



**English Clubs Championship
London & S. E. Division**

EXPLANATORY NOTICE No. 8

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD
and
ROLLING SUBSTITUTIONS**

The Regulations for the Front Row requirements and rolling substitutions are covered by RFU Regulation 13, APPENDIX 2

Clubs should be aware of their responsibilities in relation to:

- (i) **‘Man Off’ Appendix 2 para 15(b)**
..... the team concerned shall not be entitled to replace the Player whose departure caused uncontested scrum(s)

Note: It is impossible for a team to require uncontested scrums and still have 15 players on the field of play.

- (ii) **Rolling Substitutions Appendix 2 para 19**

Number of Replacements	Player Interchanges
Up to 3	8
4 (RFU Cups)	9
5 Or 6	10
7 or 8	12

RFU Regulation 13, Appendix 1 provides for a minimum deduction of 5 Championship points where a team has a player not authorised to enter the field of play in breach of either of the above regulations.

This is irrespective of the referee’s decision or advice at the time. A Club is responsible for complying with the regulations and is not able to hide behind referee error. Therefore, any breach will be dealt with in accordance with Appendix 1