



## HURON-PERTH BOYS AND GIRLS RUGBY

1. **Date**  
The Huron-Perth 15-a-side Rugby Championships shall be held during the week prior to W.O.S.S.A.A. if necessary.
2. **Location**  
The location of the championship shall be determined by the convenor
3. **Teams and Age Eligibility**
  - a. **Girls Open** - the individual's birthday indicates that she has not yet reached her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
  - b. **Junior Boys** - the individual's birthday indicates that he has not yet reached his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
  - c. **Senior Boys** - the individual's birthday indicates that he has not yet reached his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
4. **Eligibility**
  1. See HP Regulations
  2. Eligibility sheets must be submitted to the convenor prior to the first league game.
  3. To be eligible for a playoff game, a player must have dressed for at least one regular league.
  4. A player may play in one age division only at the Huron-Perth Championships.
5. **League Play**

*Note: In sports where there are six or more teams participating, league play shall be a single-game round robin format, unless any additional games beyond this are played outside of the instructional school day.*

*Note: SAC's, when setting schedules, need also to take into consideration the cost of their schedules.*

  - a. Where there are three or more teams in a division, the convenor shall establish league competition.

- b. League play will follow a round robin format, with each team meeting once. Home field will alternate on a yearly basis. Start times will be determined by the home team in consultation with the visiting team.
  - c. League games are 25 minute halves. If tied, there will be two - 5 minute sudden death overtime periods playing 15-a-side.
  - d. There shall be unlimited substitutions allowed on your own ball.
  - e. Winners of regular season matches will be awarded two points in the standings. Regular season matches that are tied at the end of regulation will remain tied, and each team shall earn one point in the standings.
  - f. When a team has lost by default, the result shall be recorded as a 14-0 win for the non-offending team.
  - g. If 2 or more teams are tied in points at the end of the regular season, the ties shall be broken as follows, in order:
    - 1) Head to head game results
    - 2) Point differential – based on head to head scores between teams who are tied
    - 3) Points Allowed in League Play
    - 4) Points Scored in League Play
    - 5) Coin Toss
  - 8. In the event that a game has been started and cannot be completed due to unsafe conditions, the following protocol shall be used:
    - 1. If the match is in the first 10 minutes of the first half, the game shall be replayed in its entirety on a new day agreeable to both teams.
    - 2. If at least 10 minutes of the first half has been played, the match shall resume from the time of stoppage on a new day agreeable to both teams.
    - 3. If at least 10 minutes of the second half has been played, the result will stand from the point of stoppage as an official completed match.
6. **Play-Off Tournament Structure and Procedures**
- a. The Huron-Perth tournament structure will depend on the number of teams and shall be determined by the convenor in consultation with the coaches.
  - b. Play-offs will be the top 4 teams (1 vs 4, 2 vs 3) based on league play; Semi-final matches are 15 minute halves and the Finals are 20 minute halves; overtime in both cases will be 15-a-side and not sudden death, playing two 5-minute halves. If

still tied, sudden death by place/penalty kicks from the 22m line

- c. For the Junior Boys, a “festival” will be organized involving all league teams. The location of this tournament will rotate among the schools that field junior teams. The format of the day will change depending on the number of participating teams, but will always be organized to determine a Huron Perth Champion. A common lunch bbq will be arranged by the convenor and efforts will be made to include a guest speaker. The intent of the day will be to help develop the “culture of rugby” within the Huron Perth rugby conference.
  - d. Substitutions shall be unlimited (on and off) for all playoff matches, provided the referee is notified.
  - e. The convenor must have a risk management plan for coaches that outlines clearly the nearest:
    - i. hospital/medical centre
    - ii. emergency phone
6. During Playoffs, the following procedures will be followed in Tie Situations.
- Boys:**
- (i) Semi-final games will proceed directly to kicks as described below in (iii).
  - (ii) This procedure shall be used for Gold medal, Bronze medal and Consolation final games only. 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 below.
  - (iii) 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 goal posts with the wind at their backs. A best of three format shall be used. The kicks shall be in the following sequence on the 22m line: a) midway between sidelines and 22m b) left 15m line and 22m line c) right 15m line and 22m line If still tied after three kicks by each team, single sudden victory kicks shall be attempted by a player from each team that was on the field at the end of the tied game. These sudden victory kicks shall be taken in the same progression as above.

Girls:

(i) Semi-final games will proceed directly to kicks as described below in (iii).

(ii) This procedure shall be used for Gold medal, Bronze medal and Consolation final games only. Teams shall re-toss to select the right to kick or choice of end prior to overtime periods. Two (2) five-minute periods with one (1) minute between periods. Teams shall consist of fifteen (15) players.

(iii) If still tied at the end of the two (2) five-minute halves, the following procedure shall be followed: best of three (3) kicks (order determined by a flip of a coin by the referee) by three (3) players for each team that were playing in the game immediately before the game ended. These kicks shall take place from the following spots: a) left 15m line and 22m line b) midway between sidelines and 22m c) right 15m line and 22m line If still tied after three kicks by each team, single sudden victory kicks shall be attempted by a player from each team that was on the field at the end of the tied game. These sudden victory kicks shall be taken in the same progression as above.

7. The convenor must have suitable first aid and/or sports injury personnel on hand for the duration of the tournament.
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7. **Entries and Fees**

- a. Entry forms indicating cost, date, and location shall be sent by the convenor to the coaches no later than two weeks prior to the competition. Cost of the entries shall be determined by the convenor.
- b. Teams entering must declare their intention before the Tuesday preceding the Huron-Perth Championships.

8. **Rules and Officials**

- a. All Huron-Perth games shall be governed by the rules of the Canadian Rugby Union for the current year, except as noted below.
- b. Length of games shall be such that no player plays in excess of a total of 90 minutes in one day.
- c. Thirty-five players shall be allowed to dress.

- d. The Huron-Perth Convenor shall be responsible for making all decisions not specifically covered in these guidelines or the rules of the C.R.U.
  - e. All players must wear mouth guards.
  - f. Referees shall inspect footwear of all players prior to each game. Only rugby and/or soccer shoes will be allowed for players involved in scrummage situations. A team will forfeit a game if this safety standard cannot be met.
  - g. The selection and allocation of officials shall be the responsibility of the convenor after consultation with the chief official.
  - h. Any player ejected from a Huron-Perth game shall automatically receive an additional one league game suspension. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure the suspension is carried out. The suspension must be indicated on the game sheet. Further penalties may be assessed through the Huron-Perth By-Laws.
  - i. The Home team coach is responsible for sending the completed game sheet to the convenor before noon of the following day via fax. The Convenor will post complete standings weekly, including scores, points and differentials.
9. W.O.S.S.A.A. Entry
- 1. The top Huron-Perth A/AA Senior Boys' Rugby teams will be eligible for the W.O.S.S.A.A "A/AA" Championship tournament.
  - 2. The top Huron-Perth AAA/AAAA Senior Boys' Rugby teams will be eligible for the W.O.S.S.A.A "AAA/AAAA" Championship tournament
  - 3. The top Huron-Perth A/AA Open Girls' Rugby teams will be eligible for the W.O.S.S.A.A "A/AA" Championship tournament.
  - 4. The top Huron-Perth AAA/AAAA Opens' Rugby teams will be eligible for the W.O.S.S.A.A "AAA/AAAA" Championship tournament.
  - 5. If no W.O.S.S.A.A. division is available for the Junior Boys the HP Champions will represent Huron-Perth at the Barbarian Cup Invitational Provincial Championships.
  - 6. The convenor shall give the W.O.S.S.A.A. , O.F.S.A.A., or Barbarian Cup championship package to the coaches of the winning teams.
10. Awards
- a. The Championship team will receive a Huron-Perth pennant and each member of the winning team will receive a gold Huron-Perth medal (35 maximum plus one for the coach and one for the manager). The Championship Finalists shall receive silver Huron-Perth medals (35 maximum plus one for the coach and one for the manager).