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**ROYAL NAVY RUGBY UNION ANNUAL 7's COMPETITION - 2014**

**Introduction**

1. The above competition will to be held at Weymouth RFC, Dorset, DT3 5HZ on Wed 11 Jun 14. Each Establishment/Ship/Unit may enter a maximum of 2 teams; there will be no entry charge, however, please do not commit if you are not 100% certain of attending. It is up to you to support this major event and ensure that it is a success. The closing date for entries will be Fri 6 Jun 14.

**Team Brief**

2. All teams are to be registered with the competition organiser before the Team Manager's brief, which will be held at 1030 on the day of the event. All teams are to ensure that a team representative attends the team brief. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure their team is in the right place at the right time ensuring the programme is adhered to. The competition format will be finalised when all entries are known.

**Laws**

3. A full and comprehensive explanation of the playing laws will be given on the day in accordance with the RFU Laws of the game.

- a. RFU Laws will apply.
- b. Timings for all games will be played as follows: Stage 1/Stage 2 – Two halves of 7 minutes with one minute half-time.
- c. The Final will be played over 2 halves of 10 minutes with one minute half-time.
- d. The competition will commence at 1100. The competition organiser and match referees will be responsible for the timekeeping and enquiries.
- e. Should there be a colour clash; the first named team shall change.
- f. Teams are required to be in possession of a match ball.
- g. Disputes will be dealt with by the competition organiser, whose decision will be final.

**Teams**

4. Squads are to consist of a maximum of 12 players (male); squad members are to be borne on their respective team's ship/establishment/unit, thus conforming to the eligibility rules laid as per BR 51 Chapter 3. All players are to be registered at the start of the competition. Only 10 players from the squad may be nominated for each game and a list of these players must be handed to the referee before the start of each game. Teams found guilty of playing non registered players will have their points deducted for the game in question in stage 1, or be eliminated from the competition in stage 2.

## Replacements

5. Replacements may be permitted as follows:
  - a. A player may be replaced on account of injury or substituted.
  - b. An injured player may be replaced on the advice of a medically trained person or, if such person is not present, at the request of the team captain.
  - c. A team may nominate a maximum of 3 replacements/substitutes per game.
  - d. Players who have been substituted may not re-enter the match except to replace a player having a bleeding or open wound.

## Scoring

6. Points will be awarded for League games as follows:
  - a. Win 5 points
  - b. Score Draw 3 points
  - c. No-Score Draw 2 points
  - d. Lose 1 point

## Drawn Games

7. The following rules will apply in the event of a draw:
  - i. To decide League placing in Stage One:
    - a. Most tries scored
    - b. Highest total of points scored
    - c. Least points scored against
    - d. Result between the teams concerned
  - ii. To decide Knockout Phase in Stage Two:
    - a. First try scored
    - b. First points of any kind scored
    - c. Sudden death play-off, first points of any kind
  - iii. Event of a Draw in the Final:

Sudden death play-off

## Officials

8. Match Officials for the competition will be provided by the Royal Navy Rugby Referees Society. Teams may be required to provide a Touch Judge for each of their games. A full set of Officials will be provided for the Final.

## Prizes

9. The following prizes will be presented on completion of the afternoon's event:
  - a. Winning Finalists Individual Prizes
  - b. Final Runners Up Individual Prizes
  - c. Officials & Players mementos

## **Parking**

10. Weymouth RFC provide plenty of parking facilities, however it is advised to travel together to reduce local travel budgets.

## **Refreshments**

11. Light refreshments/soft drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day for all players and officials.

## **Changing Facilities**

12. Changing/showering facilities are available for all players and officials, as always, you are reminded not to leave any valuables unattended.

## **Medical Cover**

13. All teams are required to provide their own pitch side First Aid (RFU Regulation 9).

## **Notes**

14. The competition will be organised by Mr A Cherrington (RN RDO). Kick off times may change at short notice and should all teams arrive early, the start of the competition will be brought forward. Should anyone have any questions regarding this competition please contact the event organiser.

*(Signed on Original)*

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Annex:

A. Entry Pro-forma

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