

OFSAA BOYS' RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Date:

The OFSAA Boys' Rugby Championships shall be held on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first week of June unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

The location of the Championships shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championship.

3. Classifications:

There shall be two classifications of Championships - "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA" for Boys' Rugby. Associations shall classify their school teams based on the criteria found in By-Law 5, Section 2(b).

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure: (See Appendix I)

- (a) The OFSAA Rugby Championships shall be one of the structures outlined in Appendix I. The two (2) semi-final losers on the Championship side of the draw shall play in the Bronze medal game.
- (b) Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- (c) Semi-final games shall be run concurrently whenever possible.
- (d) At the completion of the game, the teams will clap each other off the playing field.

5. Seeding:

All teams shall be seeded.

6. Entry:

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association Convenors or designates only.
- (b) **NO APPLICATION OF ENTRY RULES BELOW SHALL PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) ENTRIES FROM ANY ONE ASSOCIATION.** However, additional entries may be awarded to the host Association provided that the additional entries to the previous Association medallists have been exhausted.

- (c) Each Association may enter one (1) team in each Championship. The host Association may have an additional entry at the discretion of the host Association.

Should it be necessary to facilitate the draw, additional entries shall be selected from:

- (i) the gold medal association of the previous year;
- (ii) the silver medal association of the previous year;
- (iii) the bronze medal association of the previous year;
- (iv) the antique bronze medal association of the previous year.

To further facilitate the draws, entries may be awarded to the Association medalists from two years prior, provided that the additional entries to the previous year's Association medalists have been exhausted. Additional entries in the Championships shall be selected from:

- (i) the gold medal Association of two years prior;
 - (ii) the silver medal Association of two years prior;
 - (iii) the bronze medal Association of two years prior;
 - (iv) the antique bronze medal Association of two years prior;
- (d) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competition. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.
- (e) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convener, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Championship Play Begins	Entry Deadline
Monday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm
Tuesday	The preceding Wednesday @ 11:59 pm
Wednesday	The preceding Thursday @ 11:59 pm
Thursday	The preceding Saturday @ 11:59 pm
Friday	The preceding Monday @ 11:59 pm
Saturday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm

7. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the tournament. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

Billets for competitors may be arranged at the discretion of the Convenor; when such billeting is requested players must accept billets as assigned as a condition of participation.

8. Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student **must:**

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year and is a minimum of 16 years of age on the starting date of the championship in which the competition is held;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) have executed the Federation's "Release of Liability" form.

9. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship. Beyond pool play on the championship side, touch judges/linesmen shall be Level I certification (if available) and all referees shall be Level II certification for OFSAA championship games.

The laws of the iRB shall govern play at the OFSAA tournament with the following exceptions:

(a) Replacement of Players

- (i) Should a player receive a red card during the game, the player will be ejected from the current game and is no longer eligible for competition in the tournament and no replacement will be allowed for the remainder of that game during which the offence occurred.
- (ii) Based on agreement between opposing coaches and referees prior to the start of the games and at half time, unlimited substitution will be permitted at your possession.
- (iii) **If a player receives a yellow card during the game, the temporary suspension (sin bin) shall be 5 minutes during a 40 minute game, and 7 minutes during a 50 minute game.**

(b) Coaching Zone

Where possible players and coaches from opposing teams shall be on opposite sides of the field and a coach from each team is permitted to coach from the try zones. One coach must remain with the players at all times. When teams must be on the same side of the field, players and coaches will be located between the try line and 10m line on their respective half, for the duration of the game. Additionally a coach is permitted to coach from the try zone area, as long as one coach remains with the players at all times.

(c) Playing Time

The OFSAA Championship shall be played under the iRB toss and time regulations. All games, except for championship games will consist of two (2) 20 minute halves. All consolation championship, bronze medal and gold medal games will be two (2) 25-minute halves.

In case of a tie after regulation time on days in which teams are scheduled to play one game (i.e. Day 1 and 3 in a 16 team draw) then all games will proceed to overtime as per the tie breaking procedures in section 9e.

In case of a tie after regulation time on days which teams are scheduled to play more than one game in one day (i.e. Day 2 in a 16 team draw) then all games will proceed directly to kicks as per the tie breaking procedures outlined in section 9e (ii). The referee in liaison with touch judges shall keep time.

Where applicable, overtime halves shall be played out in full. There shall be a **minimum** of three (3) hours between the start of games.

(d) Roster Limits

Each team may have a maximum tournament roster of thirty (30) players. Each team shall submit an eligibility list of players (maximum 30) who shall be eligible to play in the tournament. The player/game roster must identify trained/experienced players to play in the front rows.

(e) Tie Situations

- (i) In the case of ties after regulation time on days which teams are scheduled to play one game and in consolation championship, bronze medal and gold medal games, following a coin toss, there will be two (2) five-minute halves played with 10 a-side (five forwards, five backs) with two (2) minutes between halves.

The ten players on each side must be selected from the players on the pitch at the end of regulation time. *The remaining 5 players shall be directed to the end zone outside the dead ball line to remain there until the completion of the overtime period. These players are eligible and can be selected to kick at the end of the overtime period. If the teams are still tied at the end of the two (2) five minute halves, the game shall proceed to kicks as described in 9e(ii).*

- (ii) Kicks: Each team will select up to three (3) players, from among the players on the field at the end of regulation period. These players shall be organized to kick from designated spots at the same goalposts with the wind at their backs. A best of three format shall be used. **Kicks may be a place kick or a drop kick.**

The kicks shall be in the following sequence on the 22m line:

- a) midway between sidelines and 22m
- b) left 15m line and 22m
- c) right 15m line and 22m line

(f) Player Equipment

Players must wear full fit interior mouth guards at all times during play (as per OPHEA guidelines).

(g) Officials

- (i) Members of the championship committee and the head official will consult with each other prior to and during the championship in deciding referee selections and game assignments.
- (ii) The head official must attend the coaches meeting, and is encouraged to hold an officials meeting prior to the start of the first game, when possible. Otherwise the head official is responsible for communicating the information to all officials participating.

(h) Suspension

A player is ineligible for OFSAA competition if previously suspended for a breach of the rules while playing under the jurisdiction of either the school Association or the Ontario Rugby Union, assuming that the suspension period covers the OFSAA Championship dates.

10. Uniforms and Equipment:

Uniforms shall conform to iRB laws. Players shall wear identical rugby numbered jerseys. Players should wear matching rugby type shorts and socks. All uniforms must be intact at the start of each game. The Convenor must provide a second set of uniforms in the event of a colour conflict. A coin toss shall decide which team shall change. Any team not having identical numbered and coloured jerseys will be required to wear an alternate set of numbered rugby jerseys provided by the tournament organizer.

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

All braces must comply with iRB law. Players must not wear items containing buckles, clips, rings, hinges, zippers, screws, bolts, rigid material, or protection not otherwise permitted under law.

Fields shall be marked as directed by iRB laws; posts shall be sufficiently padded. If soccer goal posts are used then covers must be put over all posts to ensure safety.

The Tournament Convenor shall provide match quality game balls for the Championship.

11. Awards:

Members of the Championship team shall receive gold OFSAA medallions (30). The school

represented by the Championship team shall receive a banner to be retained by the school.

Members of the runner-up team shall receive silver OFSAA medallions (30).

Members of the winning team in the bronze medal match shall receive bronze OFSAA medallions (30).

Members of the losing team in the bronze medal match shall receive antique bronze OFSAA medallions (30).

A plaque, to be retained by the school, shall be awarded to the winners of the consolation side of the draw.

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

OFSAA Participation Certificates may be provided by the Tournament Committee.

12. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- (c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athletes(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

13. Registration:

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form, signed "Release of Liability" forms and photo forms.

14. Deportment: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."

- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
 - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

15. **Social:**

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend. At this event each coach and captain shall be introduced.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be any instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

16. **Medical:**

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws.) Qualified sports therapist(s) and equipment **must be present at each** of the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes. In the event of any serious injury, the sports therapist will determine the continuation of play for the injured player.

17. **Jury of Appeal:**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Rugby Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

18. Competition Committee:

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Rugby Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
 - (i) Eligibility;
 - (ii) Department;
 - (iii) Supervision and registration;
 - (iv) Social;
 - (v) Medical personnel;
 - (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct

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Appendix I

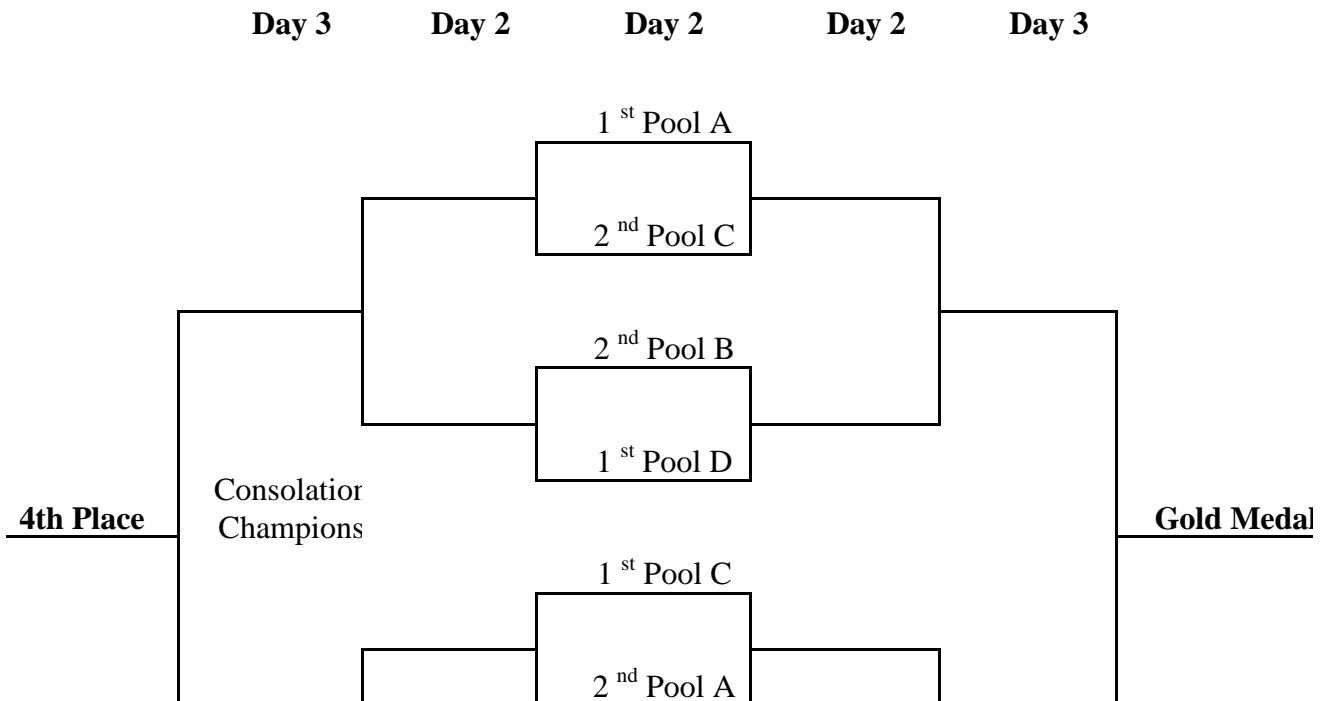
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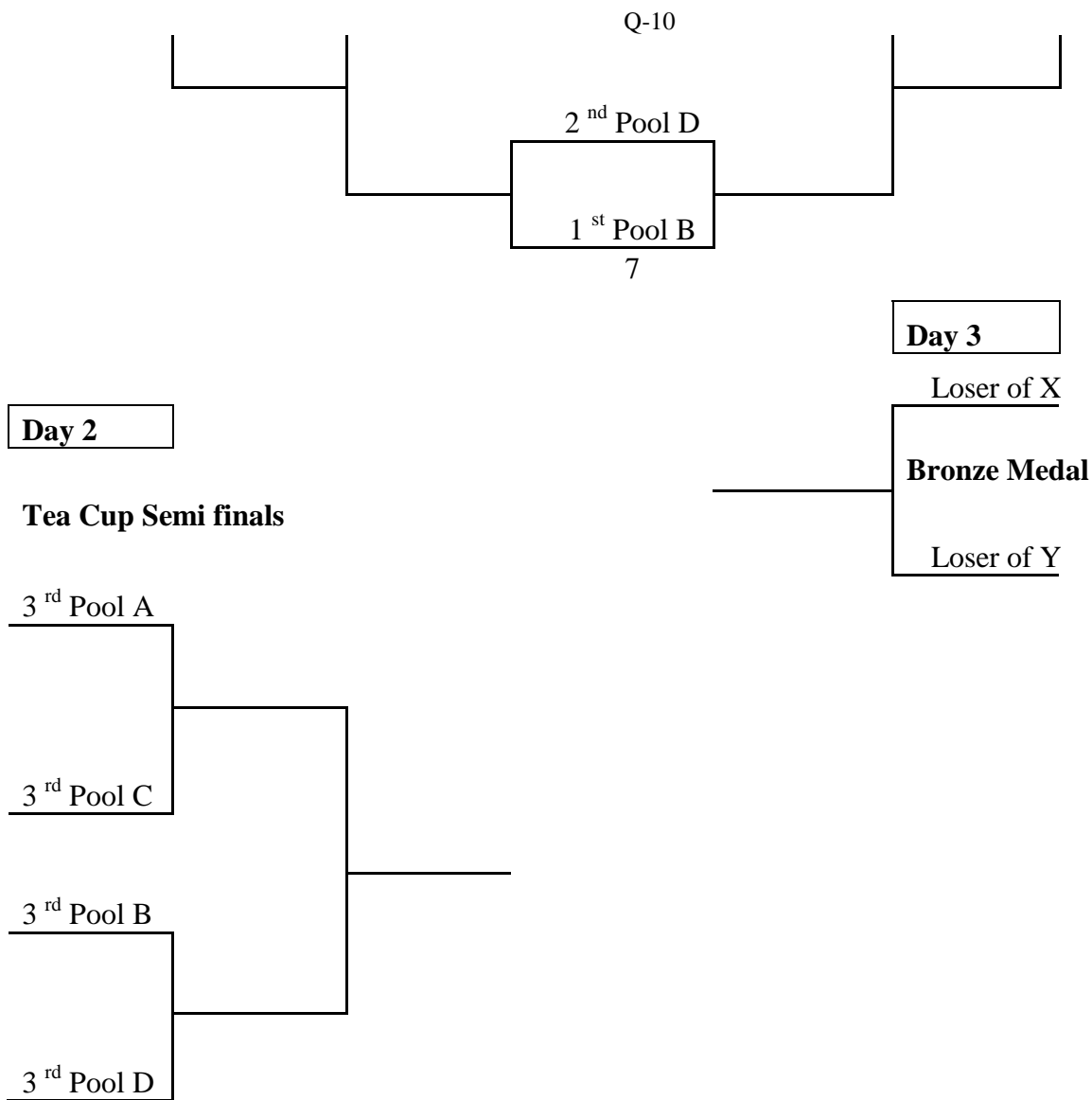
- (i) (a) For a 12 team draw there shall be four (4) pools of three (3) teams each.
 - (b) For a 16 team draw the procedure is already in place;
 - (c) For an 18 team draw there shall be six (6) pools of three (3) teams each;
 - (d) For a 21 team draw there shall be seven (7) pools of three (3) teams each.
- (ii) Each pool shall play a round robin series with all pool games taking place on the first day of competition, except for the 16-team draw which is a single elimination format with a consolation round.
- (iii) Where there are four (4) pools, the first and second place teams in each pool will advance into the quarter finals (as outlined in part (iv)) and the third place teams will advance into a "tea cup" semi-final. Where there are six (6) pools, the first place team in each pool will advance to the quarter-finals and the two (2) best wild cards. Where there are seven (7) pools, the first place team in each pool will advance to the quarter-finals and the best wild card.
- (i) (a) Playoffs – four (4) pools

Pool Play

<u>POOL A</u>	<u>POOL B</u>	<u>POOL C</u>	<u>POOL D</u>
Seed 1	Seed 2	Seed 3	Seed 4
Seed 8	Seed 7	Seed 6	Seed 5
Seed 9	Seed 10	Seed 11	Seed 12

Tournament Play





(b) Playoffs - six (6) pools

Quarter finals

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| #1 | A1 vs. Wild Card A |] | |
| #2 | B1 vs. Wild Card B |] | |
| #3 | C1 vs. F1 |] | 2 nd day |
| #4 | D1 vs. E1 |] | |

Semi finals

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| #5 | Winner #1 vs. #4 |] | |
| #6 | Winner #2 vs. #3 |] | 2 nd day |

Finals

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| Bronze finals - losers | #5 vs. #6 |] | |
| Gold finals - winners | #5 vs. #6 |] | 3 rd day |

(c) Playoffs - seven (7) pools

Quarter finals

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| #1 | A1 vs. Wild Card |] | |
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#2	B1 vs. G1]
#3	C1 vs. F1] 2 nd day
#4	D1 vs. E1]

Semi finals

#5	Winner #1 vs. #4]
#6	Winner #2 vs. #3] 2 nd day

Finals

Bronze finals - losers	#5 vs. #6]
Gold finals - winners	#5 vs. #6] 3 rd day

Seeding

Same as stated in playing regulations but in pool play you would seed 1 - 8 with 7 and 8 going into Pool E and F in a six (6) pool and 8 going into Pool G in a seven (7) pool.

Four Pool Draw

A	B	C	D
1 st seed	2 nd seed	3 rd seed	4 th seed
8 th seed	7 th seed	6 th seed	5 th seed
Random	Random	Random	Random

Six Pool Draw

A	B	C	D	E	F
1 st seed	2 nd seed	3 rd seed	4 th seed	5 th seed	6 th seed
Random	Random	Random	Random	8 th seed	7 th seed
Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random

Seven Pool Draw

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1 st seed	2 nd seed	3 rd seed	4 th seed	5 th seed	6 th seed	7 th seed
Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	8 th seed
Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random	Random

Rules and OfficialsTie GamesMatch Points and Determination of Wildcards

In pool play all ties stand. All pool matches carry three match points for a win, two match points for a draw and one match point for a loss by less than five points otherwise zero points for a loss of five points or greater.

- (a) If two teams at the conclusion of the pool stage of the tournament are level on match points then the winner shall be:
- (i) the winner of the match in which the tied teams played but if no winner can be declared;
 - (ii) the team that has allowed the fewest points in all pool matches; if the tie is still unresolved;
 - (iii) the team which has scored the most tries in that particular head to head pool match; and if the tie is still unresolved;
 - (iv) the team which has scored the most tries in all of its pool matches; and in the event the teams concerned having scored an equal number of tries;
 - (v) the total points scored by each team in all pool matches shall be divided by the total points scored against it by the teams in the foregoing matches and the team with the higher quotient shall be the winner; and if the tie still remains unresolved;
 - (vi) The team which scores the greater number of converts on their tries;
 - (vii) the team which had the least number of players ordered off the field throughout the tournament shall be declared the winner; and if no winner emerges;
 - (viii) A COIN TOSS.
- (b) If more than two teams tie at the conclusion of pool play:
- (i) the teams shall be ranked by the one team allowing the fewest points in pool play; but if no winner can be declared;
 - (ii) the team which has scored the most tries in all of its pool matches; and if the tie is still unresolved;
 - (iii) the total points scored by each team in all pool matches shall be divided by the total points scored against it by the teams in the foregoing matches and the team with the higher quotient shall be the winner; and if the tie still remains unresolved;
 - (iv) the team which had the least number of players ordered off the field throughout the tournament shall be declared the winner; and if no winner emerges;
 - (v) A COIN TOSS.