



2020 Changes to Small Blacks Rugby – players first

For players: a better experience

For rugby: players at the heart of everything we do

WHAT?

FIELD SIZE	NUMBERS PER TEAM
Goal to 10m (across the field). Portable goalposts recommended. Full size posts on sideline need bolsters.	10-a-side. If a team doesn't have enough players to start a game, it should then be played with equal numbers.
	

WHY?

- Smaller teams = more opportunities to develop skills
- Greater engagement due to greater level of involvement in play



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?



WHAT?

Changes to the Small Blacks Development Model

WHY?

- Feedback from players - they want change
- Greater retention of players and coaches
- Rugby is a late development sport
- Modern sport research support smaller sided games for youth



HOW?

- 10-a-side for Under 11s
- Trials of 10-a-side for Under 12 and Under 13 and varying field widths

