

# Tournament Rules – Frostbite Rugby Tournament *hosted by Nightmare RFC & Lancaster Roses A.C.*

## 1. Schedule Changes

**No requests for schedule changes will be honored once the preliminary tournament schedule is posted.** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make schedule changes to accommodate field conditions or no shows. Please review the final schedule on Friday, February 24, 2012 prior to registration at: [www.hempfieldsoccerclub.org/frostbite/index/html](http://www.hempfieldsoccerclub.org/frostbite/index/html)

## 2. Eligibility

The Frostbite Rugby Tournament is an EPRU approved/sanctioned tournament.

Participation in the tournament is open to accepted college, high school and U-15 Boys (tackle) teams. Designated “tournament teams” will not be considered for acceptance. Each team must be registered with a regional rugby association affiliated with the USARFU and must possess a CIPP approved roster to be turned in at registration. Each player and coach must be CIPP'd prior to the start of the tournament. Any team fielding an ineligible player will be disqualified and its tournament fee forfeited. **A player may compete for only one team in the tournament.**

All teams requiring hotel/motel accommodations are required to book rooms through the service listed on the lodging page. Any team found booking rooms on an individual basis or outside of this service will risk acceptance to or ejection from the Tournament.

All teams are responsible for their own insurance. In case of accident or injury while traveling to or from and during the tournament, the Hempfield Soccer Club, Nightmare RFC, Hempfield School District, Lancaster Roses AC, and their Executive Board, or any teams participating in the tournament, will not be held liable. All teams must provide team medical release forms at registration and have them in their possession at the tournament site during matches (see website for form).

- **Players may compete for only one team in the tournament.**
- All players and coaches must be CIPP'd and associated with the USARFU and the appropriate regional rugby association. etc.

## 3. Laws of the Game

All games shall be played in accordance with IRB Laws, except as modified by these rules.

## 4. Substitutions

Since this is a pre-season tournament, open substitution.

All substitutions must enter from mid-field with the permission of the referee. ***The referee may disallow substitutions if that request is judged to delay the game.***

## 5. Field and Game Equipment

- No metal cleats will be worn (accept those approved by EPRU guidelines/ IRB laws of the game.).
- No jewelry will be allowed.
- Players are required to wear mouth guards in accordance with IRB Laws of the game.
- Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms. Where uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- No one will be allowed behind the end line except when designated by the referee.
- Players are not allowed to wear hard casts, unless they are prepared in a way to prevent injury to all players, subject to the referee's discretion.

## 6. Duration of Games

- Saturday game will consist of two 13-minute halves (exception: see item #11/#12), with a three minute break between halves. Sunday games will consist of two 23-minute halves (exception: see Item #11/#12). There are no overtimes.
- Games may be shortened at the sole discretion of the referee or the tournament committee.
- All participating teams should be advised that they must provide a competent touch judge for all games
- The tournament will provide game day balls.

## 7. Games and Score Reporting

- Both teams will set up on the same side of the field for the game. Parents and fans will stay on the opposite side of the field.
- The Field Marshall will ensure the game report cards are properly completed and presented to the referee immediately following each game.
- The Referee will indicate the official score of the game on the card and sign the card. The coach from each team may also sign the card.
- The Referee will record names of players or coaches receiving caution (yellow) or ejection (red) cards and the reason for the card on the game report card.

Game report cards are returned to the Tournament Headquarters at the end of the day.

## 8. Failure to Show and Forfeits

- A team is allowed a 5-minute grace period after scheduled kick-off time to field a team before the match is forfeited. A minimum of thirteen (13) players constitutes a team, and if 13 players are present, the game will not be delayed.
- In no case shall a team which forfeits a game be declared a bracket winner or a wild card team. If an apparent bracket winner forfeits a game, the bracket team with the next best record shall be named the bracket winner.
- A forfeit in the preliminary round shall be awarded three (3) points for the win. For tie-breaking purposes, the score shall be 1-0.

## 9. Protests: No protests will be entertained

## 10. Conduct

- Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit and the laws of the game. Displays of

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temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in a game forfeit or suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Committee.

- Players, coaches, and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game.
- In accordance with USARFU/EPRU Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and state association of the team involved.
- Alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are not permitted at game sites or on any parking areas.

## 11. Determination of Bracket and Division Winners

- The following format will be used to determine bracket winners:
- POINT SYSTEM - Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) points for a loss. At the end, the bracket winner will be the team with the most win/tie points. In the event of a tie in a bracket, the criteria listed below will be used to determine the winner and placement within the bracket and which teams advance to the finals.
- TIE-BREAKERS: The following list is the order of priority for breaking ties:
  1. Head-to-Head Competition
  2. Points Against (least)
  3. Points For
  4. Points Differential - Maximum 25 per game.
  5. Drop Kicks from the 22 meter line (best of 5, with different kickers each kick)

## 11. Inclement Weather or Other Emergency Situations

The coach will receive safety information at registration. It is the responsibility of the coach to read the information and implement when necessary.

In the event of inclement weather, unsafe field conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Committee has the authority to change games as follows:

- a. Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- b. Change the duration of the game.
- c. Cancel any game(s).
- d. Cancel the tournament.

Games terminated after one half of play because of the weather shall be considered final.

In the event games are cancelled or shortened for any reason, bracket winners will be determined using the point system presented in section 11 of the rules. No awards shall be given unless all teams in a bracket play more than one game.

## 12. Darkness

Termination of a game due to darkness shall be at the sole discretion of the referee. The referee's decision shall be final. Games terminated after one half of play because of darkness shall be considered final.

## 13. Team Contact Person

At registration, each team must inform the registration personnel of their designated contact person and must provide a cell phone number where that person can be reached at any time during the tournament.

## 14. General

- There will be no registration refunds for partial cancellation of the tournament for any reason. In the event of a full tournament cancellation (no games played), the tournament may consider providing partial refunds of team application fees. In such cases, however, refunds will be taken under consideration by the Board after the event dates and after all tournament costs are covered. Under no circumstances, whatsoever, will the Tournament Committee or the Hempfield Soccer Club/Hempfield RFC or the Lancaster Roses AC be responsible for any expenses (hotel, travel, food for example) incurred by the team.
- The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be final.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.