



**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Aspen Ruggerfest**

**September 15-18, 2016**

**Logistics Packet**



## **Tournament Location**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Aspen RUGGERfest will be played at Wagner Rugby Stadium and Rio Grande Park. The town centre is relatively small and once in town, everything is within walking distance.

## **Weather**

Aspen weather in September can be variable. Average high is 70 F (21 C) and the average low is 42 F (6 C). Rainfall is low for the month of September but it is not unusual to have sudden but brief afternoon thunderstorms in the mountains.

## **Registration**

Teams need to register and provide a completed roster to the Tournament Organizers by Friday, September 9, 2016.

## **Age Verification**

It is each teams responsibility to check Photo IDs in order to establish the ages of their players. A player may play in the age divisions if he is the required age during the current calendar year.

## **Match Schedule**

Open Draw will decide the match schedule; all teams are guaranteed three games.

Teams are required to be at the pitch, ready for kick-off 5 minutes prior to published kick-off time. Teams failing to field a team within 3 minutes of the published start time are subject to a penalty try, and after 6 minutes are subject to forfeit loss. In the event of delay (due to injury, weather, etc.) the Tournament Chairman and Referees Committee have sole discretion on changes to match times and to cancel/reschedule matches when necessary.

## **Scores**

The official scores of each match will be kept by the referee and reported to the Tournament Chairman to be posted at the tournament HQ.

## **Referees**

RUGGERfest matches will be officiated by the Easter Rockies Rugby Football Union Referees Society. All matches are played by regulation World Rugby rules. Please see Tournament Rules document attached.



## **Medical Staff**

We will have trained medical staff at the Tournament to evaluate injuries and determine the best course of action for those injuries. Please report any injuries to the medical team at the event.

## **Volunteer Staff**

Please co-operate with our volunteer staff to ensure the smooth running of the Tournament.

## **Operations**

There are well-maintained public facilities available beside the pitch. Trash, recycling and composting cans will be provided. Please use these and if there are any issues with one, please contact a volunteer. There are no shower facilities or locker rooms available at the pitch.

## **Social**

Social events will be held throughout RUGGERFEST Weekend. Please check the schedule for times and locations.

## **American Rugby Outfitters**

We are delighted to welcome back American Rugby Outfitters to RUGGERFEST. They will operate a full pitch-side store at Wagner Park selling a wide variety of marquee brand rugby merchandise and equipment. Curt Hacker of American Rugby Outfitters will be on hand to meet your equipment needs.

American Rugby Outfitters will also be selling Official Men's and Ladies' RUGGERFEST T's, and other RUGGERFEST branded merchandise – ideal to bring home to the family. The proceeds of all sales will go directly to the Club to offset the cost of RUGGERFEST.

## **Accommodations**

Check <http://aspen-ruggerfest.com/accommodations/> for accommodation options in Aspen.



## Aspen Ruggerfest Tournament Rules

Aspen Ruggerfest is, to our knowledge, the World's only all age, full contact Rugby Tournament.

We play current World Rugby rules, including contested scrums. If scrums become unsafe for any reason the referee will adopt NON-contested scrums. The referee's decision is final.

The referee's watch is the official timepiece of all matches; games will be shortened to keep the schedule on track if so needed. Shortening games is up to the referee's discretion. The referee is charged with notification of a shortened match at the coin toss if deemed necessary.

The referee's scorecard is final.

All matches must have a result. If at the end of regular time in a pool match the scores are even, a kicking competition will determine the winner. The referee will choose a goalpost and the team captains will nominate a player to drop kick from anywhere behind the 22m line. Kicking will continue until there is a winner. No player can kick twice until everyone on the team has made an attempt. Once one team has scored and the other has missed, a winner is determined (the winning team will receive three (3) points towards their point total for the match). In any semi-final or final, extra time will be added for one (1) ten (10) minute period. If the score is still tied at the end of the first extra period, additional sudden death ten (10) minute periods will be added with the team scoring first being deemed the winner.

### Scoring:

The following number of Match points will be awarded for each pool phase Match:

Win	4 points
Loss	0 points
4 or more tries	1 point
Loss by 7 points or less	1 point

At the completion of the pool phase, the Teams are ranked based on their win/loss record.

If at the completion of the pool phase two or more Teams are level on their win/loss record, then the following criteria shall be used in the following order until one of the Teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

- The winner of the Match in which the two tied Teams have played each other shall be the higher ranked;
- The Team with higher number of Match points shall be the higher ranked;
- The Team which has the best difference between points scored for and points scored against in all its pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;



- The Team which has the best difference between tries scored for and tries scored against in all its pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;
- The Team which has scored most points in all its pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;
- The Team which has scored most tries in all its pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;

***Foul Play will not be tolerated at the tournament. If a player receives a Red or Yellow Card at anytime during the tournament the referee and touch judges will give a report of the offence to the judicial committee comprised of a Ruggerfest Committee member, a representative of the Easter Rockies Rugby Football Union Referees Society, and one other member to be determined, knowledgeable of the sport and its infractions. The committee will determine the severity of the offence and carry out the decision, which will be final and may include the offender(s) being banned from a match, or the completion of this tournament, or future tournaments. Appeal of a future tournament ban can be made in writing to the Gentlemen of Aspen RFC.***

***Gentleman like behaviour is expected off the field and throughout Aspen. Rugby is the gentlemen's game and the town of Aspen has been hosting Ruggerfest for decades and the citizens of the town and valley are avid fans. Any unsocial, illegal, violent, threatening or unsportsmanlike behaviour off the field may lead to a team or individual being banned from the tournament and/or punishment by local law enforcement.***

No player can play for two teams in the same age group. Requests for an exception must be presented to the Tournament Chairman, who must approve any exceptions. Failure to do so may result in forfeit of the game(s).

All players must be on the team roster limited to 35 players. All members' names must be on the roster and vouched for by the manager, coach, or team captain. Failure to do so may result in forfeit.

***All players must sign the Ruggerfest waiver. It is the responsibility of the team captain, coach and/or manager to provide the rosters and waivers to the Tournament Chairman. Failure to do so may result in forfeit.***

Unlimited substitutions from the certified roster are allowed only at a stoppage in play. During semi-finals and finals for the Open Men's Division and Masters Division, a limit of eight (8) substitutions are allowed, and must be registered with the referee.

There will be two cash prizes for the winners of the Open Division (\$5,000) and Masters Division (\$5,000). A check for \$5,000 will be given to the winners of each of these competitions. Checks will be written to a club organization and not in any instance to an individual. If the winners of either division would like to donate the award to a charity, the check can be written out to the charity if a Ruggerfest Committee member is notified before the final match commences.



The Gentlemen of Aspen reserve the right to discontinue further participation of any individual and/or team in the Aspen Ruggerfest Tournament. This right shall be enacted for any and all incidents that compromise the integrity of the Tournament or the sport of rugby.

As an official representative of \_\_\_\_\_,

Club Name

I hereby affirm that I have read and accept the terms of the Aspen Ruggerfest Tournament Rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_