

## Grade 9 Boys' Touch Football (2016-17)

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### HWIAC GRADE 9 BOYS' TOUCH FOOTBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS

Following is a summary of HWIAC eligibility requirements for teams and individual athletes. Full details can be found in the HWIAC constitution available on the Athletics website.

- This is a tournament for grade 9 boys only.
- Students must have a grade 9 entry date of **2016**
- Students cannot have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to **September 1, 2016**
- Students must be enrolled in at least three (3) full time, day school courses.

To be eligible for competition, all players must appear on an eligibility list. An eligibility list **must** be created by logging onto the Athletic Eligibility List System (A.E.L.S.) through the OFSAA website. A completed list must be signed by the Principal and the Phys-Ed Head, and submitted to HWDSB Athletics ([athletics@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:athletics@hwdsb.on.ca)) by the date specified in the current year playing regulations. **Teams that do not file an eligibility list by the due date will be ineligible for competition and subject to a \$25.00 per game fine levied against the offending school.**

Late filings will result in a **\$50.00** fine levied against the offending school; if a school has not filed their team roster prior to competition, their results will be nullified. Omission of an otherwise eligible competitor will result in a **\$50.00** fine levied against the offending school; said player may be added to the team roster without further penalty.

A current Eligibility list must be complete with all relevant sections of the form filled in and a copy must be on file with the School Principal and HWDSB Athletics at all times during the competition period for teams to remain eligible.

**Eligibility List due date: Friday, September 23, 2016**

#### 1. SECTION 1 - TEAM ADMINISTRATION

##### 1.1. STUDENT ATHLETE INFORMATION FORM

Copies of the Student Athlete Information Form are to be distributed to each player and must be returned with all sections completed and signed prior to the first practice. The Code of Behaviour, printed on the back page of the form is to be signed and on file with the Principal. Teams are required to carry the Medical Information section for each player with them throughout the season. Any student athlete who has not returned this form with all sections complete and the necessary signatures in place is not eligible to participate in any athletic activity.

##### 1.2. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Copies of the HWIAC Code of Behaviour are to be distributed to each player and member of the coaching staff with instructions to carefully read through the document. Only when the player or coach has read the document and agrees to the conditions outlined should the appropriate portion be detached, signed and returned to the coach. When the signed portion has been collected from all team personnel, the coach is required to submit the forms to the Principal for signature and filing along with the team eligibility list. The Code of Behaviour is printed on the reverse of the HWIAC Student Athlete Information Package (form HWDSB #2709).

It should be noted to players and coaches that unless the signed portion of the Code of Behaviour has in fact been signed and is on file with the Principal, the player or coach is ineligible to participate with the team.

### **1.3. COACHING**

Non-teacher coaches must have achieved, as a minimum, "Trained" status in the Community Sport stream of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) or have successfully completed the Coaching In Ontario Schools program offered by OFSAA. For insurance purposes, a non-teacher coach must be registered as such with Athletics. An NCCP registration number will be required.

### **1.4. OPHEA SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Coaches must be familiar with and be prepared to follow the provincial safety guidelines for schools (OPHEA) and ensure the team and its members function within the requirements of the guidelines. Visit <http://safety.ophea.net/secondary> for the most current guidelines.

### **1.5. WATER BOTTLES**

Teams are prohibited from providing shared containers for fluid replacement to participants in HWIAC sanctioned activities. This is in accordance with provincial safety guidelines which require schools to inform participants that they should provide their own containers and not share them with other participants.

### **1.6. REPORTING GAME RESULTS**

During tournament play, there will be a central reporting person for all game results. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the game score immediately after the game is complete.

As semi-final and final games are played beyond the date of the tournament, the responsibility lies with the winning team to report game results.

## **2. SECTION 2 - PLAYING REGULATIONS**

*HWIAC Grade 9 Touch Football will be played according to Football Ontario rules with the following exceptions:*

### **2.1. LENGTH OF GAMES**

- Tournament play - two 15 minute halves
- Semifinal and final games - two 30 minute halves

### **2.2. KICKING**

Teams choosing to kick on 4<sup>th</sup> down must declare their intent to kick. Runners on the kicking team cannot cross the line of scrimmage until the ball has been kicked.

### **2.3. GAME CANCELLATIONS**

The tournament will be played rain or shine - however modifications may be made to the schedule under certain conditions. Thunder or lightning immediately cancels play.

### **2.4. RULE BOOKS**

Rule books may be obtained from the Touch Football Ontario website at the following address:  
[www.tfont.com](http://www.tfont.com)

### **2.5. GAME EQUIPMENT**

Each team must bring practice balls, warm clothing and/or rain gear, shirts or markers of assigned colours, a first aid kit, and a game ball. Preferred game ball is JV5 Leather Junior League Ball.

### **2.6. FIRST AID**

Participating teams are required to bring a first aid kit with them to the tournament.

## **2.7. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE**

- 2.7.1.** Please refer to the tournament schedule for playing times and divisional placement. Tournament wins are worth two points, a tie is worth one point. At the conclusion of tournament play, the top team in each division will advance to the playoff round..
- 2.7.2.** Teams tied for position at the conclusion of tournament play will have the tie broken according to the following:
- Head to head record
  - Number of points earned through converts during pool play
  - Defensive record
- 2.7.3.** The home team for the championship game will be determined by a coin toss. As with semi-final games, the championship game will be played until a winner is determined. Overtime, if required, will be played in accordance with touch football rules.

## **2.8. OFFICIALS**

Game officials will be supplied by the Hamilton Touch Football Officials Association and coordinated by HWDSB Athletics.