Key changes for the 2026 Club Sevens season.

Section 1. Terms and Definitions.

40. Professional Rugby Player (sevens). NEW

Applies to any player who played **during the current calendar year (only)** in a professional rugby competition.

Lists of key factors considered include: participation in a competition that has established itself to be professional; participation in a high level daily training environment; meaningful match participation.

58. Sevens Qualifying Tournament.

Confirms that CMS must be used for all Qualifying events / competitive team roster entry. Paper and/or spreadsheet rosters will not be accepted.

Section 5. Senior Club Sevens.

5.1-(b). Game Roster Limit. NEW.

Event/Game roster: Maximum of 13 players per event roster. All 13 players may be selected to each game roster.

Previous: only 12 (of the 13 players) may be selected to each game roster. Club still limited to a maximum of five replacements per game.

5.1-(e). Name Withheld policy. NEW.

SCC policy added to Section 5: All players on the event roster must have their profile set to 'public' in RX or have a waiver from the senior club eligibility committee.

5.1-(h). Event Roster.

Additional language: Confirms WER participants do not count as professional players for club sevens competitions.

5.1-(j). Event Roster. NEW.

SCC policy added to Section 5: All clubs must have a certified coach in attendance/on their roster at the National Championship.

5.1-(l). Event Roster. NEW.

Event rosters must be entered in CMS for each Qualifying event no later than 5pm (event local time) on the Friday before the event.

5.1-(m). Recognized Competitive Tournament.

Language/criteria revised to clarify the requirements for approval of event as a Qualifier. No event scheduled after July 26, 2026 may be used for club/player eligibility purposes. CMS must be used for player participation/roster verification.