**SIMCOE COUNTY SPORTS’ PLAYING REGULATIONS**

###### GIRLS’ & BOYS’ RUGBY

**1. Simcoe County Guideline Category:** League play

**2. Season:** April to June

**3. Location of Finals and Date** One week before OFSAA

 Location to be announced.

**4. School Classification and Levels:**  “A/ AA” and “AAA”

 Junior and Senior

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

 Number of dates in schedule per school: 5 games

 Number of dates involved for play-offs: 2

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

(b) **League Play:**

1. Single round robin play.

CCI, BDHS, BMHS, OSS shall have 3 home games

1. A team that is not located in Simcoe County, but is competing in the Simcoe County League, **MUST** travel for all league games.

 (c) **Selection of GBSSA Entries:**

 (as per SCAA seeding procedures)

1. When 8 or more teams are participating, where possible; quarterfinal and semi-final games should be played on one day; then all finals to be played on a separate non sequential day
2. In the quarterfinal round where the ¼ final and semi-final games are played on the same day the following sequence shall occur:

A group: The 8-1 & 5-4 games shall be played at the same time.

B group: The 7-2 & 6-3 games shall be played at the same time.

Semi-final #1 shall be the winning teams from the A group of games and will be played first.

Semi-final # 2 shall be the winning teams from the B group of games and will be played second.

The duration of these games will be 40 minutes. There is no overtime in these games, teams proceed directly to kicks if tied at the end of regulation play. (refer also to the GBSSA regulations).

The championship final game will be 60 minutes in duration.

1. Schools participating in play-off games will share the cost of officials.

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

1. In the case of ties after regulation time, there will be two five-minute halves played with 10-a side (5 forwards; 5 backs) with two 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 for substitutions 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 5 minute halves, the game shall proceed to kicks.
2. Kicks: Each team will select up to three players from among the players on the field at the end of regulation time. (1, 2 or 3 kickers may be used). These players shall be organized to place or drop kick from designated spots at the same goalposts 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:
	* 1. 1st - midway between side lines and 22m line
		2. 2nd - left 15m line and 22m line
		3. 3rd - right 15m line and 22m line
3. In the event of a single entry at a junior provincial championship (ie. Barbarian Cup) the AAA winner will be the automatic entry, unless the A/AA champion wishes to challenge. The challenge must be issued and received by 12 PM (noon) the day following the championship. The winner of the challenge game will be the representative. The host site will rotate between the two, in even numbered years for the A/AA and in odd numbered years AAA.

**6. Length of Games:**

 Junior: 30-minute halves

 Senior: 30-minute halves

**7. Start Times:**

See the General Guidelines;

Secondary School Athletic Activities Operating Parameters, as per the SCDSB

**8.** **Date for Declaring Program:**

(a) Within the 10 school days following March Break.

(b) Schools must adjust their declaration by the end of the first week of April.

(c) If a team forfeits a game, then that school is responsible for all costs

 (such as referees or buses).

**9. Convenorship Rotation:**

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

 (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 SCAA Chair no later than 24 prior to the competition. Any player changes require 24-hour notice prior to that player’s first competition in each sport. Note that any games played by players of schools that have not filed eligibility lists will be declared a forfeit (loss).
2. Classification is to be declared at the same time as intent to participate information is submitted to the calendar committee, and prior to league scheduling as determined by the calendar committee.

**11. Expenses:**

 The convenor may charge a levy to cover administrative expenses (telephone, fax, postage, photocopies, paper, etc.). This levy is to be shared by all schools competing in the league. The total league charge is not to exceed $75.00.

**12. Medical Personnel:**

1. Qualified medical personnel must be on site for each game. Possible contacts are St. John’s Ambulance, the Red Cross, or Barrie Sports’ Medicine and Rehabilitation.
2. It is the responsibility of the home team 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 OFSAA regulations 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 GAME 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.
3. 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; 5 minutes for a 40-minute game; 7 minutes in a 50-minute game or 8 minutes if the game is 60 minutes in duration.

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 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 playoff format (Appendix J), SCAA Champions will be declared at each classification (A/AA, and AAA) and level (junior and senior) for both boys and girls. An SCAA championship banner will be awarded to each winning team.

**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.