



New England Rugby Football Union Handbook

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Section 1 - Introduction

Welcome to the New England Rugby Football Union, also known as NERFU. The New England Union is the official governing body of rugby in the six New England States and several teams from New York, overseeing distinct divisions of league play and active players. The purpose of this handbook is to provide the most up to date information on how the Union operates, and provide the rules, regulations and performance standards required of all member clubs and players.

United States Rugby is organized administratively and competitively into Unions. The New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) is one of several Geographical Unions (GUs) within USA Rugby. NERFU policy and practice is aligned with USA Rugby and the International Rugby Board (IRB).

NERFU is managed through a Board of Directors comprised of an executive committee and a director for each competitive division. These division directors should be the first point of contact for union matters. The names and relevant contact information for all board members is available on our website at www.nerfu.org.

Section 2 - CODE OF CONDUCT

NERFU expects all of its teams and their members to abide by the following code of conduct:

Rugby players and team officials represent themselves, their club, the New England Rugby Football Union, and United States Rugby. Each rugby player, coach, referee, and team official is expected to be a lady or gentleman, both on and off the pitch. Rugby players and team officials shall not exhibit nor tolerate actions or behavior that would adversely affect the image of you, your club, NERFU, United States Rugby or, most importantly, the game.

Section 3 - THE BENEFITS OF NERFU MEMBERSHIP

Benefits of membership in NERFU include but are not limited to:

- Access to and participation in coaching and refereeing clinics
- A vote in the Annual General Meeting
- Access to referees through the NERRS Referees Society
- Access to Select Side play for qualified team members
- Participation in NERFU, NSCRO, and USA Rugby Championship and league play
- Ability to nominate team members for NERFU Officer, Director and Committee positions
- Access to matches and events within the NERFU area, such as tours and tournaments
- Disciplinary support from the NERFU Disciplinary Committee and the NERFU Referees Society
- Access to incoming touring teams
- Eligibility to host tournaments, as approved by NERFU
- Eligibility to bid on and host NERFU and USA Rugby events
- Eligibility to tour outside of the NERFU area

Section 4 - MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be a member in good standing with NERFU, every club must be compliant with the following items.

a. UNION DUES

All member clubs must pay all NERFU dues as billed by the player and team registration program via USA Rugby. Clubs that have not paid their dues will not be afforded NERFU membership rights until all dues are current, as certified by the NERFU Treasurer.

b. REGISTRATION

All member clubs, players, and coaches must be registered with USA Rugby prior to participating in any rugby match or competition (CIPP registration). Clubs, players and coaches not USA Rugby registered will be penalized per a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. (See section 13)

c. CONTACT INFORMATION

Clubs are solely responsible for actively maintaining the contact information of their club and officers on the NERFU website and with their division director. Clubs will contact their Division Director or the NERFU Secretary for team- related changes. The Union will consider the information on the website to be current at all times and cannot be responsible for any issues resulting from incorrect or outdated contact information.

d. CLUB REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE REFEREES:

1. All clubs in the following Divisions will be required to provide active referee to the New England Referee Society's referee pool in the following quantities:

Division I Men's Clubs:	2
Division II Men's Clubs:	2
Division III Men's Clubs:	2
Division I Women's Clubs:	2
Division II Women's Clubs:	1

An active club referee is expected to meet the NERRS requirements for assignment, and is available for assignment on 8 games (total) during the spring and fall seasons.

2. Club referees can be exclusively assigned to their home clubs 2nd or 3rd side matches. To qualify for assignment by NERRS, a person or persons must meet the following standards:
 - a. Attend a Level 1 referee training class
 - b. Be CIPP registered as a match official
 - c. Be a member of the New England Rugby Referee Society

e. COACHING REQUIREMENTS:

1. All clubs must have a USA Rugby certified coach, and at the appropriate level (minimum Level 200 for all contact competition).
2. All collegiate clubs must have a school-approved coach (also meeting USA Rugby's certification requirements) that is not a current player on their roster.

Section 5 - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- a. To apply for membership in the New England Rugby Football Union, complete the “NERFU New Club Application” form found in the reference section of the NERFU website. A copy of that application is then visible to the appropriate Division Director, Executive Director, and Secretary for review.
- b. New clubs, or clubs reforming after a 2+ year layoff, will begin play in the appropriate division as decided by the Division Directors and Executive Director unless a social status is requested.
- c. Clubs transferring from another union will be placed in a division determined by the Division and Executive Director.
- d. Teams returning from suspension will be placed in a division determined by the Division and Executive Director.

Section 6 - PLAYER'S DRESS GUIDELINES

- a. Uniforms that do not meet the minimum standards outlined by the IRB and NERRS are a potential safety issue for players, and portray a less than favorable image of the game. NERFU abides by the standards set by the International Rugby Board (IRB) for padding and other equipment. If any equipment or padding does not include an IRB approval tag, the referee will mandate its removal. For a complete outline of the IRB guidelines and for regulations regarding equipment and padding visit the following website - <http://www.IRB.com>
- b. The New England Rugby Referee Society (NERRS) maintains specific dress/kit requirements. All NERFU clubs are expected to comply with NERRS requirements. Please reference the NERRS website for the latest requirements/guidelines- <http://www.nerugbyrefs.org>

Section 7 - MEDICAL GUIDELINES

- a) It is the recommendation of the Union that each club develops and maintains an emergency response plan.
- b) NERFU recommends that each home team have an emergency medical technician (“EMT”), certified trainer (ATC), or other medically qualified individual to cover the match. Further, schools must adhere to their own medical coverage policy.
- c) Clubs hosting a match or tournament involving college teams are **required** to have either an EMT or ATC present who is permitted to treat visiting team players for the duration of all matches.
- d) Host clubs are required to provide the visiting team with information (hard copy) on the nearest

hospital:

- a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone Number
 - d. Directions from the field being used
- e) Should an injured player require more treatment than can be provided by on-site trainers or professionals, transport to the nearest emergency facility will be necessary. Under these circumstances, it is important for someone from the home team be familiar with directions to the closest hospital equipped with an emergency room
- f) Host Clubs are responsible for providing suitable restroom facilities. The location of the nearest facilities must be communicated to the visiting in advance of the match
- g) Hosting Clubs that fail to meet these requirements will be subject to loss of the following:
- Tournament approval
 - Home match eligibility for the next competitive season
 - Any further sanctions approved by the NERFU Board, not to exclude financial disciplinary action

Section 8 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE & REGULATED SUBSTANCE POLICIES

NERFU WILL RECOGNIZE AND ADHERE TO USA RUGBY GUIDELINES AND ANY AND ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

- a) Rugby matches/events held on high school or college campus settings or involving youth, high school, and/or collegiate teams, may not serve or sell alcohol for at least one hour before the match/event, during the match/event, and for at least one hour after the match/event. Campus policy on alcoholic beverages must be adhered to strictly. All measures must be taken to ensure that no members of a college team purchase or consume alcoholic beverages at the event regardless of age.
- b) Exception: alcohol may be sold and served at Senior Club tournaments in which there is no youth, high school, or college division brackets, but a college team may enter a side into a club division bracket.
- c) It is the ultimate responsibility of colleges and local officials to ensure that their own regulations and laws are enforced.
- d) Disciplinary action will be utilized to censure clubs, event hosts, and others who fail to take the necessary action to enforce these regulations.

- e) Web site policy: All NERFU member sites come under the Code of Conduct and Alcohol & Tobacco Policy. Youth and College clubs cannot have any reference, in either words or pictures, to alcohol or tobacco on their web site.

Section 9 - MATCH PLAY GUIDELINES

- a. Matches must be played on adequately sized and properly lined fields. While not recommended, college matches are permitted to be played on a field no smaller than a High School football field (120 x 53.3 yards) and use football goal posts or posts attached to a soccer goal if no other options are available.
- b. NERFU teams may not play any team not recognized by NERFU, USA Rugby, or IRB.
- c. All players, coaches, and referees who participate in any match must be CIPP registered with USA Rugby.
- d. NERFU enforces all laws and rules of the game as stipulated by the IRB and by USA Rugby unless otherwise stipulated in this handbook.
- e. REFEREE NOTIFICATION AND COVERAGE PROCEDURES:
1. All home Clubs are required to notify the New England Referee's Society with their respective home schedule no later than March 1 for the spring, and July 31 for the fall.
 - * Games in March and August should be submitted at least two weeks in advance.
 2. It is the home club's responsibility to secure a referee.
 3. If the home club is unable to secure a referee through the New England Rugby Referee Society, then the following process should be followed to identify a referee to cover the match as soon as unassigned status is confirmed from NERRS:
 - a. The home team shall look for an individual, not from their own club, in their area that can act as a referee and notify the visiting team.
 - b. If the home team cannot locate a person, then the visiting team shall be afforded the opportunity to provide a referee.
 - c. If the visiting team cannot, or does not provide a referee, then the home team shall have the option of having their coach or another club member referee the match. It is the ultimate responsibility of the home team to provide a referee once all other options have been pursued.
 4. Once a NERRS referee has been assigned, the host club must contact the referee prior to the match to confirm match details. NERRS expects notification several days in advance when assignments are finalized that far in advance. Please provide the

following information to the referee:

- a) Confirm home and visiting team
 - b) Colors for each team
 - c) Start time
 - d) Directions to venue
 - e) Location of referee changing room, if available
 - f) Emergency contact information (cell number, email, etc.)
 - g) Host pitch must be properly prepared:
 1. Correctly lined
 2. Goalposts padded
 3. Sideline ropes in place on both sides, from goal-line to goal-line
- f. If the match is cancelled, it is the host club's responsibility to contact the referee and the referee assigner immediately. The host club must confirm that this cancellation notice has been received, and should not simply leave a message.
- g. The referee is assigned to do one match only. If you would like to ask the referee to do a second match, please do so in advance. If the referee agrees, please notify the assigner so it can be made an official assignment.

Section 10 - LEAGUE PLAY REQUIREMENTS

a. SEASON

1. NERFU's competitive league season runs from the first scheduled match through the last scheduled match, as published in the divisional schedule.
2. League schedules are developed and maintained by the appropriate Division Director, and in accordance with union and national protocol.
3. Depending on the Division, USA Rugby may mandate that a governing body that supersedes NERFU create schedules. In such instances, NERFU will appoint an officer to that body to ensure fairness.
4. Match schedules are approved by the NERFU Board prior to the start of the season

b. SCHEDULES (League and Match):

1. League schedules are created by Division Directors with approval of the Executive Director.
2. The Union's timeline for schedule development is as follows:
 - a. Division Directors discuss league-scheduling items/concerns throughout the year.
 - b. Division Directors are responsible for coordinating particular dates, venues, and kick-off times.
 - c. College Division Directors must submit final recommended schedules to

Executive Director no later than the last day of April. (Men and Women's side)

- d. Senior Division Directors must submit final recommended schedules to the Executive Director no later than the last day of May. (Men and Women's side).
 - e. The NERFU Executive Board will ratify recommended league schedules prior to the start of the league season.
3. All games will start at the established day and time unless both teams and the Division Director agree on a change.
 4. Home teams have the option to change a scheduled league match to a different location subject to Division Director approval.
 5. If clubs are unable to reach an agreement on match details (location, start time, etc.) they must contact the Division Director as soon as possible.
 6. Any and all changes to schedules must be directly communicated to the Division Director, referee and referee assignor as soon as possible.

c. PROTEST PROCEDURE

The team captain must advise the referee **BEFORE KICKOFF** that their team wishes to register a protest and give the reason. The team captain must also notify the opposing team captain that the game is going to be played "under protest", as well as the reason. The referee should give the offending team a reasonable amount of time to correct the circumstances of the protest. If the circumstances are not corrected, the protesting team **MUST** notify their Division Director via email within 72 hours with the circumstances of the protest. The Division Director will review the protest and the teams involved will be notified of the decision.

d. POSTPONEMENTS

1. Teams may postpone league fixtures, subject to Division Director approval. If a league fixture is postponed, it must be re-scheduled and played in that league season. Should a team postpone a league fixture, and the match cannot be made up in that league season, the Division Director shall be responsible for reviewing the reasons and determining the outcome, which may result in one team forfeiting the match.
2. Home teams that wish to postpone their games must notify the visiting club, their Division Director, the assigned referee, and assignor as early as possible, and by all means available (phone call, text, email, etc.)
3. Teams that are determined to abuse/neglect this policy will be subject to a sanction determined by the NERFU Board.

e. STANDINGS

1. Division points:

- 4 points for a win
- 2 points for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 bonus point for scoring 4 tries or more in a match
- 1 bonus point for loss of 7 points or less in a match

2. There is no overtime in league play. Ties are entered into the standings and each team is awarded appropriate points. Overtime during playoff matches is played with two 10-minute periods (not sudden death), switching ends in between each period. If still tied after the conclusion of overtime, a series of 5-minute sudden death periods will be played until someone scores. A coin toss is conducted prior to the first overtime period and the first sudden death period.
3. Forfeits will be recorded as a 28-0. The winning team will be awarded a bonus point for 4 tries scored. However, if the match is played prior to being ruled a forfeit and the results of that match are more beneficial to the non-forfeiting side, those results stand (i.e. points for/points against differential is more than the 28-0 score received for a forfeit).

f. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:

1. If, at the end of league play, two teams are tied in the standings with the same number of division points, the match result between the two teams will determine the finishing order.
2. Should three or more teams be tied in the league standings, net points (points for minus points against) from those team's league matches shall determine the finishing order until only two tied teams remain. The match result between the remaining two teams will determine their finishing order.
3. If the above criteria are insufficient to determine the order, point differential (points scored minus points against) against the highest ranked common opponent (excluding teams that forfeited against one or more of the tied teams) will be used to determine the final standings. If the tie still remains then the point differential against the next highest common opponent and so on will break the tie.
4. Division Directors have the final decision if all three methods above have been exhausted.

g. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

College Divisions:

1. All league champions will be automatically promoted to the higher division subject to their ability to meet the higher division's requirements. The promoted club shall have the right to appeal the promotion to the NERFU Board of

Directors.

2. If the champion in a division appeals promotion and is that appeal is approved, the runner-up in that division may challenge the last team in the upper division. If they defeat the upper division team and can comply with the requirements of the upper division, the runner-up will be granted promotion.
3. The challenge match should be played in the fall so that the Division Directors can complete their schedules for the AGM.
4. At the end of each league season, teams may be moved up or down a division pending the approval of the corresponding Executive Director.

Senior Divisions:

Promotion and relegation will take place EVERY OTHER YEAR, and will be automatic with no process for appeal.

1. Teams designated for promotion/relegation will be determined by combining the previous 2 league season records.
2. A team will not be promoted is if their CIPP roster on October 1st of the promotion year has fewer players than is required by the NERFU regulations. In that instance, no promotion and relegation will take place for that year without a relegation match. (Defined as a challenge match between the runner-up clubs of the lower division against the last place club of the higher division).
3. This relegation match MUST be played on the higher division team's field, and at a date agreed upon by the Executive Director.
4. Teams that refuse promotion/relegation will lose their NERFU membership, and may apply for reinstatement in the lowest division the following year.

h. MATCH LENGTH

1. All league matches must play forty-minute halves.
2. Teams are not permitted to play more than one league match in a day or two games in a weekend.

i. REPORTING

1. All clubs are responsible for reporting scores to NERFU as well as through USA Rugby's Competition Management System (CMS).
2. Scores must be entered no later than 30 hours after the start of the match (e.g. for a 1:00pm

kick-off, scores must be reported no later than 7:00pm the next day).

j. CONTINGENCIES

The NERFU Executive Directors, with agreement by the NERFU Division Directors, reserves the right to add new teams and to adjust divisions and these regulations as it may become necessary.

k. ROSTERS:

1. NERFU Directors may request/access team rosters at any time.
2. Teams must meet the minimum NERFU CIPP requirements for their respective division (below)
3. Teams must enter their roster prior to each match in USA Rugby’s Competitive Management System.
4. All players must have a photo ID.
5. All collegiate players must provide a valid school ID
6. Member clubs must meet the following minimum number of CIPP-registered players:
 - Senior Clubs

○ Division I Men	30
○ Division II Men	22
○ Division III Men	22
○ Division IV Men	15
○ Division I Women	30
○ Division II Women	22
○ Division III Women	15
○ Social Clubs	15
 - College Clubs:
Men and Women are both require 22 players minimum

l. NUMBER OF SIDES

1. In order to reliably improve the performance of individual players and develop the overall level ofplay within the Union competitions, Clubs are required to field the following minimum number of sides to qualify for a particular Division.

NERFU Divisions requiring second side play (B-side):

- Division One (Men and Women)
- Division Two (Men and Women)
- Division Three (Men only)

Note: Second side (B-side) matches are defined as 15 v 15, with a minimum of 20-minute halves. Exceptions to this format are allowed, but must be mutually agreed upon by both clubs, and communicated to the Division Director in advance.

2. B-SIDE REQUIREMENT AND FORFEITURE PENALTY:

- Teams required to field a second side (B-side) are expected to meet that requirement for each scheduled match.
- If a team/teams is unable to field a B-side, that status must be communicated (email, phone, text) to the opposing team and Division Director by the Wednesday preceding the scheduled match, and no later than 5pm.
- Clubs may not opt out of scheduled matches earlier than the week of the match (i.e. cancelling B-side matches weeks in advance or en masse at the start of the season)
- Clubs must be prepared to report their efforts in securing a B-side prior to notifying their opponent and Division Director, and must do so for each match
- Failure to adhere to this notification requirement will constitute a B-side forfeiture with the following applicable penalties:
 - Reports of B-side forfeits will be submitted to the Division Director
 - The forfeiting team's A-side will be noted as having received the -1 point forfeit deduction
 - Teams with repeated B-side forfeits may be ineligible for promotion, as well as considered for relegation and/or other sanctions as determined by Division Directors and the Executive Board

m. ELIGIBILITY

1. NERFU adheres to all USA Rugby [eligibility rules](#) for matches and competitions that lead to a USA Rugby Championship.
2. Clubs fielding multiple sides/sides in different divisions should familiarize themselves with the USA Rugby eligibility guidelines.
3. College sides must adhere to all USA Rugby and/or NSCRO eligibility rules.

Section 11 TOURNAMENT RULES, REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- a. A tournament is a series of matches involving four or more teams, usually played at the same location, with an ultimate winner determined.
- b. The hosting team must submit the tournament application to the applicable Executive Director for approval by the dates listed below. Approval is required before submitting referee requests to the New England Rugby Referees Society (See "[Tournament Approval Form](#)" on the NERFU website. Tournament application due dates are as follows:
 - Winter Tournaments- February 1st
 - Spring Tournaments- March 1st
- c. Summer Tournaments- May 1st

- d. The Executive Director will inform the hosting team of his/her decision via email.
- e. All tournaments must have liability insurance coverage for the event.
- f. All tournaments must have adequate medical coverage to be considered for approval. At a minimum, the tournament must comply with the medical policy in this handbook.
- g. The fee for tournament approval shall be the entry fee charged by the hosting team, or \$50, whichever is less.

Section 12 - INCOMING/OUTGOING TOUR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

This measure is required to insure that all clubs participating in a tour receive appropriate approvals from their host and receiving unions, and that all participating clubs are properly covered by their respective insurances.

- a. Touring/hosting team, which includes NERFU teams touring outside the USA and for NERFU teams hosting teams from outside the USA, must get approval from USA Rugby. All information and forms can be found on the USA Rugby website.
- b. All touring teams (outgoing or incoming) must have liability insurance coverage for all events.
- c. All touring teams (outgoing or incoming) must have medical coverage for all participants.
- d. Touring or hosting teams must be in "good standing" with NERFU.

Section 13 - DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

A. Overview

The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for reviewing and administering disciplinary action within the New England Rugby Football Union. NERFU adheres to the [IRB regulations](#) for all matters of illegal/foul play.

The NERFU Disciplinary Committee is comprised of members of the Executive Board and an At-Large Member appointed by the NERFU Board of Directors. The NERFU Disciplinary Committee reviews all referee send-offs, yellow and red cards, and written complaints from the community at large regarding the behavior, on or off the field, of NERFU clubs and their members.

B. Disciplinary Action upon Infraction:

1. Immediately following a send-off (red card), a player is suspended until the

Disciplinary Committee reaches a decision, with a minimum suspension of one week or one competitive match (whichever is greater).

2. Referees are encouraged to submit red and yellow card information promptly following matches, and to supply sufficient detail so that the Disciplinary Committee can fully understand the circumstances leading to the issuance of the card.
3. NERFU Policy does not allow the appeal of a minimum suspension.

C. Incident Review and Disciplinary Action:

1. Complaints must be filed with the Executive Director of the division in which the incident occurred.
2. The Executive Director must receive the written complaint within seventy-two hours of the incident. The Executive Director shall promptly forward the complaint to the Disciplinary Committee.
3. The Committee is responsible for notifying club officials, as listed on the NERFU website, of the parties involved, and gathering all relevant and available information.
4. Upon receipt of all available information, the Disciplinary Committee will review, discuss and render a decision; action or no action.
5. Action taken by the Disciplinary Committee will be in accordance with the guidelines established in the USA Rugby Disciplinary Regulations and Procedures.
6. The Disciplinary Committee will strive to complete the investigation, and issue a decision within ten days of receipt of the written complaint
7. The Disciplinary Committee's written decision will be sent to the involved club(s), player(s) and the NERRS as applicable.

D. Disciplinary Committee Decisions and Appeal Process:

1. The Disciplinary Committee does not have the authority to overrule the referee's decision to issue a card.
2. Upon receipt of the Disciplinary Committee's decision, the cited individual may, within one week, request reconsideration of the decision. If the request for reconsideration is denied, the Disciplinary Committee's decision may be appealed to the Executive Board of the New England Rugby Football Union.

3. Appeals may be submitted to the Executive Board by written request to the Secretary of the New England Rugby Union within one week of the Disciplinary Committee's decision on a request for reconsideration appeal.
4. Players and clubs have the right to appeal the decisions of the New England Rugby Football Union as outlined in the USA Rugby Disciplinary Regulations and Procedures.
5. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to assess sanctions in addition to suspension including, but not limited:
 - Attending appropriate educational sessions/clinics
 - Restrictions from participating in league playoffs and championships
 - Restrictions from playing outside of NERFU, etc.
 - Banning players, coaches and club officials from the sideline during matches
 - Banning players, coaches and club officials from attending matches

Appendix A - COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY EXCEPTIONS

1. Wentworth (Men & Women):

- a. Students attending the following schools and meeting all USA Collegiate eligibility rules (full-time, 5 years, CIPP, etc.) are permitted to play for Wentworth Institute of Technology.
 - Wheelock College
 - Emmanuel College
 - Simmons College
 - Massachusetts College of Arts
 - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science
- b. Participation must also be in accordance with WIT school policy, and those of their school of enrollment. This exception is in place so long as WIT does not advance beyond Division 3 status.

2. Babson College (Men & Women):

Students attending Olin College and meeting all USA Rugby Collegiate eligibility rules (full-time, 5 years, CIPP, etc.) are permitted to play for Babson College RFC in accordance with Babson and Olin school policies, and provided Babson does not advance beyond Division 3.

3. Colleges eligibility exceptions:

- a. All part-time students are eligible assuming they are within their 5 years of collegiate eligibility, and permitted to compete by their school.
- b. Students may participate past their 5 years of collegiate eligibility if they are enrolled full-time, and pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

Appendix B - SENIOR CLUB DIVISION 2 MEN B-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

- It is assumed that all clubs will participate. Clubs wishing to opt out must contact their Division Director directly, and before the start of the season.
- Teams involved must meet minimum player registration criteria prior to the start of the competitive league season. Any team that does not meet minimum player registration criteria will not be eligible for the championship.
- Teams that do not wish to compete for a championship are still required to play a B-side match. This will count as a forfeit, and bonus point win for the opposing team.
- Score reporting and match summaries follow the same guidelines and rules as A-side matches.
- B-side matches must be played under the following conditions:
 - ñ Both sides must agree upon the referee BEFORE the match begins
 - ñ Match length must be at least 20 minutes per half, and are to be 15 v 15.
 - ñ Any team wishing to file a protest about the # of A-side players must notify their opposition at the end of the match.
- The champion will be determined by final standings; there will be no post season. Tiebreakers will be determined by the standard rules as outlined in section 10.
- The Division Director will have final authority to arbitrate disputes, penalize points and award forfeits.