

Rugby

Disclaimer

The below are guidelines for ISST tournament directors to follow. ISST reserves the right to change any aspect of the below guidelines in consultation with the membership. Reasons (but limited to) are generally for student safety and/or limitations to facilities and logistics.

4.5 RUGBY

Rules: The Laws of the game Rugby Union

Full laws – <https://laws.worldrugby.org/index.php?&language=EN>

Sevens Variation - <https://laws.worldrugby.org/?variation=2>

General Tournament Format

ISST Rugby will follow a Sevens Variation. The Travel Roster is 12 players.

Schedule:

Note: The playing schedule for the final day can be changed by the Tournament Director following the penultimate day's play so that important matches conclude the tournament where possible and appropriate.

Where appropriate, seeding for the following year's Championship will follow the procedure as outlined in the ISST handbook.

PROPOSED 2020 FORMAT

Tournament Rules

- 1) Players must be 16 or 17 years of age on June 1st (prior to start of the school year).
- 2) A player who is 15 on June 1st (prior to start of the school year) is permitted to play in the tournament provided that they have handed a signed copy of the 'Exception to the Two-Year Window Policy' form to the Tournament Director prior to match play.
- 3) Under no circumstances are players who are 15 years of age on June 1st (prior to start of the school year) allowed to play in the front row of contested scrums.
- 4) All schools are expected to declare a minimum of 3 front row players. If an undeclared player becomes a replacement in the front row then scrums become uncontested.
- 5) A player who has been substituted may replace any player whether or not that player has been injured.
- 6) Any player sent off cannot be replaced.
- 7) A yellow card received will require the offending player to spend 2 minutes off the field of play.
- 8) A precise record of all Yellow and Red card offences should be kept by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director is responsible for keeping totals throughout the tournament. Any player sent off or ejected in a tournament game is ineligible to play in the following game (i.e. the player is 'banned' for one (1) game following the sending off). Two (2) Yellow cards in separate games do not result in suspension from the next game (i.e. the cards do not become Red).
- 9) The host school shall provide a minimum of eight (8) balls for the warm up period.

Awards

First, second, and third place permanent trophies will be awarded to the relevant teams. Appropriate medals will be awarded to the players and coaches of the first three placed teams. Participation patches will be given to all players involved. Special patches will be awarded to the players voted as being All-Tournament. Please see section 3.15 All-Tournament Teams.

ISST RUGBY: EXCEPTION TO THE TWO YEAR WINDOW POLICY

Player Consent Form

Before a player is permitted to participate in an ISST rugby tournament, where they will be competing for more than two years above their age on June 1st (prior to start of the school year), this document must be carefully considered, properly completed and given to the Tournament Director before the start of tournament play.

For an ISST rugby tournament, the player must be **16** or **17** years old on June 1st (prior to start of the school year).

This document will allow players who are **15** years of age, and at an appropriate stage of physical development, skill level and experience to also take part.

Athlete's name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

 Participating School's Name: _____ Front Row Player: **Y N**
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Player name _____ Date of birth: _____

School name: _____ Playing position: _____

Coach assessment: The assessment of the player must be undertaken from a qualified member of the School coaching staff. If the answer to any of these questions is 'No', then the player will not be permitted to take part in the tournament.

Physical development	Does the player's level of physical development allows them to compete with the other players in the tournament?	Yes	No
Skill level	Is this skill level of the player comparable with other players in the tournament?	Yes	No
Level of experience	Does the player have the necessary level of experience to compete with other players in the tournament?	Yes	No
Standard of competition	Is the standard of the tournament suitable to allow the player to compete safely?	Yes	No

In my opinion, the player's physical development, skill level and experience are sufficient to allow the player to participate safely against other players in this tournament.

I have explained to the player and their parents/guardians that the player will be competing against older players, and this may involve an increased risk of injury.

Coach signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian. I confirm that:

1. I am the parent, guardian of the abovementioned player
2. I am aware of the World Rugby two-year window policy
3. The coach has explained to me that in his/her opinion, the player's physical development, skill level and experience is sufficiently high to allow them to compete safely against other players in the tournament
4. It has been explained to me that the risk of injury may be increased by the player playing in the proposed tournament.
5. I understand that rugby is a contact sport and, as a result, players are exposed to the risk of injury. I also understand that the level of risk may be heightened when a player participates in a tournament above the two-year window in circumstances where the player's physical development, skill level and experience are inferior to the players that they will compete against. In addition to understanding these risks, I also agree, to the extent permitted by law, to waive all claims of liability against any participant (including players, coaches, volunteers and administrators) and release every such participant from all liability that may be incurred in connection with the player's participation in the proposed ISST tournament

Parent / Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

ISST Tournament Director. I confirm that:

1. A copy of this policy is included in the tournament rules 2) Records of completed consent forms are kept

ISST Tournament Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____