



# RUGBY REGULATIONS

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## 1. ORGANIZATION

- a. The Rugby Committee of the Maccabi Youth Games 2018 will be responsible for the Rugby competition of the Maccabi Youth Games 2018, subject to the approval of the MWU Sports Department and the ISC.
- b. The Rugby competition will be rugby sevens (7s) and conducted according to the rules of the International Rugby Board (world rugby -WR), the English text will be binding.
- c. Participation in the Competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant card, issued by the Organizing Committee of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah and registered the Rugby competitions.
- d. Each **7s team** may consist of a maximum of 12 players.

## 2. VENUES AND TIMES

- a. The Rugby Committee of the Maccabi Youth Games 2018 will determine the venues and times of the Rugby competition and teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. The Rugby Committee is authorized to change the venues and times of the competitions. These decisions will be final.

## 3. GAME BALL

- a. The games will be played with RHINO -VORTEX balls.
- b. The Rugby Committee is authorized to change the type of balls, if necessary, but only with prior approval of the Sports Department.

## 4. SYSTEMS OF COMPETITION

**SYSTEM A:** - If there are four Juniors 7s teams

- a. there will be a preliminary single round robin competition, with each team playing all others, once. This will be followed by semifinal games – team rank 1 will play team rank 4, and teams ranked 2 and 3 will play semifinal number 2, losers of semifinals will play for bronze, winners of semi finale will play for gold
- b. The order of games will be determined by a blind draw.
- c. The winning team will score 3 league points, the loser 1 point. In the event of a draw each team will score 2 league point.
- d. The team which accumulates the most league points will take first place and the other teams will be placed according to the number of league points gained.



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1- If the number of league points achieved by **two teams** is equal, then the team which won the head to head game(s) against the other team with the same number of league points will take the higher place.

2- If the number of league points achieved by **3 teams or more** is equal, then the final ranking will be based on total game points deference (in all round robin games)

- f. In the event of equality, both in the number of league points and game points difference, the number of tries scored will decide, i.e., the team scoring the larger number of tries will take the higher place in the table.
- g. In the event that equality still persists, the higher placing will be taken by the team with the higher number of game points.
- h. In the event that equality still persists, after all the above described, then the teams will be placed by a draw.
- i. In any 7's semifinal or medal game, if after 14 minutes the game is not decided, it will be extended, following a 3-minute intermission, until a team score. The first team that scores will be declared the winner (golden score). If no team scores in the first 7-minute golden score period, there will be a 2-minute intermission followed by another 7-minute golden score period.
- j. If after extension of time, the game is still undecided, then the result will be determined by 5 alternates 22-meter drop goal penalty kicks by each team from straight in front of the poles. Lots will be drawn to decide which team will kick first.
- k. Only those players who have actually participated in the game when it ended will be entitled to participate in the 22-meter kicks. Each 22-meter kick will be taken by a different player.
- l. The team scoring the highest number of conversions will be the winner.
- m. If the game is still undecided after the 5 penalty kicks, the teams will continue with the 22-meter alternate kicks until one team has scored one conversion more than the other team, out of an equal number of penalty kicks.
- n. A player may kick a second time only after all the other players, entitled to participate in the kick have already kicked.

**SYSTEM B:** If there are 5 Juniors 7s teams

a. there will be a preliminary single round robin competition, with each team playing all others, once. This will be followed by medal games – team rank 4 will play team rank 3 for bronze, team ranked 2 will [lay team ranked 1 in the finale for gold

b. all other rules as stated in system A apply

**SYSTEM C:** If there are 6 Juniors 7s teams

a. a. there will be a preliminary single round robin competition, with each team playing all others, once. This will be followed by seeding games – team ranked 5+6 at the end of round robin will play for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Team rank 4 will play team rank 3 for bronze, team ranked 2 will play team ranked 1 in the finale for gold

b. all other rules as stated in system A apply



## 5. PLAYERS

- a. Before the start of the tournament, each team will submit to the Rugby Committee officials a list of all of its players, on an official form. Before the start of each game, each team will give the referee a list of its players designated to play in the game.
- b. **In 7's**, a maximum of 12 players on the team may be registered for each game, with a maximum of 5 substitutes permitted (7 + 5). All players must be pre-designated on the game roster. The number for each player listed on the game roster should be identical to the number marked on the shirts he is wearing. All players on the team may be in uniform and in the bench area during the game.
- c. A player whose name does not appear on the official roster will not be permitted to play in the competition.

## 6. DURATION OF GAME

- a. In 7's, there will be 2x7 minute halves (including finals), with an intermission of 2 minute.
- b. In order to avoid dehydration and heat stress it is in the discretion of the referee to stop the game every quarter (i.e. half-way into each half) for one minute, to enable players to drink water. Players are not permitted to leave the field during that period.

## 7. REFEREES

The Rugby Committee will select a Referees' Committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition, subject to the approval of the MWU Sports Department.

## 8. CARDS

Yellow card = player is out of the game for 2 minutes

Red card = the player is out of the whole tournament .

## 9. GENERAL

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete Maccabi Youth Games 2018 Regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.