



SECURE TRADING 75 SERIES

2019 REGULATIONS

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1. CORE VALUES

TEAMWORK

RESPECT

ENJOYMENT

DISCIPLINE

SPORTSMANSHIP

Teamwork is essential to our sport. We believe the only way to succeed is by working together.

Respect forms the basis of our sport. We believe every person on our team has something to contribute.

Enjoyment is the reason we play and support rugby union. We believe rugby is fun and being passionate and positive are the keys to great performance.

Discipline underpins our sport. We believe it takes strength of character and total focus to deliver.

Sportsmanship is the foundation rugby union is based upon. We believe in bringing fairness and integrity to our organisation by living our values.

2. TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Men's Open:

In the intended spirit of the competition, the team or players that meet the following criteria will be unable to progress to the National Finals.

- Players / teams competing in the GB7s Series
- Super 7s Series teams
- Teams which include players who have played in 2 or more Super 7s Series tournaments
- Recent international 7s players (within 3 years)
- Teams that originate from outside of England

Women's Open:

For the Open women's competition the following restrictions apply and these players are ineligible to play:

- Any contracted 7s or EPS player and any capped England U20s player (2018/19 season)
- Recent senior international 7s players (within 3 years)
- Players who have played more than 5 Premiership games or play in the top level of their domestic competition.
- Teams that originate from outside of England

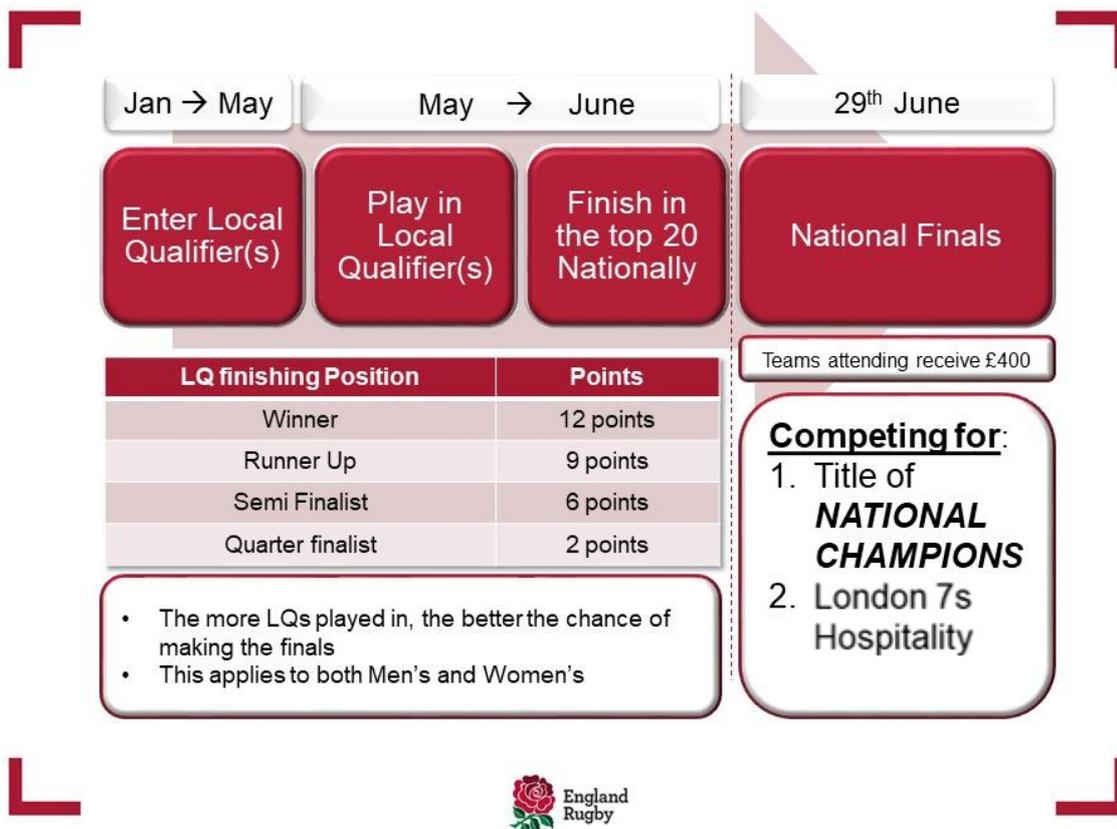
3. TEAM REGISTRATION AND DATA

All teams playing in a local qualifier MUST register your team name and an affiliated club when registering for your local qualifier. You must provide:

- Team name
- Affiliated town / city
- Main contact
 - Name
 - Mobile
 - email

We will use your data for the purposes of the administration of the Secure Trading 7s Series and in accordance with the RFU's privacy policy. www.englandrugby.com/privacy. This may include elite coaching staff being able to contact players or management who are of interest throughout the series.

4. SERIES STRUCTURE



- Each Local Qualifying tournament will have equal series points on offer.
- Teams that lose in the quarter-finals shall receive 2 points towards their series ranking
- Teams that lose in the semi-finals shall receive a total of 6 points
- The team that loses in the final shall receive a total of 9 points
- The winning team shall receive a total of 12 points.
- This will be the structure for the male and female categories.
- The top 20 teams from the country shall be funded £400 to attend a National Final
- A team's final standing shall provide the seeding for the draw at the National Final
- If there is a tie on series points, the following method shall be used to determine the higher ranked team:
 - The team with the **highest finish position** will progress through
 - (eg, team X has only ever finished runner up, team Y has won a LQ, team Y will progress.)
 - If still unresolved, the team with the **highest points difference from the quarter final onwards** will be the team that progresses
 - If still unresolved, the team with the **highest points scored from the quarter finals onwards** will progress
 - (eg, team X points for 50, points against 40. Team Y points for 100, points against 90. Team Y would progress).
 - If still unresolved, the team that has **entered the most LQs** shall progress

- If still unresolved, a name will be drawn from a hat to invited to the National Final

Teams that finish the series in places 1 through to 20 will automatically be entered into the Finals on the 29th July. If a team chooses to withdraw, the following will happen:

- Teams finishing the series in place 21 will be 1st reserve for the National Finals on the 29th June. 22nd place is 2nd reserve etc.
- If a team chooses to withdraw, the 21st placed team will receive an invite
- All teams seeding then re-adjusts to represent the relative finishing position, and the new team will accept the 20th seed position.
- Teams attending on the day will receive
 - £400 funding to direct towards travel, accommodation, food or anything the team requires.
 - The opportunity to compete to become National Champions
 - The opportunity to compete for additional winner's funding
 - The opportunity to compete for London 7s hospitality tickets
- Teams that withdraw from the National Finals will not receive the £400 funding
- The £400 funding will be paid to teams following the conclusion of the National Finals

5. NATIONAL FINALS RULES

Tournament rules mirror World Series rules.

All tournaments should follow [World Rugby Sevens Laws](#) Tier 1 competition

1. All matches will be played in accordance with World Rugby Laws of the Game, as modified to govern 7-a-side rugby.
2. All matches will be of 15 minutes' duration, that is, seven minutes each way with one minute for half-time. The final of the tournament will be of 20 minutes' duration, that is, ten minutes each way, with a break for half-time
3. Teams will be allocated into pools by means of a random draw, although Event Managers may seed teams if there is sufficient information on which to base seedings. Teams will play each other team within their pool and, depending on the number of teams within the tournament, may also play teams from other pools in order to provide each team with an even number of matches.
4. Each team will be awarded points within their pool as follows:
 - a. 4 points for a win
 - b. 2 points for a draw
 - c. 0 points for a loss
5. If on completion of the pool matches two or more teams have the same number of points, precedence shall be determined on the following basis:
 - a. The team or teams with the most wins shall have the higher standing;
 - b. If still unresolved, the team or teams with the highest points difference (that is, the difference between points scored and points conceded) shall have the higher standing;

- c. If still unresolved, the team or teams which scored the most points shall have the higher standing;
 - d. If still unresolved, the team which has scored the most tries shall have the higher standing;
 - e. If still unresolved, then head-to-head results will determine the higher standing;
 - f. If still unresolved, the toss of a coin will determine the higher standing.
6. If scores are equal at the end of a quarter-final or semi-final, the winner shall be the team which scored the most tries. If still unresolved, the winner shall be the team which scored the first try. If no tries have been scored, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin
7. If scores are equal at the end of the final, extra-time shall be played consisting in the first instance of two halves of five minutes each. The first team to score a point in extra-time shall be deemed the winner. In the event that neither team has scored within this first period of extra-time, an additional period shall be played and shall continue until one team scores.
8. A team may replace a player for the purposes of injury or substitution, but no team may make more than five replacements in any one match. A player who has been replaced may return to the field within the same match, as long as his team makes no more than five replacements.
9. A team which is unable to field seven players and five reserves in any given match because of injury or illness may “borrow” players from another team, on condition that:
 - a. The other team has already been eliminated from the tournament;
 - b. The permission of the Event Manager has been secured;
 - c. A team’s registered players must be selected to play ahead of any “borrowed” player, as long as they are fit to do so;
 - d. Any player who has been replaced by a “borrowed” player may take no further part in the tournament;
 - e. Once a player has been “borrowed” by a team, he may not be “borrowed” by another team;
 - f. Only players who have been registered to play in the tournament as part of a team may be “borrowed” by another team.

6. ANTI-DOPING

The RFU condemns the use of drugs in sport. Further details of the RFU’s policy can be found via the following link: <http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/anti-doping/anti-doping-programme/>

Any players found to be doping in the Secure Trading 7s Series will be sanctioned appropriately, in line with the RFU’s policy.

7. DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

World Rugby Regulations 17 (Discipline & Foul Play) and 20 (Misconduct and Code of Conduct), as updated from time to time, set out the applicable tournament disciplinary regulations for the tournament, subject to any permitted modifications set out below.

World Rugby regulations 17 and 20 are available at <http://www.worldrugby.org/regulations>. The Code of Conduct is also set out at the conclusion of these tournament Disciplinary Regulations.

A yellow-card offence will result in a player spending two minutes in the sin bin.

A red-card offence will follow the process below:

Following a red card, the Match Commissioner will review the circumstances following a report from the on-field referee and assistant referee(s). They will then consult the disciplinary panel as to what further actions should be taken. The sanctions for Red Cards are listed in the World Rugby Regulations for sevens, please see regulation 17.29-to-17.36.

In respect of offences not referred to in the World Rugby Regulations 17.29-to-17.36, appropriate sanctions may be imposed at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel.

Notwithstanding the sanctions in the World Rugby Regulations 17.29-to-17.36, in cases where the Player's actions constitute mid-range or top end offending for any type of offence which had the potential to result in and, in fact, did result in serious/gross consequences to the health and safety of the victim, the Disciplinary Panel may impose any period of suspension including (in the most serious cases) a suspension for life.

Each Regional Final and the National final will have a Match Commissioner in place to deal with offences on the tournament day. All offences requiring a red card should be immediately reported to the Match Commissioner and then also to the respective constituent body and your Regional Development Officer immediately after each round.

Team Citing

Each team participating in the Secure Trading 7s Series National Finals may make a citing in accordance with RFU Regulation 19, Appendix 4, subject to the modifications set out below:

- a. A Team that wishes to cite an opposition Player for an alleged act of illegal and/or foul play must notify the Tournament Director, no later than 30-minutes following the conclusion of the match.
- b. The citing must be in writing and shall include all relevant evidence /information (including video footage if available) to establish a prima facie case.
- c. The Tournament Director shall forward the citing complaint to the cited Player's team management as soon as practicable.
- d. The Tournament Director may, on request, extend the 30-minute citing period if he considers it in the interests of justice to do so.
- e. Following service of the citing and supporting evidence, the Match Commissioner will deal with the matter as soon as practicable, ensuring the hearing occurs before both teams are due to play again.
- f. The Team making the citing complaint shall be required to prepare and present the case for the citing (unless admitted).

8. MEDIA CONDITIONS

Each event will have some level of media coverage. This content is owned by the RFU and can be used for the purpose of, social media promotion, highlights videos to be hosted on the internet, in advertising material.

If you do not wish to have your image used for these purposes, please contact the 7s Project officer.

9. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

By taking part in the Secure Trading 7s Series, you must uphold the core values that make rugby such a unique game. By finishing in the top 20 teams you will automatically be entered into the National Finals on the 29th June. If you choose to, you may withdraw your place, but you will not receive any funding. In this situation, the next best teams will be invited to play, and the draw will be adjusted.

Ultimately we hope you enjoy being a part of the Secure Trading 7s Series and enjoy being a part of the phenomenal growth of 7-a-side rugby in England!