

**COMPETITION FORMAT (Boys)**

**1. Pool Stage (25 min / half)**

The 12 competing teams will be grouped into three pools of four teams (Round-robin tournament)

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
Seoul National University High School (Korea)	Jianguo High School (Chinese Taipei)	Brooksby Melton College (England)
Downlands College (Australia)	Hamilton Boys High School (New Zealand)	Napier Boys High School (New Zealand)
Higashi Fukuoka High School (Fukuoka)	Hotoku Gakuen High School (Hyogo)	Kyoto Seisho High School (Kyoto)
Tenri High School (Nara)	Saga Technical High School (Saga)	Keio High School (Kanagawa)

The following number of match points will be awarded for each Pool Stage match:

Win - 4 points    Draw - 2 points    Loss - 0 point

Under either of the following conditions a bonus point will be awarded.

Scoring 3 tries or more than the opposition in a match - 1 point

Loss by 7 points or less - 1 point

Teams are ranked according to the following criteria and in that order:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Match points          | 2. Winner between the teams concerned |
| 3. Point difference      | 4. Total points scored                |
| 5. Number of tries       | 6. Number of penalty tries            |
| 7. Number of conversions | 8. Drawing of lots                    |

**2. Place decider Tournament (30 min / half)**

To determine the 4 teams in each Place decider Tournament, teams of the same rank in each pool will be placed, based on the following criteria and in that order:

- Match points
- Point difference against the top 3 teams in each pool
- Total points scored against the top 3 teams in each pool
- Point difference from all pool matches
- Total points scored in all pool matches
- Drawing of lots

<1st-4th Place decider Tournament>

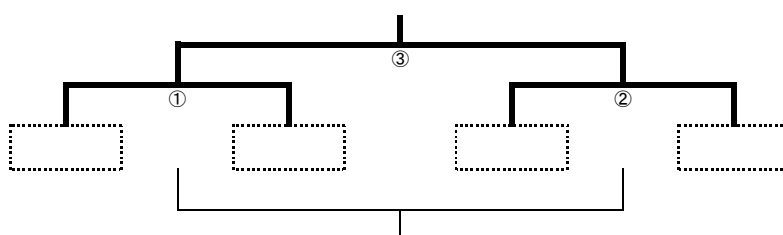
The 3 teams ranked 1st in each pool, plus the 1st placed team of the 3 teams ranked 2nd

<5th-8th Place decider Tournament>

The 2nd and 3rd placed teams of the teams ranked 2nd in each pool, plus the 1st and 2nd placed teams of the teams ranked 3rd

<9th-12th Place decider Tournament>

The 3rd placed team of the teams ranked 3rd in each pool, plus the 3 teams ranked 4th



\*The draw will be decided by lottery, with an additional adjustment to avoid teams from the same pool in the Pool Stage facing each other in the first round.

\*If teams are tied at fulltime, then the winner will be determined by the following criteria in that order:

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| 1. Number of tries                                                            | 2. Number of penalty tries | 3. Number of conversions |
| 4. The team to score the first try                                            | 5. The team to score first |                          |
| 6. If the score is 0-0, both teams select 5 players for a kicking competition |                            |                          |
| 7. If still tied, a second sudden-death style kicking competition             |                            |                          |

**NB** In case the score is even at full time in the Final, the two finalists will share the trophy.

**3. Schedule**

- APR 27 Coaches' Meeting
- APR 28 Pool Stage, Day 1
- APR 29 Opening Ceremony / Pool Stage, Day 2
- APR 30 Day off
- MAY 1 Pool Stage, Day 3
- MAY 2 Day off
- MAY 3 Place decider Tournament, Day 1
- MAY 4 Day off
- MAY 5 Place decider Tournament, Day 2 / Final / Commendation Ceremony