

SECTION XVI - RUGBY

1. Rules

The playing rules used by the ASAA shall be those endorsed by World Rugby with the following clarifications:

- A. Any player who requires a permanent replacement due to injury shall not return to the match. A player may be temporarily replaced due to a blood injury, but must be returned immediately after the bleeding is controlled or covered. This must occur within 10 minutes (for shortened game) or 15 minutes (for 60+ minute game) from actual time of leaving the playing field or the replacement becomes permanent as an injury replacement.
- B. Should any player be ejected from a game due to dangerous play, that player is ineligible to participate in the remainder of the Provincial Tournament. Should a player receive two yellow cards due to dangerous play in the provincial Tournament, that player is ineligible for all subsequent games. Appeals of any cards must follow the guidelines set out in the Tournament package..
- C. A team must begin a match with 15 players. During the match, a minimum of 13 players must be eligible to play at any time. This does not include temporary replacements for blood. If a team does not have enough players on the field, they forfeit the match.
- D. If a match goes to uncontested scrums and a team is deemed to have been at fault by the Grievance Committee, that team shall forfeit the match.
- E. All players must wear mouth guards at all times. Any player without a mouth guard during the course of play will be removed from competition until a mouth guard is obtained.
- F. Length of Yellow Cards
 - i. 40 minute games - 7 minute yellow card
 - ii. 60 minute games - 10 minute yellow card

2. Season of Play

The Season of Play for Rugby shall be February 15 to the Provincial Championships on the first/second weekend in June. The Season of Play is not intended to include July and August. See SECTION V – ACTIVITIES, Item 3, pages 54-57 for more information.

3. Eligibility

- A. The ASAA shall have Rugby competitions in three tiers with each tier being determined by school population as follows:
Tier I - 1250+ Tier II - 600-1249 Tier III - 599 or less
Schools may opt-up to a higher classification on or before the May 1

registration deadline.

- B. There shall be an unlimited number of players on the team roster. Before each match a team must nominate 25 players on a game sheet that indicates name, unique jersey number or letter, captain(s) and designated forwards as per World Rugby law 3.5 (a) and U-19 Variation 3.5 (c). Only players on the game sheet may play, with a maximum of 10 substitutions.
- C. Two or more schools may combine to form one Rugby team if the Zone approves of such an arrangement. In such cases, the combined population of the schools will determine at which tier level the teams will compete.
Note: Insurance and liability issues involving students from one school playing for another school are the responsibility of the member schools involved and their local school jurisdictions.
- D. Teams may not be comprised of both male and female athletes.
- E. High school students are not permitted to play on a non-school Rugby team during the ASAA Rugby season.
- F. Eligibility for Rugby will be limited to students enrolled in grades 10-12 except in 1A and 2A classified schools where onsite grade 9 students may be registered for team participation. Any liability or insurance issues with grade 9s playing must be addressed at the school board level.
- G. To be eligible for participation in the Provincial Tournament teams must have played on equivalent of at least 180 minutes of game participation. Team are to provide Commissioners with scores from league/ Tournament games.

4. Representation to Provincials

- A. Regions for determining representatives to Provincials are based on ASAA Zones as follows:

North West Zone	North East Zone
Central Zone	South Zone
North Central Zone	South Central Zone
Edmonton Zone	Calgary Zone

- B. Hosting of the Provincial Championship will be set on a rotating basis through the establishment of three regional hosting Zones.

Rotation:

2019 - Other	2022 - Other
2020 - Edmonton	2023 - Edmonton
2021 - Calgary	2024 - Calgary

- C. Each region will determine their representative to Provincials at each tier.
- D. Regions must declare an intent to participate in the Provincial Tournament by May 2. Determination of Tournament structure will be made following the May 1 registration deadline.

E. For representation/participation in any tier, the draw will be confirmed after the May 1 deadline and the number of teams is determined, and will either be a 12-game Oregon draw for 8 teams, or will be three pools of three to accommodate the host team. The structure will be approved by the Rugby Commissioners, in consultation with the ASAA Executive Director/Senior Assistant Director. The Provincial playoff structure will be as follows:

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| 1. North West | 5. Central | 9. Host School |
| 2. Edmonton | 6. North Central | |
| 3. Calgary | 7. North East | |
| 4. South | 8. South Central | |

Notes:

1. The Rugby Commissioners, in consultation with the ASAA Executive Director, will confirm the final draw one week after the registration and declaration deadline of May 1, to be posted on the ASAA website. Teams that withdraw from Provincials after May 15, once the final draw has been confirmed, will be subject to a penalty equal to the Tournament entry fee, which will be paid to the host school directly. This fee will be in addition to the late withdrawal fee of \$250. The Executive will have the sole discretion to impose the penalty based on the rationale provided by the offending school.

2. Provincial Wild Card Allocation:

The Rugby Commissioners will calculate Provincial Championship history for teams representing their Zones for three years prior to the current school year. Teams representing their Zone at Provincials during this time will receive points based on the table below:

i.	Place	Points
	Gold	6
	Silver	5
	Bronze	4
	4th	3
	Consolation	3
	6th	2
	7th	1
	8th	0

ii. Only the top placing team from each Zone will be counted and a cumulative three-year total for each Zone will be calculated. The first additional berth will be awarded to the Zone with the highest point total. Second and third additional berths will be awarded to the Zone with the second and third highest point totals. If there is a tie between two or more Zones for the final additional berth, the Zone with the highest standing at the completion of the previous Provincial Championship Tournament will be allocated the additional berth.

3. The host Committee will receive an automatic berth to the Provincial Championship for one boys and one girls team.
4. Vacancies in Provincial berths will be filled by the Rugby Commissioners with the approval of the ASAA Executive Director. Every effort will be made to keep teams from the same Zone from meeting in the first games.
5. Rankings for Provincials are determined on placement in previous Provincial Tournaments. Consideration is given to the strength of the school and the Zone, as well as the current year's record. The Commissioners are aware of the different leagues in the province and keep track of the head to head games and Tournament placings are taken into consideration, as well as up to date results on games between different schools within different leagues and Zones. In order to assist the Commissioners in this process, it is requested that teams correspond with the Commissioners with updates.

5. Events

- A. The Provincial finals will be played on the Friday and Saturday prior to the start of Provincial exams.
- B. Length of Provincial Tournament games will be determined by Tournament format to keep within the World Rugby maximum number of minutes allowed.
- C. A minimum of two approved fields in one location for a combined boys and girls tier Tournament is required.
- D. Decisions relating to the postponement or cancellation of any Provincial playoff game will be made by the ASAA Executive in consultation with the ASAA Rugby Commissioners, the Rugby Alberta Minor Officials Association, and the participating teams. In the event of postponement, the championship will be held before the last operational school day in June.
- E. In Provincial competition, all games will begin with a coin toss. The referee will toss the coin and the home team (higher seeded team) will make the heads or tails call. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of kick or side.
- F. Tie Break Procedures
 - i. If there is a tie at the end of any of the Qualification games, each team shall choose three (3) kickers from the athletes on the field at the conclusion of the game, to drop kick at goal from the 15m line. The referee shall select the spot from which the kicks shall be taken (approximately at centre). The kickers from each team will alternate. All kickers will kick and the team that scores the higher number of successful kicks out of three (3) shall be deemed the winner of the match.
 - ii. If there is no winner at the conclusion of (i), teams choose one

player that was on the field at the conclusion of the game (this may include one of the first 3 kickers) to take all remaining kicks. The kick will take place at approximately the 15m mark and may be either a place kick or drop kick. This series of kicks will end once one team has had a successful kick and the opponent an unsuccessful kick. After the first kick at the 15m mark, subsequent kicks will be placed using the following:

1. If both kickers are unsuccessful twice, the kick will be moved 5m closer to the posts to a minimum of 10m.
 2. If both kickers are successful, the kick will be moved 5m further from the posts.
- iii. If there is a tie at the end of Final/Classification games, the teams will play one ten minute overtime period with teams switching ends at half, provided the game is not longer than 60 minutes. If there is still a tie at the conclusion of the overtime, the game will be decided by the Tie Break Procedure for Qualification games. In eight team Oregon draws, the ASAA Rugby Commissioners will determine seedings and will submit them to the ASAA office for approval. There will be no appeal of Provincial seedings.

G.9 Team Rugby Draw

- i. Teams will be split into 3 pools based on Rankings. Rankings will be adjusted to avoid a Zone match up in the Round Robin only

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	
1	2	3	
6	5	4	40 min games
7	8	9	
1 vs 6	2 vs 8	3 vs 9	First Round
6 vs 7	5 vs 8	4 vs 9	Middle Round
1 vs 7	2 vs 5	3 vs 4	Final Round

- ii. Any ties during Round Robin will break the tie using the tie breaking procedure in policy. (Drop Kicks) This does not mean the won the match but can be used if needed to break a tie with the point system.
- iii. The top team from each pool and the top 2nd place team using the point system will move onto the championship side on Saturday. The remaining teams will be ranked 5-9 using the point system.
- iv. (Policy Handbook 2009-2010) Teams will earn points in the standings after each game according to the following:
- Win - 4 points
 - Draw - 2 points
 - Loss of 7 points or less - 1 point
 - Four (4) tries or more - 1 point
 - Loss - 0 points

- v. The standings at the completion of the round robin will be determined by the ranking of teams according to points awarded above.
 - vi. If, at the conclusion of the round robin, there is a tie between teams based on points awarded, the team with the better win/loss record against the teams with which they are tied shall be deemed higher in the standings.
- If the teams are tied had a draw in the round robin, the team that won in drop kicks will be ranked ahead
- vii. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most tries in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
 - viii. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most goals (converted tries being of higher value than unconverted tries) in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
 - ix. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most drop goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
 - x. If there is still a tie, the team that scored the most penalty goals in games against each other shall be deemed higher in the standings.
 - xi. If there is still a tie, the team that has a higher points differential (game points for divided by points against) shall be deemed higher in the standings.
 - xii. If there is still a tie, the above process will begin again and include complete pool results.
 - xiii. If there is still a tie, the tied teams will use the drop kick policy to break the tie.
 - xiv. **Championship Draw:** The teams that advance to the Championship Draw will be ranked using pre-tournament rankings. Semi-finals followed by a Championship game and a bronze medal game. Zone teams may play in the semi-finals against each other. Previous opponents may also play against each other again in the semi-finals.

1st		
4th		
	Final	
3rd		Champion
2nd		

- xv. Teams finishing 5th, 6th, 7th will compete for the consolation championship.
Teams in 8th & 9th will compete for 7th place.

		5th	
			Consolation
	6th		
	7th		
		Loser 6th vs 7th	
			7th
	8th		
9th	9th		

6. Fees and officials

- A. Each team participating in Rugby Provincials will pay an entry fee to cover the costs of the Tournament.
- B. The ASAA will work with the Rugby Alberta Minor Officials Association to provide officials for the Provincial Tournament.
- C. All Provincial Championship games will use one on-field referee and two touch judges in each match.

7. Equipment

A. Uniforms

- i. Uniforms, protective equipment and any additional clothing, must conform to World Rugby laws. Players shall wear kit consisting of numbered jerseys, shorts and stocking colour that is uniform with that of their team. No duplication of numbers is allowed. All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and that maintain the integrity of the school's name, colours and logo. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted.
- ii. In the event of a clash, the host will provide jerseys to one team for the duration of the match. If a change in jersey is necessary, the lower ranked team will change jerseys.

B. Official ball

The official game ball will be a Gilbert Match size 5 ball.