



Summer 2021: Empire 7s Championship Series

The EGU is committed to fostering a fun, inclusive and competitive rugby 7s series open to all mens and womens clubs. To accomplish this goal, the EGU has revised its rules for the 2021 series.

PREFACE

1. The Empire GU 7s Championship Series (EGU7sCS) will consist of 6-8 sanctioned tournaments throughout Downstate and Upstate. Selected tournaments and dates will be announced at a later time.
2. The Empire GU 7s Championship Series (EGU7sCS) will consist of three divisions. Mens Open, Mens Social and Womens Open
3. Tournaments will be selected by the EGU 7s director after consultation with the EGU Director of Rugby and EGU Rugby Leadership Board
4. Tournaments will be selected based on an application review, past performances, geography and club participation.
5. Series rankings will be determined by the combined points of a teams top 4 finishes at any EGU sanctioned tournament.
6. The team with the highest number of points at the completion of the series will be deemed the champion.
7. In the result of a series tie, co-championships will be awarded.
8. All matches will be held in accordance with the laws of the game - [as specified by World Rugby](#) - as well as any and all applicable guidelines set forth by USA Rugby & the EGU.
9. Please ensure your club, team, and players meet the [USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations](#).



Series Points

10. Points will be awarded at each EGU7s Series tournament as follows:

Rank	Points Earned
1st	22
2nd	19
3rd	17
4th	15
5th	13
6th	11
7th	9
8th	7
9th	5
10th	3
11 th and below	1

11. Teams may attend as many tournaments as they wish. However, only the top 4 finishes will be added together for their series ranking.
- For example, if Team A finishes 1st (22 points) at Tournament One, 2nd (19 points) at Tournament Two, 3rd (17 points) at Tournament Three, 4th (15 points) at Tournament Four and 5th (13 points) at Tournament Five. Their series ranking would be based on 73 points (22+19+17+15).
12. One (1) additional point will be awarded when a team submits the names of each player who scored a try, conversion or penalty to the EGU 7s director, by Sunday night of the preceding tournament. This is applicable to every tournament a team attends.
- For example, in the scenario above, if Team A submits their scorers for all 5 tournaments, they would receive an additional 5 points, bringing their total to 78 points.
13. Teams may only accumulate points from one tournament per weekend.
14. A team that forfeits any game on the day may not receive their points and may be subject to disciplinary action and players may not be allowed further participation on the day.



- a. The score for a forfeit game is 21-0.
15. Series points will only be awarded to EGU clubs. In the case of a non-EGU club placing in a tournament, for the awarding of series points, the non-EGU team would be removed from the rankings and all teams below would be moved up.

Advancement

16. Pool advancement is determined by:
 - a. Record in pool
 - b. Head-to-head competition
 - c. Point differential
 - d. Tries scored
 - e. Converted tries scored
 - f. Coin toss

Eligibility

17. All players must be CIPP registered prior to competing.
18. College players may play with any senior club so long as they are CIPP registered with their school club and comply with the rules below.
19. Once a CIPP registered player competes with a team in an EGU7sCS tournament that player is committed to that club for the entire Series regardless of CIPP transfer deadline.
20. Teams participating in the Northeast Championship Series are not eligible to play in the EGU7sCS. An exception may be made for a 'C' side, only if that team has two (A and B) sides competing in a Northeast Championship Series tournament that same weekend.
21. Individuals on the CIPP roster should have government issued picture ID at each tournament as identities may be subject to verification during the event.
22. The Tournament Director will be responsible for verifying team and individual eligibility compliance on the day of the tournament before the team plays their first match.
23. Eligibility issues should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director and the Empire GU's Executive Director of Sevens (or a designated representative).



- a. Non-compliance risks potential disciplinary action, forfeiture of tournament points and rankings, and players may not be allowed further participation on the day.
24. Cross rostering may be allowed to ensure a team is able to finish their scheduled games without risk of forfeit. In the spirit of player welfare and growing the game accommodations may be made in certain cases:
- a. Tournament ending player injury, as verified by the Tournament Director and in consultation with the Tournament Medical Staff, player, and coach.
 - b. Tournament ending personnel changes, as verified by the Tournament Director and in consultation with the player and coach.
 - c. Teams are allowed a maximum of two (2) one-way cross roster transfers.

Disciplinary Procedures

25. The Tournament Director and Empire GU Executive Director of Sevens (or a designated representative) are to be kept apprised of Red Cards issued during competition.
26. If a player in the tournament receives a Red Card, for any reason, during the tournament and no Judicial Officer is present to determine the sanction, the Tournament Director (or a designated representative) will make the sanction decision, and expeditiously as possible.
27. If a player in the tournament receives three (3) Yellow Cards, for any reason, during the tournament (i.e. the Yellow Cards could be from different games) they will be deemed to have been given a Red Card and subject to the above Red Card Process.