

PLAYING REGULATION 10.1 - RUGBY (MIDGET)

1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module 1999, outlined according to the following Critical Components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.
2. **AGES:** All competitors shall meet the Midget Age requirements as per Article XI, Section VII of the H.S.S.A.A. Constitution.
3. **EVENTS:** There will be competition for a Midget Champion in both 7's and 15's.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** As per Article XI, Section V of the H.S.S.A.A. Constitution.
5. **ENTRIES:**
Each of the H.S.S.A.A. Member Schools may enter one 15's team and two 7's teams.
6. **RULE BOOK:** Games shall be played by the rules laid down by the Ontario Rugby Union Rule Book with the exception of the modifications listed below:
 - a) **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Each team may dress an unlimited number of players for games.
 - b) **SUBSTITUTION:**
 - There shall be unlimited substitution for injury at any time during the game or overtime, provided the referee is notified.
 - Injured players may not return to the game.
 - Substitution may take place at quarters (at approximately 15 minutes into each half and at the discretion of the referee), and at half time.
 - An unlimited number of players may be substituted at these times.
 - There is no provision for replacement, other than for injury during overtime.
 - c) **LENGTH OF GAME:** Each game will consist of two 30 minute halves with a 3 minute intermission between halves.
 - d) **OVERTIME:** (playoff games only)
 - Two 7 minute halves with one minute between halves.
 - If still tied, the following procedure shall be used. Each team will select three players from the players on the field at the end of overtime. Those players shall be organized to kick at the goal posts from designated spots on the field. These spots are on the 22 metre line from (a) centre (b) the intersection of the 15 metre line and the 22 metre line.
7. **OFFICIALS:** Only qualified O.R.U. officials will referee league and Championship Games or tournaments. Games must be rescheduled if a rated official is not available for a game.

8. **UNIFORMS:**

- All team members must wear a team jersey. (Home teams are responsible for avoiding colour conflicts)
- All players must wear an integral mouth guard.
- Competitors are permitted to wear proper rugby cleats to be inspected by the O.R.U. officials.

9. **STARTING TIME:** Games run from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

10. **AWARDS:** Each member (to a maximum of 25) of the Championship winning team shall receive an H.S.S.A.A. Gold Medallion. Each member (to a maximum of 25) of the Championship finalist team shall receive an H.S.S.A.A. Silver Medallion.

11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** Not applicable.

12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

- a) **PLAYOFFS:** The playoff format will be determined by the Athletic Convenor and accepted by the coaches at the pre-season coaches meeting.
- b) Playoff and tournament sites will be determined by the Athletic Convenor at the pre-season coaches meeting.
- c) Goal post pads and flexible playing field marks must be used at all games. Dangerous projections near the playing field area must be covered to ensure safety for the players.
- d) It is the responsibility of the home team to provide sideline care at each league and Championship game or tournament. The Athletic Convenor will arrange for sideline care at any neutral site. Games must be rescheduled if a qualified First Aid person is not available.