



EMPIRE GEOGRAPHIC UNION RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION  
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# Empire GU 7s - Summer 2014

## High School Girls & Boys 7s Championship Series Rules

### PREFACE

1. The Empire GU High School 7s Championship Series will consist of five (5) tournaments for the Boys and Girls. The overall winner of each series will be determined by the team with the most series points.
  
2. All matches will be held in accordance with the laws of the game - [as specified by the International Rugby Board \(IRB\)](#) - as well as any and all applicable guidelines set forth by [USA Rugby](#) and the NRU. In particular, please ensure your club, team and all players meet the [USA Rugby High School Eligibility Regulations](#).

### POINTS and ADVANCEMENT

3. Points will be awarded at each Empire 7s Championship Series tournament as follows:
  - i. Cup Winner (1<sup>st</sup> place): 22 points
  - ii. Cup Runner-Up (2<sup>nd</sup> place): 19 points
  - iii. Plate Winner (3<sup>rd</sup> place): 17 points
  - iv. Plate Runner-Up (4<sup>th</sup> place): 15 points
  - v. Bowl Winner (5<sup>th</sup> place): 13 points
  - vi. Bowl Runner-Up (6<sup>th</sup> place): 12 points
  - vii. Shield Winner (7<sup>th</sup> place): 10 points

- viii. Shield Runner-Up (8<sup>th</sup> place): 8 points
- 4. Additional points will be awarded for attendance:
  - A. For each tournament one (1) point will be awarded automatically when a team checks in on-site.
  - B. Teams that appear at all of the tournaments will receive an additional five (5) points.
- 5. A team that forfeits any game on the day will not receive their attendance points.
- 6. Foreign or teams from outside the Empire GU will be allowed to compete in the championship series. However, these teams will not be included in the final rankings that determine point allocation as described above.
- 7. All teams and players must follow all [USA Rugby Eligibility Requirements](#). A few items of note:
  - A. All players must be CIPP registered with their team before the day of the tournament. There will be no CIPP registering of players on the day of the tournament.
  - B. Once a player registers with a sevens club and/or competes in an Empire 7s Championship Series tournament then the player is committed to that club for the entire season and may not switch to another club for play in the Empire Championship Series.
  - C. The Empire GU High School Championship Series is open only to CIPP'ed players who are High School eligible. For instance, a player cannot have competed for/on a college team and then play for a High School team in this Series.
  - D. If you have questions please read through the USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations. Should you have questions after performing your due diligence please contact the Empire GU's Director of High School 7s, Rosalie MacGowan.

8. Each club may enter up to two (2) teams in the Empire 7s Championship Series tournaments.
  - A. If a club enters more than one (1) team in an Empire 7s Championship Series tournament players may play for only one (1) team on that day; separate rosters must be maintained for each team- do not cross roster on game day.
  - B. Players may switch teams within their club for other Empire Championship Series tournaments.
9. Rosters are limited to twelve (12) CIPP'ed players for a tournament.
  - A. Only two (2) non-resident players are allowed on the roster for a tournament and they may play at the same time.
  - B. The Tournament Director will be responsible for verifying team and individual eligibility compliance on the day of the tournament (or Empire Director, as needed). CIPP'ed individuals are advised to have government issued picture ID at each tournament.
10. If a team is found guilty of playing an Ineligible player that team will forfeit all points earned for that tournament.

[Note: all of the preceding rules are dictated by USA Rugby policy which you may view here.](#)

11. Championship ties are resolved as specified in the 'Standard Set of Variations Appropriate for the Seven-a-Side Game' in the current Law Book. Pool advancement is determined by:
  - i. Record in pool
  - ii. Head-to-head competition
  - iii. Point differential
  - iv. Tries scored
  - v. Converted tries scored
  - vi. Coin toss

