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Memo

To: ASAA Member Schools & Rugby Coaches
Date: February 15, 2023
From: John Paton, Executive Director
Re: Rugby Tours and Student Eligibility for ASAA Rugby

Following inquiries from member schools regarding Rugby tours and student eligibility, this memo is intended to act as a reminder of the “participation on a non-school team” policy and to clarify what is permitted in relation to rugby tours.

While the complete policy of relevance is noted in italics below, in short it means:

1. **Up to March 15;** deadline by which students can participate in non-school rugby tours.
2. **March 15 onwards:** School Rugby Tours only (single school or interschool team) are permitted

NOTE: Any student who participates in a non school tour (Rugby Sevens or 15's) after March 15, is **ineligible** to participate on their school rugby team.

Here is the ASAA Policy that applies (Policy Section IV - Student Eligibility, Participation on a non-school team, 5.B. I and II):

In the sport of Rugby:

I. Non-school rugby touring team: students are permitted to play on a non-school rugby touring team up until the conclusion of the Canada Sevens Rugby Tournament while still trying out for an ASAA member school team. After March 15, no student can participate on any non-school rugby touring team.

II. School tours: After the conclusion of the Canada Sevens Rugby Tournament students are only permitted to play for their member school team or an interschool touring team that will travel during designated spring breaks of the schools participating on the tour.

Note: Participation is defined as taking part in any rugby try-out, game, tournament, playoff, invitational or championship

