

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Calgary Rugby Union, Edmonton Rugby Union, Rugby Alberta

From: Catherine Laing, AJRA President

**Date:** April 4, 2019

Subject: Age Grade Variations – Rugby Canada

As of April 1, 2019 the age grade variations implemented by Rugby Canada have been updated. This change was the decision of RC after a committee of representatives from across the country made recommendations on how to increase the amount of play for our junior athletes.

We believe these changes will increase the amount of playing time our junior athletes receive, along with teaching the necessary rugby related skills at the appropriate age grades. Most importantly, the changes will increase the level of fun for our athletes!

Please see attached document, outlining the changes. There will be as a follow up to this document, easy to understand age grade variation cards for our athletes, coaches and officials. Expect to see the new cards April 15<sup>th</sup>.

We thank the committee for their efforts on this project and are excited to see the positive impact they have on our junior game.

Sincerely,

Catherine Laing President, AJRA

