**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

###### **GIRLS’ & BOYS’ RUGBY 7s**

**1. Simcoe County Guideline Category:** League play (Tournament)

**2. Season:** September to October

**3. Location of Finals and Date** One week before the championship

Tournament the location will be announced.

**4. School Classification and Levels:**  Junior and Senior

**5. League Structure and Play-offs:** (including tie-breaking procedures)

 Number of tournaments in schedule per school: 4-5 Tournaments

 Number of tournaments involved for play-offs: 2

(a) **League Structure:** See the General Guidelines.

(b) **League Play:**

1. Tournament round robin play to be hosted by different SCAA high school to be decided upon at the beginning of the season by the convenor.
2. A team that is not located in Simcoe County, but is competing in the Simcoe County League, **MUST** travel for all league games.
3. Teams will play within their bracket in a single day tournament. The number

 of tournaments in a season is up to the discretion of the convenor and

the SCAA Centralized Athletic Coordinator

1. The top team in the final championship tournament will be the SCAA Champion.

(d) **Tie Breaking Procedure in Tournaments:**

1. In the case a game ends in a tie after regulation time, the game will be recorded as a tie.
2. Tie breakers.

a) Head to Head competition

b) Fewest points against during tournament day

c) Point differential for tournament day

 (c) In the event that the scores are tied at the end of regulation time in a final, extra time will be played until a winner is determined. Extra time will

be in periods of two x five (5) minutes. After each period the teams will change ends without interval.

(d) In the event of a single entry at a junior or senior provincial rugby 7s championship (ie. Rugby Ontario 7s Championship) the SCAA winner will be the automatic entry. If the champion team does not want to attend, the second place team will be the representative.

**6. Length of Games:**

 Junior: 7-minute halves

 Senior: 7-minute halves

 Junior: 1-minute break at half time

 Senior 1-minute break at half time

**7. Start Times:**

Tournament games cannot start earlier than 8:00am

**8. Date for Declaring Program:**

(a) Within the 10 school days following the first day of school.

(b) Schools may adjust their declaration 24 hours prior to the second tournament.

(c) If a team pulls out of a tournament within 24 hours of the tournament start date, then that school is responsible for all costs (such as referees or athletic therapy).

**9. Convenorship Rotation:**

 (a) One school will convene all divisions of both boys and girls rugby 7s.

 (b) Convenors will serve for a one-year term. Convenor may volunteer to remain in the post, or a volunteer will be designated from school convenor summary list.

**10. Eligibility:** as per the GBSSA Constitution (By-Law 2, Sections 1 to 13).

* 1. Schools must file completed, signed OFSAA Hub eligibility lists (containing the level of competition, names, ages, and birth dates of players, and the required signatures) with the regional/district convenor no later than 24 hours prior to competition. Any player changes require 24-hour notice prior to that player’s first competition. Note that games played by players of schools that have not filed eligibility lists will be declared a forfeit (loss).
	2. All players must comply with the GBSSA transfer policy and procedures.
	3. All players must be under 19 years of age, as of January 1st prior to the start of the school year.

* 1. Coaches may have an unlimited number of students on their roster provided they are all eligible for SCAA competition. A team rostered for the championship day will consist of only those players who have participated (played) during the majority of league competition

**11. Expenses:**

 The financial cost of the operation of the league (officials, athletic therapy, etc.) and

 the final championship tournament shall be shared equally by all schools participating

 in the league, regardless of classification on a per team basis.

**12. Medical Personnel:**

1. Qualified medical personnel must be on site for each game. Possible contacts are Resolution Physiotherapy, St. John’s Ambulance, the Red Cross, or Barrie Sports’ Medicine and Rehabilitation.
2. It is the responsibility of the hosting school to make the appropriate arrangements.
3. The cost of medical services is the responsibility of the home team.

**13. Field Use:** See the “Wet Fields Policy” in the General Guidelines.

**14. Rules and Officials:**

1. All Simcoe County rugby games will follow the most up to date IRB (International Rugby Board) under 19 7s laws as modified in the current year.
2. 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

1. A local exception to the IRB Laws is an amendment to the substitution rules. This amendment allows for **“open substitution at dead ball situations”**. This amendment MUST BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON AMONG THE COACHES AND REFEREE(S) BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS. Each team may have an unlimited roster. The player/game roster sheet provided by the coach prior to the start of each game must identify all players to compete in each game.
2. All referees will be certified (unless there is a lack of qualified certified referees).
3. Each team will provide a touch judge (trained by the coaches) for all league, and

 playoff games. Touch judges should not show support from the sidelines. The

home team is to provide the touch judge on the spectator’s side of the field, for both halves of play. If available, certified assistant referees to be assigned to all Championship tournament Tier 1 games.

1. Note “Law 10” - Foul Play:

 “Foul play is anything that a person does within the playing enclosure that is against the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game. It includes obstruction, unfair play, repeated infringements, dangerous play, and misconduct.”

 (f) **Yellow and Red Cards**:

1. When a player has been cautioned and temporarily suspended (sin bin) in a match, the referee will show that player a yellow card. When a player has been cautioned and temporarily suspended (sin bin) in a match, the referee will show that player a yellow card.

 The time in the sin bin shall be; 2 minutes for a 14-minute game.

1. When a player has been “sent-off” in a match, the referee will show that player a red card.
2. A player, who is “sent-off”, takes no further part in that match AND MAY NOT PLAY in any future tournament games until that player has attended a Board of Reference.
3. A GBSSA Disqualification Report Form must be completed immediately for any player who receives a ‘red card’. The form must be sent to the SCAA Chair and convenor within 24 hours.

 (g) A Simcoe County Rugby Scoresheet has been developed. A copy of the form is at the end of these guidelines. (**FORM 7)**

 (h) The Simcoe County Rugby Roster and Scoresheet **must be used and completed with ALL INFORMATION for both teams AT EACH GAME**. **(FORM 6).** At the completion of every match, it is the responsibility of the host school to upload the score and game sheet to the SCAA website within 24 hrs of game completion or home team will forfeit a win.

**15. Uniforms and Equipment:** as stated in IRB Laws of the Game

1. The wearing of mouth guards is mandatory.
2. Numbered jerseys, based on OFSAA Guidelines, are required.

**16. Awards:**

 Using the SCAA Rugby 7s format, SCAA Champions will be declared at each classification (junior and senior) for both boys and girls. An SCAA championship banner will be awarded to each division winning team. A championship trophy will be given to the winning junior and senior Boys and Girls teams for one calendar year.

**17. Protest Procedure:**

1. Protests may be lodged on items not under the jurisdiction of the officials or the GBSSA Board of Reference.
2. All protests must be made within 24 hours of the incident by email, to the centralized athletic coordinator and followed by a written report within three (3) school days.

1. The SCAA Jury of Appeal will deal with protests.