

# Terms and Conditions of use for [www.ougrote.com](http://www.ougrote.com)

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The web site [www.ougrote.com](http://www.ougrote.com) ("Ou Grote") is a free blogging service focusing on rugby issues. In order to enable the site to be maintained as a free service we ask that you take a few minutes to read through and familiarise yourself with the following terms and conditions which apply to use of this site. Please note that by viewing, linking to, quoting, printing out from or posting to the blog you will be deemed to have agreed to the Terms and Conditions of Use of the blog as detailed below.

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7. Users should regard nothing contained in this web site as an offer but rather as an invitation to do business.
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11. Under section 43(5) of the ECT Act the supplier must utilise a payment system that is sufficiently secure with reference to accepted technological standards at the time of the transaction and the type of transaction concerned. \* This web site does not store any user credit card information; \* Transactions are processed offline and purchasers will be contacted by a representative of the site owner after ordering through the site. \* No obligation will arise on the part of the site owner or any third party providing services or goods through this web site until such time as payment in full has been received in respect of the goods or services ordered.
12. Under section 43(6) of the ECT Act the supplier will be liable for any damage suffered by a consumer as a result of the failure to comply with section 43(5).
13. A record of any order made through the web site or any transaction entered into will be sent to the purchaser after receipt of the order.
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30. This web site is owned and maintained within the Republic of South Africa. It is hosted in the United States of America.

31. When using this site and agreeing to these Terms and Conditions such use and agreement is deemed to have taken place in Cape Town, South Africa.

32. While Ou Grote takes all reasonable security precautions, no liability will lie for damage caused by the malicious use of this site or by destructive data or code that is passed on to the user through the use of this site.

33. Ou Grote will pursue prosecution of and compensation from any person that delivers or attempts to deliver any destructive code to this web site or attempts to gain unauthorized access to any page on this web site.

34. This web site may, from time to time, run competitions and other promotions. These will be subject to additional terms and conditions which will be made available to users and/or entrants at the applicable time.

35. Data messages, including e-mail messages, sent by users to the web site owner shall be deemed to be received only when acknowledged or responded to.

36. A data messages sent by the web site owner to users shall be regarded as received when the complete data message enters an information system designated or used for that purpose by the recipient and is capable of being retrieved and processed by the recipient.

37. The web site owner reserves the right not to respond to any e-mail or other data message which contains obscene, threatening, defamatory or otherwise illegal, unlawful or inappropriate content, and to take the appropriate action against the sender of such e-mail where necessary.

38. In order to provide a relevant and secure service, and where required to do so under law, the web site owner may monitor and/or intercept electronic communications such as e-mail which are sent to this web site. To the full extent necessary under law the user hereby acknowledges that he or she is aware of such potential monitoring and/or interception and consents thereto.

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40. Where the dispute has arisen in South Africa between parties in South Africa the place of the arbitration is deemed to be Cape Town, so the arbitration will be governed by these rules and by the arbitration law of South Africa and the dispute will be resolved in accordance with the law of South Africa.\

41. In the case of an international arbitration and notwithstanding clause 29 above, the dispute will be resolved in accordance with the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (1980) (if concerned with the sale of goods) and the UNIDROIT Principles of International general Contracts (1994),

supplemented where necessary by the CENTRAL List of lex mercatoria principles, rules and standards.

42. The language used during the dispute resolution process will be English.

43. Nothing in the above clauses shall have the effect of precluding or preventing the web site owner or any of its subsidiaries or associates from bringing any application or action in the courts of the Republic of South Africa.

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48. The use of malicious search technology is prohibited.

49. The use of search technology in an unlawful manner or for the collecting or harvesting of data for commercial gain is prohibited.

50. Search technology which does not unduly retard the operation of this web site is acceptable but the web site owner reserves the right to prohibit any specific entity from employing search technology on the web site.

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52. Please note that, due to legal and other developments, we may be required to amend these Terms and Conditions of Use from time to time. Ou Grote will attempt to give notice of any amendments, but reserves the right to effect binding amendments, additions or deletions without notice.

53. In the event of any part of these Terms and Conditions being found to be partially or fully invalid or unenforceable, for whatever reason, such term(s) and/or condition(s) shall be severable from the balance of this Agreement and shall not affect the application or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement.

54. These Terms of Use contain the record of the entire agreement between the user and the web site owner.

55. Failure to enforce any provision of these Terms and Conditions shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision nor of the right to enforce such provision.

## Information as required by Chapter 7 of the ECT Act Site owner:

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Postal address: PO Box 411275, Craighall, Johannesburg, 2024

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