MODE OF COMPETITION – 2016

The following points are a continuation of existing, and a summary, of new procedures adopted at the Annual General Meeting held at Heatley State School on 3 February 2016. Please note the changes from previous years.

1. OFFICE BEARERS
   
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2. NOMINATIONS
   
   (a) All games are played under Mod Rules (see Modrules PDF).
   (b) All players have the option of wearing boots. These boots must have a flexible sole and must not have screw in tags. Alternately players are allowed to wear joggers / sandshoes.
   (c) Ages are calculated by year of birth.
   (d) Competitions will be played in two Divisions:
       - Junior (Year 4 or 5) – all players must be born in 2006 (10yrs) or 2005 (11yrs)
       - Open (Year 6) – all players must be born in 2005 (11yrs) or 2004 (12yrs)

   *Please note: NO player born in 2006 can play in the Open Competition*

3. VENUES
   
   (a) Fixtures in 2016 will be organised into two Districts and played on separate days in accordance with TSS Guidelines. Games will be played on half fields.

   - Thuringowa District Schools – Thursdays at Brothers Rugby League, The Willows
   - Townsville District Schools – Fridays at Brothers Rugby League, The Willows

4. DURATION OF SEASON
   
   (a) The season commences on March 10/11 and concludes on 19/20 May.

5. PLAYING TIMES
   
   (a) All games are two 18 minute halves with a 4 minute break.
   (b) Playing times are 12.30pm to 1:10pm and 1:15pm to 1.55pm.
   (c) A hooter will signal the start and finish of each match as well as half time.
   (d) **Even if a game starts late, it must finish at the required time.**

6. PROTESTS
   
   (a) Protests must be made in triplicate. One copy is to be sent to the Secretary, one to the other school involved and one is kept by the protesting school.

7. REFEREE AND COACHING ON THE FIELD
   
   (a) Only registered teachers, will referee games. In Premiership deciding matches a neutral member of the TSSRL 10-12yrs Executive are to officiate.
   (b) Coaches are permitted on the field only to referee and to attend to injuries.
   (c) While the game is in progress, Coaches will be restricted to occupying the “coach’s bench”(near the half way line) and shall not coach their team whether by voice, signal or any other method.
   (d) Coaches and Referees must insist that the game be played in the right spirit by enforcing the Safeplay Code.
8. **DRESS**
   (a) Teachers should ensure all players are appropriately dressed in School jerseys. Earrings, watches and other jewelry must be removed. Players are to secure long hair and cut or tape long fingernails.

9. **SAFETY**
   (a) You must read the relevant documents and ensure they are followed.
   *Rugby League CARA (see website)*
   *The NRL Safeplay Code (see website)*
   It is an expectation of the TSSRL10-12yrs that all teachers who are responsible for a team have read and understood both these documents.
   (b) **Mouthguards** – A directive from Northern Region School Sport states that all students must wear a mouthguard when playing Rugby League. Any student playing without a mouthguard must have written permission from their parent/caregiver (**exemplar on website**).
   (c) If at any time you believe an unsafe situation exists, you must withdraw the students under your supervision from that activity until you are satisfied that all has been made safe.
   (d) **Ensure markers are positioned so as to allow a minimum space of 5 metres around each field. This includes 5 metres away from the goal posts (see website for field map/markings).**
   (e) Ensure all markers are soft and do not contribute a safety problem.
   (f) **All goal posts must be padded with the recommended covers.**
   (g) Under no circumstances should a game commence until the markers have been correctly positioned as in (c) above and the goal posts padded.
   (h) Following the recommendations of the Townsville School Sport, first aid kits as well as **Qualified First Aid Personnel** will be available each week at the ground.
   (i) Coaches are responsible for providing their own ice and water. It is also advisable if coaches bring their own first aid ie: bum bag.

10. **FIELD MARKERS**
    Please collect the markers for your games from the Results Recorder. These are to be returned at the conclusion of the last game. When marking your field please refer to Item 9d above.

11. **RESULTS**
    (a) Coaches are to give results to the Result Recorder before leaving the grounds.
    Thuringowa – Jason Drummond (Field 2b). Townsville – Brook Wilson (Field 2b).
    (b) In the event of teams being tied on the competition ladder. Head to head results and then for and against between tied teams will be used to determine finishing positions.

12. **UNDER 12 SELECTION TRIALS**
    (a) Thuringowa District – Tuesday 15 March – Brothers - 3:00pm – 5:30pm
        Townsville District – Wednesday 16 March – Sports Reserve – 3:00pm – 5:30pm.

13. **UNDER 11 SELECTION TRIALS**
    (a) Thuringowa District – Tuesday 19 April – Brothers - 3:00pm – 5:30pm
        Townsville District – Thursday 21 April – Sports Reserve – 3:00pm – 5:30pm.