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**To: Western RFU Member Sevens Teams**

**From: Gregg Jarvis, Sevens Program Director**

**Subject: West Sevens 2010 Competition Rules and Regulations**

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### **1. Western Tournaments**

The West has designated three (3) tournaments as Western Qualifiers. Each of these designated events shall have a Qualifying Division incorporated into the tournament format. The structure and format must be reviewed and approved by the WRFU Sevens Director before the start of the event.

### **2. Super Regional Events**

The West RFU will be divided into three separate competitive regions. Each one of the competitive regions shall host at a minimum of one Western Qualifier. Regions will be defined as follows:

<b>West</b>	ERRFU / Rio Grande
<b>Central</b>	Great Plains / HOA / Missouri / Ozark
<b>Texas</b>	TRU

The awarding of the Western Qualifier tournaments will be done on a best efforts basis as is done each year by the WRFU Sevens Director. Tournament bids are due to the WRFU Sevens Director not later than the end of January of the competition year. A deposit may be required with your bid at the time of submission to be eligible for award.

Based on the above stated criteria, the following events shall be deemed to have Qualifier status for 2010.

<b>Texas</b>	Dallas Harlequins as host on June 26, 2010
<b>Central</b>	Kansas City Blues as host on July 10, 2010
<b>West</b>	Denver Barbarians as host on July 24, 2010

The entry fee for each of these regional events shall be \$300 per entering team. Any team in the WRFU in good standing wishing to enter a team must be allowed participation as long they meet the entry fee deadlines as outlined below. Failure to meet the entry fee deadlines may result in such team not being eligible to compete in the event. The WRFU Sevens Director will settle any disputes in a team's eligibility to compete. Deadline dates are.

<b>Texas</b>	Dallas Harlequins fee deadline June 11, 2010
<b>Central</b>	Kansas City Blues fee deadline June 25 10, 2010
<b>West</b>	Denver Barbarians fee deadline July 9, 2010

### **3. Points System**

Points will be awarded as detailed below. When calculating points awarded the West will count points awarded in all scheduled Western Qualifiers. Teams are required to play in a minimum of two (2)

Western Qualifiers to be eligible to qualify to advance to USA Rugby National Championships. Points for each Western Qualifier will be awarded as follows:

First Place	6 Points
Second Place	4 Points
Third Place	2 Points
Fourth Place	1 Point

Note:

- (1) Each of the designated Western Qualifiers will be required to schedule a match for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place to determine places 1 thru 6. This is necessary in the event of any post match discrepancy or disciplinary actions.
- (2) If one of the teams fails to play in this match, they will be regulated to the lower position. If both teams agree to not play, both teams shall be regulated to the lower place position. In the event of a 3<sup>rd</sup> place match not being played by each team then no points will be awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup> place giving each team only 1 point.
- (3) If there is a "non-West" team that finishes in the top 4 spots, the next highest finishing West teams will earn points according to the structure noted above. (for example, if a "non-West" team places 2<sup>nd</sup> place then the winner of 3<sup>rd</sup> place would be awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> place points(4), 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher will be awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place points (2), and the 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher will be awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place points(1).)
- (4) The WRFU Sevens Director is the only person that can determine if a Qualifier bracket doesn't need to host a 5<sup>th</sup> vs. 6<sup>th</sup> place match.

Updated points table will be published every Wednesday following each Western Qualifier Tournament by the WRFU Sevens Director on the West Rugby Union Web site: [www.wfru.org](http://www.wfru.org).

#### 4. Governing Rules / Procedures

##### Club Requirements:

Each Club, advancing to National Club Sevens, **must play in a minimum of two designated Western Qualifier events** in order to be eligible to advance as a representative from the Western Rugby Football Union. There is no limitation on the number of Western Qualifiers a Club may enter.

To allow enough time for the WRFU Sevens Director to validate a player's eligibility information prior to each Qualifier tournament please note the following policies and guidelines.

For those teams entering any tournament with the intent of garnering points towards the USA Rugby Club Sevens Championships, the respective teams must:

1. Submit a preliminary pool roster of no more than 15 players for eligibility verification for each Qualifier to the WRFU Sevens Director by **not later than 12pm CST the Wednesday before each respective event via email to the WRFU Sevens Director**. For further information please reference the player eligibility requirements from USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations. The WRFU Sevens Director has the right to request further information as needed for validation. Failure to submit teams preliminary pool roster for verification before deadline will result in a \$50 fine for you club per occurrence.
2. Each respective team must submit their final roster with a limit of 12 players **not later than 12pm CST the Friday before the respective event via email to the WRFU Sevens Director**.

**Failure to enter a final roster of not more than 12 players prior to the event shall exclude that team from garnering points, regardless of order of finish.**

The rosters shall include the (a) player names (b) CIPP information, and (c) resident status. The Clubs shall also provide the same roster to the respective tournament director at team check-in and provide photo identification of each player accordingly. Teams shall only be allowed to use players on their stated roster. Player movement from an "A" squad to or from a "B" squad shall not be allowed once the rosters are submitted on match day. The failure of a club to submit satisfactory documentation at an event shall be reported to the WRFU Sevens Director.

**Clubs are required to be aware of and follow USA Player Eligibility Guidelines. Failure to comply may cause forfeiture and/or other sanctions from the Program Director or WRFU as applicable.**

USA Eligibility Rules for Club Sevens will govern all eligibility issues. Issues include: Cipp Registration, CIPP Registration Date, Transfer Date, Foreigner Roster Limits, Etc. It is the responsibility of the respective club and its appointed officials (Sevens Coach / Sevens Captain) to understand and follow all applicable rules.

Teams will be required to wear proper Rugby attire (socks, shorts, jerseys with sleeves, etc).

- Jerseys shall be of the same color and pattern or of a reasonable match.
- Any conflict of Jerseys shall be resolved between the two competing Captains. If it can not be resolved mutually it shall be resolved by the WRFU Sevens Director or Tournament Director.
- Players shall wear Jerseys with numbers. The number need not be sequential or ordered 1-12.
- Players shall wear the same Number during the course of the day that corresponds with that set of jerseys. If a change of jerseys is required due to color conflict then the same number per person shall be worn as reasonably expected and available when using each respective set.

## **5. Host Requirements:**

Tournament hosts will be required to send the WRFU Sevens Director a draft format of their tournament brackets. Brackets and seeding will be reviewed and approved by the WRFU Sevens Director or other designated WRFU Representative. The hosts will be required to submit their brackets **not later than 12pm CST on the Wednesday prior to the event.**

Any subsequent changes to the format shall be left up to the tournament director and the on-site Western Representative (as applicable). Hosts are strongly encouraged to have a pool of eight (minimum) teams with a target of 12 teams. If there are less than eight teams, the tournament director shall use one of the approved WRFU Brackets. Post WRFU review changes will only be allowed when a material format change is required due to adding/deleting of teams on the morning of the event. Again, the tournament director shall consult with the on-site WRFU Representative (as applicable).

After the event, the Host is required to submit a detailed tournament report with all match scores (pool and knock-out phases). Scores, foul play, and eligibility issues shall be sent to the WRFU Sevens Director **not later than 12pm, on the Wednesday following the event.**

Tournament Hosts shall be reminded to follow the existing WRFU guidelines for Event Hosting.

The failure of the Tournament Host (team) to collect the required information above shall be fined the sum of \$100 per event. Corrective measures will be taken accordingly as allowed within WRFU policy and procedures.

## **6. Determination of National Representatives**

In determining which Clubs will qualify to advance to the USA National Club Sevens Championships, the following guidelines and tie breakers will be applied:

- a. Compliance with the minimum of two Super Regional requirement
- b. Points Awarded for Eligible Tournaments (All three Super Regional's)
- c. Head to Head (wins vs. losses)
- d. Head to Head (delta points)
- e. Gross Points Scored in all appointed Super Regionals
- f. Net Scored Points in all appointed Super Regionals (delta)
- g. Coin Flip

## **7. Miscellaneous**

All other matters that are not covered or need clarification shall be reviewed by the WRFU Sevens Director who will rely on existing guidelines, rules, regulations and prior practices to resolve any disputed matters.