



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

CSSA State Oztag Rules

- 8 players on the field at any time. Total Number of **players per team: 14**
- **ALL GAMES will be 10 minute halves** with a 2 minute turn around.
- Each team is to provide a match ball and be wearing matching shirts and shorts.
- A **HOOTER** will sound at the start of each time slot.
- All teams should be ready to take the field 5 minutes before their game timeslot
- All referees will start their watches 1 min after the hooter has sounded.
- If a team is late to arrive to their game then they will concede 1 try every 2 minutes.
- If a team has not turned up by half time it will be classified as a forfeit with a 5-0 result will be recorded against them.
- Any number of replacements per team is allowed during the course of the game with unlimited interchange.
- **POINTS**

3	Win
2	Draw
1	Loss
0	Forfeit

Mercy Rule: *If a team is leading by 9 tries, ie. 9-0 or 10-1, the team leading takes off one player. The game continues until the score is reduced to less than 9 clear tries ie. 9 -1, then the team leading can put a player back on. The non-scoring team will restart play after a try has been scored until the score is reduced to less than 9 clear Tries. If the leading team continues to score, players are taken off until they are down to 5 players.*

NOTE: *It is up to the schools playing to enforce the mercy rule not the referee*

POOL RESULTS

If **TWO teams** finish on equal points at the end of the round robin phase, the team to progress through will be determined by:

1. **Head to Head game played in the pool game**

If there is still no clear placing, then positions will be determined by:

2. Points Differential – Tries For subtract Tries Against
3. Tries scored Against
4. Tries scores For
5. Team that scored 1st in head to head game – *if recorded*
6. Coin Toss

If **THREE teams** finish on equal points at the end of the round robin phase, the team to progress through will be determined by:

1. **Points Differential** – Tries For subtract Tries Against

If there is still no clear placing, then positions will be determined by:

2. Head to Head game played in the pool game
3. Tries scored Against
4. Tries scores For
5. Team that scored 1st in head to head game – *if recorded*
6. Coin Toss

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