

Rugby Club Octopus

TOURNAMENT RULES

15 A-SIDE PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT | 2019



Upon arrival at Rugby Club Octopus the team representative should register his team at the secretary. The tournament Organisers will, in case necessary, liaise via this person only.

The team and its supporters enter this tournament at their own risk. Accidents, injuries and damages which occur via rugby or simply being present during the day will be for your own account. The tournament Organisers or Rugby Club Octopus cannot be liable for any costs. We will have qualified first aid present for sports injuries and qualified referee's running the games.

Competition Format

The tournament will be played under the Laws of the Game of Rugby Football as framed by the International Rugby Board and adopted by the R.F.U.

- Law amendment: decision-making framework for high tackles. Under Law 9.11, the referee is always entitled to issue a red or yellow card for anything that they deem to be reckless or dangerous.
- Scrum law amendment: the amendment to Law 19.10b outlaws the practice of front-rows placing their heads onto opposition players' shoulders between the call of 'bind' and 'set' on engagement, and is effective immediately.
- All decisions regarding seedings of teams shall be sole responsibility of the tournament Organisers
- Play in the **Men's** competition will commence with one playoff game deciding if you go to the Cup or Plate pool. Play in the **Women's** competition will commence with teams in each pool playing against each other in their respective pool.
- All games except finals will be 10 minutes per half with a 1-minute break. A drawn match at any final will be decided by "sudden death" with a maximum of 2x 10 minutes each way. The first team to score points will be declared the winner. If there is no score after this, a decision will be made based on the highest points differential in their pool games. No extra time to determine a winner will be played in pool games. The final will be played 15 minutes per half.
- In each pool game 3 points will be awarded for a win, 2 points per team in the event of a draw and 1 point for a loss. If a team does not turn up or is later than 10 minutes from kick off or is forfeiting the game 0 points and the opponent will win the game with a score of 30-0. If both teams do not turn up the score will be 0-0 and no points will be awarded. (there will be no bonus points for scoring 4 tries (or more) or for losing by 7 points (or fewer).
- After a try has been scored a place or drop kick at goal will be taken.
- In deciding the most successful team in each pool at the end of pool games, if two or more teams in any pool have the same number of points, the winner shall be decided as follows:
 - a) the team with the highest points differential in their pool games shall be the winner. If after (a) the teams are still tied, then
 - b) the team who scored the most points in their pool games, shall be the winner. If after (b) the teams are tied, then;
 - c) the winner of the game contested between the two teams shall be the winner. If after (c) the teams are still tied, then;
 - d) the team who received a red card shall be the loser. If after (d) the teams are still tied, then;
 - e) the team who received a yellow card shall be the loser. If after (e) the teams are still tied, then;
 - f) the winner shall be decided by a toss of a coin.
- A maximum of 15 players can play at one game but in mutual agreement also with referee it is allowed to play with less. A team, which can only field 15 or less than 15 players because of injuries, may borrow players or reserves. Every team can substitute a maximum 5 players. In accordance with the referee more is allowed.
- The sin bin will be used throughout the tournament. A player can be sent to the sin bin for exactly three minutes. The sin binned player shall stand behind the dead ball line of the opposition's In-Goal area. Sin bin minutes continue to count in the next game. All players sent off with a red card during tournament will not be allowed to play again in the tournament.
- Each team is responsible for its own equipment such as practise balls and kicking tee's and so on. These items are however for sale during the day.

All decisions other than those mentioned above, shall be sole responsibility of the tournament Organisers