



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
COED ULTIMATE PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. Season of Play: Spring Sport
2. Divisions: Co-ed Varsity
  - A) The minimum number of teams to run a league will be 4. If less than 4 teams declare for a league, the convenor(s) of the league may appeal to the executive for an exception. Appeals must be heard before the pre-season meeting for that sport.
  - B) If a sport declares less than 4 teams three years in a row, the sport will no longer be offered as an option by the YRAA.
3. Eligibility:
  - a) See YRAA Transfer Application Form.
  - b) Age Division Categories:

**Varsity**      School Year: **2019-20**  
Year of Birth must be no earlier than: **2000**  
Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: **2015**
  - c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line prior to the commencement of the competition.
4. Guidelines For Determining Appropriate Tier For Your Team:
  - i) The purpose of Tier 2 is for the development of players, focusing on basic fundamental skills for the players not winning games/championships. The guidelines for declaring tier 2 are as follows:
    - 50 percent or more of the players are new to the sport (minimal to no experience)
    - 50 percent or more of the players are junior age (grades 9 or 10)
    - 50 percent or more not able to flick consistently and/or accurately in a game.
  - ii) The 2 finals teams from Tier 2 the previous year must automatically declare Tier 1. Teams may appeal to the SAC in the case that they can show this rule will put their team in the incorrect tier.
5. Governing Rules:
  - a) Refer the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport
  - b) See Eleventh Edition of Ultimate Players Association Rules

Playoff Structure:

Round Robin league play within the four (4) divisions throughout May will determine a ranking for the tournament.



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Playoff Tournament involves four (4) pools of six (6) – eight (8) teams from North and South divisions (round robin play).

Top two teams in each pool move on to a single elimination playoff round.

Round 1:

Game 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Pool a v 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool B      Game 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Pool C v 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool D      Game 3 –  
1<sup>st</sup> Pool B v 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool A      Game 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool C v 1<sup>st</sup> Pool D

Round 2:

Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2

Winner Game 3 v Winner Game 4

Round 3:

Championship Match: Winners of Round 2

Third Place Match: Non-winners of Round 2

- c) Scoring: Each team will attach a team roster to the score sheet for the game. The team roster will include the school name, complete first and last name of the student-athletes that are dressed and able to play in that game, along with their uniform number.
- i) 1 point for a win (no ties in this sport). ii) Default gives winner a score of 2-0.
  - iii) five (5) points for Spirit given per game by the opposing team.
- d) Spirit Scores:
- i) The guidelines for deciding spirit scores are given at the preseason coaches meeting to all coaches. These guidelines are to be used throughout the season to assist in determining appropriate spirit scores for opposing teams.
  - ii) Captains (and/or coaches) at the end of each game meet to tell the opposing team their spirit score and the reasons for it.
  - iii) Should a team receive 3 or lower spirit on two different occasions from different teams a convenor will contact the coach to discuss reasons for the scores as well as possible solutions for improving spirit.
  - iv) The next occasion that the teams receives 3 or lower spirit score, the convenor will request an Executive Review of Coach's Conduct for the coach of the team.
- e) There will be no zone defense allowed in tier 2 league play.
- f) Board of Reference Procedure:
- i) If a student-athlete has played with an obvious intent to injure, unsportsmanlike conduct or disregard for the rules, the coach(es) are to record the number and name of the student-athlete on the score sheet with a description of the incident and send the report to the convenor.
  - ii) The convenor(s) will discuss the incident with the teacher-coaches of the teams involved and discuss potential solutions.
  - iii) If a third incident occurs involving the same student-athlete, the convenor will forward all incident reports to the YRAA office and the student-athlete will have to appear



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- before a Board of Reference.
- iv) Should a student-athlete strike an opposing player, the incident shall be recorded by the teacher-coaches of the teams involved. The incident report will be sent to the YRAA office and a Board of Reference appointment will be scheduled for the student-athlete.

g) Scorekeeping and Timing of Games:

The host school or school designated as the home team for neutral site games, shall provide a score and time keeper that is not part of their team. The host school shall provide flip charts or some other method of scoring that is visible to both teams for use by the scorekeepers.

6. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and members of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for team sports or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) – above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

7. Inclement Weather:

- a) In the event of inclement weather, games may be cancelled and rescheduled if:
- i) the transportation company (bus) cancels the booking OR
- ii) the school principal determines that the weather is unsafe for teams to travel OR the host school teacher/coach, in consultation with the Athletic Designate and/or school administration, determines the playing environment to be unsafe (eg standing water on fields, excessive ice).
- iii) when lightning or thunder is seen or heard in the area, play shall be suspended and participants shall seek appropriate shelter as outlined in the current OPHEA safety document. Play may be resumed once thirty (30) minutes has passed since the last observation of lightning or the sound of thunder. The



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decision to suspend play shall be made by the game official and/or teacher/coaches of the teams involved in the competition.

Whenever possible, it is recommended that a decision to cancel a game due to inclement weather be made by 1:00 p.m. the day of the game.

- b) Once this has happened the coach or AD of the school canceling shall:
  - i) notify the school(s) being played that they will not be able to play due to inclement weather;
  - ii) contact the YRAA office that the game is being cancelled due to inclement weather;
  - iii) make arrangements with the school(s) involved to reschedule the game(s) at a date that is acceptable to all parties and fits within the established master schedule. Should a mutually agreeable date to reschedule not be found within forty-eight (48) hours, the convenor will assign a date that fits in to the master schedule.
- c) The YRAA office will:
  - i) keep a record of cancelled games in order to ensure that they are rescheduled
  - ii) notify the referee assignor that the games are cancelled and will be rescheduled so that unnecessary travel by officials can be avoided.

### 8. Reporting Scores

For league games coaches are to report scores through the Sports Admin System. Login as a coach, click on the 'Games' tab, find the game you want to enter the score for then click on the yellow 'Edit' button beside the game and then enter the score beside the corresponding team.

### 9. Cost:

Championship Tournament Day field cost will be shared equal amongst all teams entered in the league

### 10. Awards:

Linda Hotrum Sportsmanship Banners will be awarded to the team receiving the highest spirit scores over the season.

Trophy for tier 1 winner and

Championship pennant

18 1<sup>st</sup> place and 18 2<sup>nd</sup> place medallions for Tier 1 and Tier 2

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