

CANTON RUGBY HALL OF FAME 7'S TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Canton Rugby is excited to announce our Hall of Fame 7s tournament as the kick off for Hall of Fame week. The tournament is being held on Saturday July 29th at Weis Park, 2600 Harvard Ave NW, Canton, Ohio 44709. We will have attendants to assist with parking from 7:00-8:30am.

TOURNAMENT & MATCH CHECK-IN

Tournament Check-In: Team Representatives must check-in at the Tournament Administration Tent at least 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled match of the day. Final details for the tournament will be communicated at the time of check-in.

First match starts at 8:00 am.

Match Check-In: We ask that your teams be *AT THE ASSIGNED PITCH AND READY TO PLAY AT LEAST TEN (10) MINUTES BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED MATCH TIME* to help the tournament run as efficiently as possible.

Both teams and ref must be at a corner of the correct pitch, for the coin toss, at halftime of the prior match. If a team representative is not there for the coin toss, then the team that is present, gets to choose both, the side of the field to defend AND which half they will kick off.

A Forfeit will be awarded after three minutes of tardiness beyond the scheduled match start time.

PLAYER & TEAM ELIGIBILITY

This tournament is a USA Rugby Sanctioned event. All participants must be CIPP registered with USA Rugby for 2023. We will be offering a one-day CIPP pass for players who are not already CIPPd for the year. We will have a link on our facebook page at <http://facebook.com/canton.rugby.club> and on our web site www.cantonrugby.com at least 10 days prior to the tournament. In addition, the primary email used for tournament registration will receive an email reminder. The cost for a one-day CIPP is \$10-\$15 per player.

Players must play for only one team during the tournament, and should not do anything that would jeopardize the continuation of this tournament in future years (see: Personal Code of Conduct listed below). This is a social tournament, however, everyone still wants fair competition. Please stick to the roster you have turned in at tournament check in. If any rostering issues arise, all changes must be submitted to the tournament director at the Tournament Administration Tent. Anyone found to be jumping teams will be removed from the tournament; as well as the offending team(s) may be disqualified.

A player receiving a red card or 2 yellow cards in a single match will result in disqualification of that player for the remainder of the tournament. The offending player's name will be submitted to the Ohio Rugby Union and the player's home union. A disqualification may be appealed to a committee of the Head Referee and the Tournament Director.

Teams may carry a tournament roster of 16 players, but only 12 of those players are able to participate in any single match. Teams must appear at the scheduled time of their match with at least 7 players. We will be using a rolling substitution format for each match. If a player is substituted out and removed from play, the subbed player may return to the match. Teams will be able to use as many or little substitutions as they wish. Substitutions must be done during stoppages and with referee permission. In addition, a player with a blood injury may return in accordance with Law 3.10. Any player deemed unable to continue, in the Match Referee's judgment or Tournament Medical Staff's judgment, is ineligible to participate again that day.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 matches regardless of division, barring unforeseen forfeits. Schedules and brackets will be posted online at CantonRugby.com and on Canton Rugby's Facebook event page, and copies will also be available at the registration tent.

Please note the posted schedules and brackets are TENTATIVE and subject to change at the discretion of the tournament directors. We strongly suggest you check the schedule the evening before the tournament for possible changes. Final schedules and brackets will be posted at the Tournament Administration Tent the day of the tournament.

MATCH RULES

All matches will be held in accordance with the Laws of the Game specified by the IRB, as well as any and all applicable guidelines set forth by USAR. All matches will be played on the fields at Weis Park. Matches will run in 20-minute intervals and consist of two 7-minute halves and a 2-minute half-time. Teams more than 3 minutes late for a match will automatically forfeit.

Referees will turn scores into the Administration tent. Attempts at conversion kicks are encouraged to be taken from the field of play due to the varying degree of difficulty in some of the in-goal areas on some of the pitches.

SEEDING & PLAYOFF ROUND DETAILS

Seeding Round: Teams will be placed randomly into groups for their respective divisions relative to age, competitive level, and gender. The teams will compete in a round-robin format within their groups to determine seeding for the Playoff Round, in their division of the tournament. The format of the Seeding Round is based on the total number of teams in the division and will be displayed on-site during the event. Forfeits will automatically be assigned a score of 28-0 - four converted tries - in favor of the team that does not forfeit.

Playoff Round: The results of the Seeding Round will be used to rank teams for the Playoff Round, with the Winner being defined as the team with the most wins. In the event of a tie, when ranking TWO OR MORE TEAMS for the Playoff round, the tie will be broken by applying the following Tie-Breakers in sequence:

Record → Tries Scored → Points Scored → Penalty Kicks → Coin Toss

In case of a tie at the end of regulation during the Playoff Round, the teams will compete in “sudden death” overtime to determine the winner. Sudden death will consist of 2 five-minute periods with a one-minute break. These periods will continue until a team scores.

Tournament Committee seeding is final and cannot be appealed.

VENDORS, FOOD, & DRINKS

Food and beverages will be available from 10am-3pm from a very reasonably priced food truck with a separate quick service window for beverages. **ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED AT WEIS PARK.** Teams are allowed to bring coolers with water, sports drinks and snacks for players. Tournament t-shirts and other memorabilia will also be for sale at the tournament.

POST TOURNAMENT SOCIAL FOR ADULT TEAMS:

There will be a post-tournament social for all men’s and women’s teams at Nathan’s Patio, 725 30th St NE Canton, Ohio 44714, about 1/2 mile from the pitch. Our social will be on the patio in the back of Nathan’s. The social will start early for those who do not wish to attend the championship matches. Food and beer will be provided starting around 3:00. **A WRISTBAND WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT** and will be provided at time of tournament check-in.

PERSONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Canton Hall of Fame Tournament hosts a diverse group of players and fans including numerous adolescents. We expect all participants and spectators to adhere to a basic code of conduct to prevent endangering themselves or others, jeopardizing the success and reputation of the Tournament, and to be good ambassadors for the sport of rugby. Some examples of proper conduct expected from all attendees include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Avoid using profane language
- Alcohol consumption is NOT permitted at the venue. Violators are on their own if caught.
- Show respect for the opposition and the match referees.
- Make safety your first responsibility on and off the pitch.
- Compete within the Laws and Spirit of the game.
- Do not become involved in physical or verbal aggression.
- Do not change kit out in the open. Please, use the available restrooms for changing.
- Overnight camping or grilling are NOT permitted. Pop-up tents to protect from the sun are allowed during the daylight hours.
- Garbage and recycling containers are provided. Make every effort to use them throughout the day and do a final ‘sweep’ of your area when you are leaving the venue.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Any questions regarding these rules will be decided by the tournament committee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the rules due to unforeseen circumstances.