



2023 TROPICAL 7s TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. TEAM REGISTRATION POLICY

Team registration fees are to be deposited upon receipt of a team's registration. The deposit of the team registration fee does not automatically indicate acceptance of the team's registration. Teams will receive confirmation by email that their registration has been received within 10 days of submitting their registration details and payment of the team registration fee. Tropical 7s retain sole discretion as to which teams will be accepted for entry into the event. If a team is not provisionally accepted for any reason, the refund of the team registration fee will be processed within 30 days of receipt of payment by Tropical 7s. Team registration is provisional until the team has satisfied all team and player eligibility requirements (see section 3).

2. CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Tropical 7s reserves the right to cancel the Event in whole or in part without notice for any reason. Tropical 7s also reserves the right to close any of the age groups at any time which would make the event non-viable. If Tropical 7s cancels an event either in whole or in part, a refund or partial refund of the team registration fee may be given at the Event Organizer's discretion but is not guaranteed. Registrations are non-transferable (e.g. between divisions) unless explicitly authorized by the Event Director.

Bad weather, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, epidemics, pandemics, declaration of national or state emergency, any other event beyond the reasonable control of the parties or any other force majeure will not automatically lead to any refunds of registration fees and will be left to the discretion of the Event Director with the following exceptions:

- Teams wishing to withdraw their registration from the Event may be issued a refund of their paid team registration fee in line with the following cancellation policy:
 - Prior to 1st January 2023 – a full refund will be given less a \$50 cancellation fee
 - Between 1st January and 28th February 2023 - a 50% partial refund will be given
 - After 28th February 2023 - no refund will be given
- For teams, any medical-related event on the team side that forces a last-minute cancellation for the entire team's participation, the Event Director will consider offering a full or partial refund depending on the specific circumstances surrounding the team concerned.
- Should any of the above force majeure events as listed above arise that result in the cancellation of the 2023 Event, Tropical 7s agree to either issue a full refund or transfer registration to the same or related event at a new future date.
- Teams that have declared they wish to transfer their team(s) registration from the cancelled 2020 Tropical 7s directly to the 2023 Event will have their team registration fee honoured in full at the 2023 Event

3. TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

For teams domiciled in the USA, the registering team and all members of the team listed in the team roster (including players, coaches and officials) must be members in good standing and in compliance with all USA Rugby regulations, ensure that all participants have completed the required USA Rugby membership forms, signed the mandatory waivers and release forms, and paid the applicable USA Rugby membership fees. Teams may also require written permission from their state/regional governing body to participate depending on [USA Rugby Return to Play](#) protocols in force at the time of the Event.

For teams domiciled outside of the USA, the registering team and all members of the team listed in the team roster (including players, coaches and officials) must be in good standing with its own approved governing body, ensuring that players have completed any applicable waivers and/or release forms, and has received official clearance (Permission to Tour) to participate in the Event from its home Union which must be submitted in order to be approved to play by USA Rugby in accordance with World Rugby Regulations. Permission to Tour letters from the home Union must be submitted

to Tropical 7s no later than 28th February 2023 to allow for review, processing and authorisation to participate in the tournament by USA Rugby.

All players must adhere to the age eligibility regulations as contained within the Event's player eligibility requirements. Every player must be registered on the Event's registration system and is required to provide proof of date of birth and complete a signed 'Player Consent & Medical Release' form via the registration portal. If the player is under the age of 18 before the start date of the tournament, the Player Consent & Medical Release form must be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian. A player, once registered for a team, irrespective of whether he or she has taken part in the Event, cannot register or make themselves available for registration for any other team.

Any teams and players that do not adhere to the Event's team and player eligibility rules may be prohibited from participating in the Event either in part or in full. Event organisers will not refund or be held liable for any costs associated with a team or player's enforced withdrawal from the Event due to non-eligibility.

4. MEDICAL INSURANCE & TREATMENT

All participating players are required to have appropriate medical insurance that provides coverage for injury and/or illness for the activities they are partaking in which includes suitable cover for both rugby and any non-rugby activities where legal, medical, and repatriation costs may be required.

All players and coaches are expected to have an understanding of the laws of the game of Rugby Union, the technique to coach and practice it safely, and all players must have the physical competency and fitness to play the game. Players are expected to not suffer from any medical conditions that would normally prevent them from taking part in the Event safely.

The athletic trainers and medical staff provided by Tropical 7s for the event have overriding authority of any medical staff brought to the event by individual teams. Permission will be granted to the Event's appointed trainer/ physician to attend to the participant and in the case of serious illness/injury/accident, authority will be given to emergency and/or hospital personnel to administer further treatment where deemed necessary. Costs associated with the diagnosis, treatment and/or hospital care of the participant in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc are the responsibility of the registered team/player. In the event of serious injury, it is expected the team manager will make reasonable effort to make contact with the player's parent/guardian/emergency contact in order to receive authorization before any medical treatment is undertaken.

If a player is diagnosed by medical staff or a qualified healthcare professional that they are deemed unfit to play and have been advised not to return to play (e.g. concussion), the player is not eligible to take any further part in the Event until he or she has been cleared for return to play by a qualified healthcare professional.

Participation in the Event and related activities may include risk of possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. Specific protocols, policies, procedures and match rule changes may be implemented by the Event organizers to reduce this risk and follow local public health authority mandates and USA Rugby's Return to Play guidelines in force at the time of the event. Participating teams will be required to comply with any stated rules as regards protection against infectious diseases. Tropical 7s reserves the right to refuse entry to or expel any person not adhering to these rules.

5. CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR

Tropical 7s reserves the right to refuse entry to or expel any person whose behaviour is deemed in the sole discretion of the Event Director to be inappropriate or unsuitable. Coaches, players and entourage agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the tournament.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Tropical 7s is the owner of all trademarks including names, images, logos, registered or unregistered designs, copyrights and any other intellectual property. Tropical 7s does not give permission for their use by any person unless licensed or granted in writing. Any such use may constitute an infringement of intellectual property rights.

Participating teams and their players give Tropical 7s and its authorized agents the right to use any written, digital, photographic, audio or videotaped materials relating to the Event for advertising, promotional, commercial, educational or other purposes, and Tropical 7s hereby waives any right to additional consideration or compensation with respect to any such use.

7. PRIVACY POLICY

All participants in the Event (including coaching and admin staff) may be photographed, filmed and / or interviewed during the course of the Tournament. Photographs, films and interviews of participants may be used for the marketing purposes of Tropical 7s and their partners.

Tropical 7s may use information submitted as part of team registration as follows:

- to communicate with you about your team entry
- to ask you for feedback and comments on the event
- to contact you about future Tropical 7s events, promotions, competitions and special offers that may be of interest to you

Tropical 7s may disclose your personal contact information that is captured through our various online systems to carefully selected service providers, official suppliers and tournament sponsors.

8. LIABILITY EXEMPTION

In accepting to play in the Tropical 7s, Event Organisers and other people involved in the organisation of the Event and the Venue are excluded from any liability concerning injury or harm suffered by team players during the Event or for any direct, indirect or consequential loss or damage which you or any third party may incur in connection with participating in the Tropical 7s. These limitations and exclusions do not affect statutory rights and only apply to the extent permitted by applicable law.