

KIAMA SEVENS TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

1. The games will be played under the laws of the Rugby Football as framed by the International Rugby Football Board, as amended by these By-Laws.

The Tournament is organised and managed under the control of the Tournament committee. A timekeeper, scorer and bench officials will be supplied by Kiama Rugby Football Club.

2. 1 A very strict program will be observed. Each team must registrar no more than 15 members at the Official Caravan at least 30 minutes prior to their first game. This includes a minimum of 10 players, a maximum of 12 players, a Coach, Manager and Trainer. No more than 7 players may be on the playing field during the play. The 12 nominated players per team can play each game and be within the playing area during their game. Registration sheet with players' names, their jumper numbers, coach, trainer and manager's names must be completed and signed by the coach and manager. Any team playing unregistered players will be disqualified from the competition. Players are to sign on at the scorer's tent before their first game and again before the finals.

All teams should have at least 1 coach who is Smart rugby compliant.

All players and team officials must be registered with the ARU if they are not registered they must complete the relevant ARU registration form

2.2 The Competition Organisation Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team which is not ready to proceed onto the field 5 minutes prior to the advertised time.

There will be an interval of approximately 60 minutes between the Cup semi-finals and the Plate and Cup finals, during which time the finals of the Mens and Womens Country Cups, Women's Vase and Mens Bowl competitions will be played.

2.3 There will be no lining up of teams in the centre of the field. The toss for ends must be taken before entering the field.

2.4 EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM IS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY ONE FOOTBALL PER GAME AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY ONE TOUCH JUDGE.

PLAYING TIMES

3.1 Playing times for the all games will be 2 halves of 7 minutes each, including the Premier Final. Each half ends and play halts when the *siren or bell sounds*. After each period, the teams change ends without an interval.

During the finals (Bowl, Country cup, Womens and Plate) Teams will be allowed a minute break at half time.

If time expires after a try has been scored the referee allows time for the conversion kick to be taken.

The right is reserved to reduce playing times.

Drinks should be dispensed at the touchline at any time during a game. One team runner, excluding the coach or manager, will be permitted to assist with dispensing drinks to players on the field, but only during prolonged stoppages of play.

3.2 ALL restart kicks and kicks at goal or penalty goal MUST be taken by a Drop kick and completed within 30 seconds of being awarded. Penalty goal attempts are to be taken and completed within 30 seconds of the time-keeper determining that the goal kicking side is in possession or ought to reasonably be in possession of the ball. If the time is exceeded the kick is disallowed, a scrum is ordered at the place of the mark and the opponents throw in the ball.

3.3 In all cases the time-keeper shall be the sole judge of time.

3.4 The scoring team takes the kick-off to restart play.

INJURIES

4.1 There will be no time off allowed for injuries.

4.2 Injury. The referee may stop play for not more than one minute so that an injured player can be treated, or for any other permitted delay.

The referee may allow play to continue while a medically trained person treats an injured player in the playing area or the player may go to the touchline for treatment.

If a player is seriously injured and needs to be removed from the field of play, the referee has the discretion to allow the necessary time to have the injured player removed from the field-of-play.

4.3 The referee has the power to end the match at any time, if he believes that play should not continue because it would be dangerous.

SUBSTITUTIONS

5.1 Players may be substituted with reserves during the game. 5 substitutions are allowed per game. If a player is substituted, that player must not return and play in that match even to replace an injured player.

Exception: A substituted player may replace a player with a bleeding or open wound.

5.3 12 players per team can play each game. All reserves from both teams must be within the substitution area located adjoining the official scorer's tent.

5.4 Substitution are to occur at the side line within the substitution area. The replacing player may not take the field until the replaced player has entered the substitution area and the replacing player may only enter the field in an on-side position and only after the team manager has notified the scorekeepers via substitution cards(substitution cards will be supplied).

5.5. The minimum number of players which a team must have to commence a game is 5. Borrowing players from another team is not allowed

FOUL PLAY

6.1. If a player is temporarily suspended (Yellow Card) it will be for 2 minutes duration and must be reported to the Competition Manager. . If a player is temporarily suspended (Yellow Card) a 2nd time in the same match, he will be sent from the field (Red Card) it will be for the remainder of the tournament. Yellow Cards are cumulative, 3 Yellow cards in the tournament, the player will be sent from the field (Red Card) it will be for the remainder of the tournament, and will be reported to the players Home Union.

The suspended player must sit at the scorers bench.

If a player is sent from the field (Red Card) it will be for the remainder of the tournament. The infringement will be reported to and dealt with by the player's Home Competition Judiciary Committee. There will be no judiciary conducted by the Competition Organisation Committee on the day of the tournament.

Red Cards require a Send Off Report which will be lodged with the players Home Union.

6. 2 Match Abandonment

If a team wilfully refuses to play, or wilfully abandons a match in progress or by their actions they flout or disadvantage their opponents, then subject to confirmation by the Tournament committee, that team will be subject to any or all penalties noted below.

Breach of any competition rule may include any or all of the following.

- Warning
- Loss of points scored in that game
- Loss of competition points
- Monetary fine
- Expulsion from the competition

6.3 Tournament (game) protests/disputes

- Protests or disputes to be lodged in writing with Game Day Manager within 15 minutes of completed game in question.
- Kiama Sevens Game Day Manager, Kiama Sevens Secretary and Kiama Sevens Tournament Director will adjudicate. The panel's decision is final.

SCRUM and LINEOUT

7.1 A minimum of 3 players in a scrum; 2 players in a line-out is required

Teams have 15 seconds to form a scrum or lineout from the time the referee indicates the appropriate position.

7.2 A scrum is formed in the field of play when three players from each team, bound together in one row, close up with their opponents so that the heads of the players are interlocked. This creates a tunnel into which a scrum half throws the ball so that the players can compete for possession by hooking the ball with either of their feet.

7.3 Kicking out. A front-row player must not intentionally kick the ball out of the tunnel or out of the scrum in the direction of the opponent's goal line.

Sanction: Penalty kick

8 GAMES FORMAT

The teams have been divided into 1 of 4 divisions :- Premier, Women's, Country and Bowl. Within each divisions teams are balloted into pools of 4

POOL GAMES

8.1. Each team in a Pool plays each other team in that Pool. Points are awarded in Pool games, 4 for a win and 2 each for a draw.

8.2. The winner of the Pool is the team with the most points and proceeds to finals series of their competition. If at the end of pool games the two teams have an equal points, the leading team is the team that won their corresponding match. If that match was drawn it is decided on best averages of scores for and against, and if averages are also equal a coin is tossed to determine which team proceeds.

8.3a Women's competition consists of 2 Pools. The Pool winners will play off for the Vase Trophy. The two best placed country women's teams (not already in the Vase final) will play off for the Womens Country cup.

8.3b Mens Country competition consists of 2 Pools. The Pool winners will play off for the Country Cup. Country teams are those playing in regional competitions

8.3c Bowl competition consists of 2 Pools. The Pool winners will play off for the Bowl Trophy.

8.4a Premier division consists of 4 Pools.

The top 4 teams will play in the semi-finals for the Cup. The winning 2 teams play for the Kiama Sevens Cup , the 2 losing teams (in the semi) will play off for the Plate (3rd and 4th)

8.4b For drawn games in the semi-finals, the team that scores the most tries is the winner; if tries are equal, first try scorer; if no tries, first points scorer; if no points a coin is tossed to determine the right to proceed.

8.4 c EXTRA TIME - THE WINNER. If scores are equal at full time of the **Cleary Bros Cup final** an additional 3 minutes each way will be played. In extra time, the team that scores points first is immediately declared the winner, without any further play. If the scores are still drawn at the end of extra time, the team that scores the most tries is the winner; if tries are equal, first try scorer; if no tries, first points scorer; if no points the teams are declared joint winners and the prize money will be shared.

The Plate, Vase, Country and Bowl Trophies competitions are run on the same rules as the Cup competition, but no extra time will be played, i.e. The team that scores the most tries is the winner; if tries are equal, first try scorer; if no tries, first points scorer; if no points the teams are declared joint winners and the prize money will be shared

9. The Competition Organisation Committee will adjudicate all disputes and the Committee's decision is final. If teams withdraw prior to the competition or fail to attend within the time specified on the day of the competition, the Committee reserves the right to make substitutions at its sole discretion.

WE TRY TO ENSURE THAT TEAMS HAVE AT LEAST 3 GAMES.

NOTES

- ❖ Trophies and prize money will be presented immediately after each of the finals.
- ❖ Teams insurance against injuries, will be with Gow Gates insurance.
- ❖ Medical personnel will be provided by Kiama Rugby Club.

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