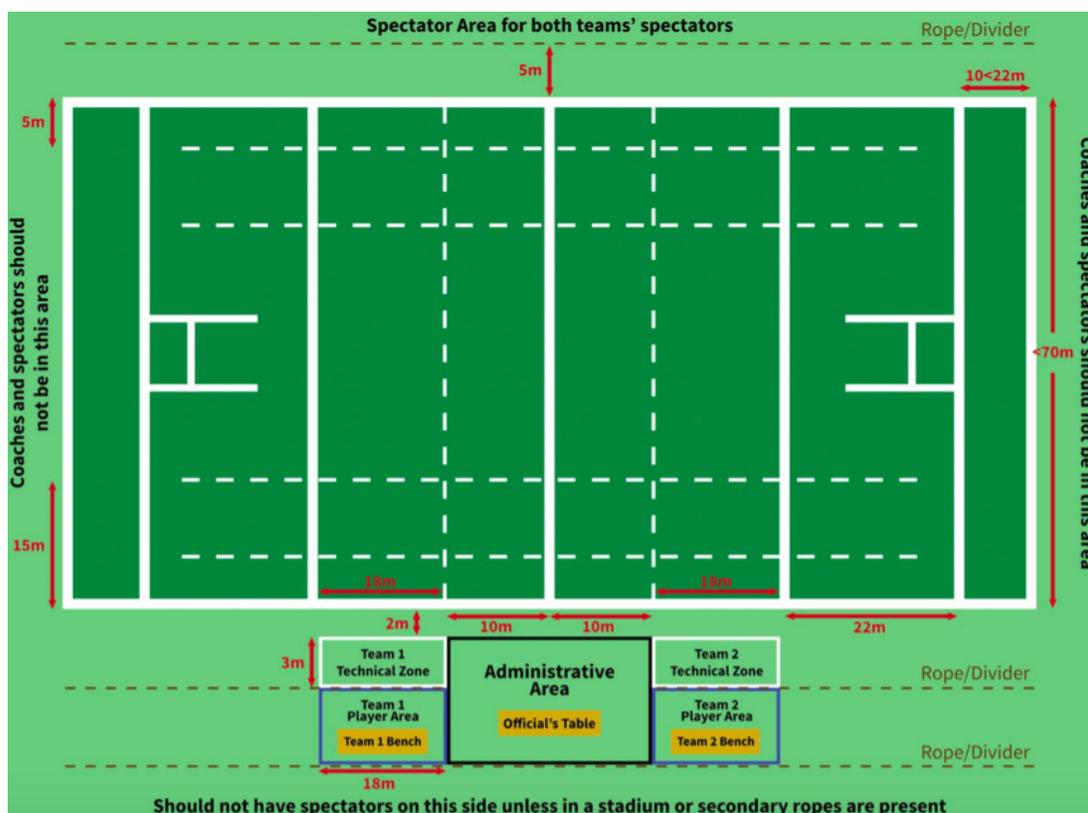


SCYR TECHNICAL ZONE & SIDELINE MANAGEMENT POLICY
Adopted by Member Council June 2015



Technical Zone

- Technical zone (TZ) defined as space in front of the rope/barrier between the 10m line and 22m line
- Technical zone ends 2m from the touch line to give room for ARs & touch judges
- Technical zone may be marked out with cones or paint
- Coaches may not cross into the other team's TZ or leave their own TZ
- No more than 2 *certified* coaches are allowed in the technical zone
- Coaches should not stand in/near the try zone or anywhere on the field of play or huddle with teams on field after scores

Administrative Area

- #4 (Fourth Official) or Match Manager (stat kid) occupies the space between the 10m lines (Administrative Area)
- Chairs may be set up in the Administrative Area for disciplinary/sin bin purposes
- No coach or player is allowed in the Administrative Area except when petitioning for a substitution

Medical

- Teams may have a medical professional "in front of the rope" on either side of the field
- Medical professionals may roam either sideline and are not confined to the TZ
- Coaches are not allowed onto the field with medical personnel unless explicitly allowed by the match official
- Medical personnel should always introduce themselves to the match official(s) before the match begins

Team Bench Areas & Water Carriers

- Team benches should also be between the 10m line and 22m line but "between the ropes" and not in the technical zone
- The barrier behind the team bench areas must be a physical barrier such as a rope, hurdles, cones with line, etc
- Spectators should be on the opposite sideline from the teams unless a second rope is present to prevent mixing of spectators with players/staff/administrators
- Water carriers must stay in the team bench area, not the TZ, until match official signals they may enter the playing field
- Water carriers should endeavor to wear a top that clashes with players on the field
- ☑ Water carriers should be reserve athletes and not coaches

Compliance

- Referees should be reminded to note on Match Report when the TZ/Sideline requirement are not met
- Teams that do not comply are subject to possible forfeits and/or sanctions, at the discretion of the HS Committee

For a good article on the need for these guidelines, see this link: <http://usarugby.org/youth/item/the-case-for-technical-zones>