



THE GRAHAM ROBINSON MEMORIAL SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT



General

1. **Eligibility.** The Graham Robinson Memorial Seven-A-Side Competition is open to all playing members of Old Emanuel R.F.C, Emanuel School, Kingston University R.F.C. and invited guests.
2. **Players.** All players must be 17 and over (18 for Front Row Forwards) in accordance with RFU Regulations in order to participate in the tournament and be members of the above rugby clubs or members of a rugby club who are also constituent members of the Rugby Football Union. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that these age limits are complied with. Old Emanuel RFC and the organising committee cannot be held responsible for any breach of these rules by participating teams.

Format

3. Teams will be divided into 4 leagues of 4 teams. The draw for the competition will be carried out by the Tournament Committee on the morning of the event, seeding 4 teams according to strength, placing 1 seeded team in each group. Each team in each group will play each other being awarded 3 points for a win and one point for a draw. Should this not produce a clear division between the teams in the group the higher placing will go sequentially to:
 - a. The team, which won in the match involving the teams with the same number of League points.
 - b. The team scoring the most tries overall.
 - c. The team scoring the most points overall.
 - d. The team with the largest difference between points scored for and points against.
4. Having determined the top, second placed and bottom teams in each League the top 4 teams go into a knockout Main Tournament (The Graham Robinson Cup), the 4 second placed teams into the knockout Bowl Competition, the 4 third placed teams into the knockout Plate Competition and the 2 bottom-placed Teams with the lowest points difference will go through to play in the Wooden Spoon Final.

Timings

5. Each match will be 7 minutes each way with one minute for half-time, except the finals - 10 minutes per half and 3 minutes for half-time.
6. No extra time in the event of a draw will be played in the preliminary (group) rounds but in the Main Tournament, Bowl Competition, Plate and Wooden Spoon Competition teams will change ends every 7 minutes, without any further intervals, until one side scores (i.e. 'Sudden Death')





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Nomination Of Teams And Replacements

7. Players may represent one team only. Teams must be submitted to the Control in writing before the start of the Tournament. The twelve players declared at the start of the Tournament are all that may be called upon for the whole event – irrespective of injuries during earlier rounds. In the event of a team calling upon a player not detailed on the Team List submitted prior to the first round of matches, they will be entitled to play their matches but will have to concede the match, irrespective of the result.
8. The starting team may be drawn from any of the nominated squad. Up to a maximum of 5 players per team may be in attendance and available as substitutes, though no more than 3 substitutes may be used per game. The normal rules apply for blood injuries.
9. Any players sent off may not be replaced in that game but in subsequent games one of the nominated substitutes may be used; the individual sent off cannot take any further part in the tournament.

Kicks At Goal

10. All kicks at goal are to be drop goals.
11. All kicks, Penalty or Conversions, which run over full time must be taken.
12. Play should not be ended at half-time or full-time until the ball next becomes dead.

Punctuality

13. All teams **MUST** get to their pitches 5 minutes before kick-off. The Committee reserve the right to award a match to the other side in the event of a team failing to be ready to start on time, or to replace a team, which is late arriving at the start of the competition. Clearly, this would be a drastic step but team captains must ensure that they have met the opposing team captain and referee at the final whistle of the match before theirs, on the specified pitch. At that time they will:
 - a. Toss up and choose ends.
 - b. Confirm jersey colours (first name teams to change) to the referee's satisfaction.
 - c. Check on touch judges, who are to be provided by each team for the preliminary matches only. OERFC will provide touch judges for Finals of the Main Tournament, Bowl, Plate and Wooden Spoon Competitions.

Protest And Other Eventualities Or Ambiguity

14. Any protest or other eventuality not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the nominated Old Emanuel RFC Tournament Officer, His or her ruling in any matter will be considered final.

