

# COMPETITION SYSTEM

The FISU WUC Rugby Sevens is a full ranking event.

## Pools structure

Teams will be placed into two pools of four based on their final seedings as follows:

<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Pool B</b>
Seed 1	Seed 2
Seed 4	Seed 3
Seed 5	Seed 6
Seed 8	Seed 7
Seed 9	Seed 10

The seeds will be determined by previous FISU World University Cup results and Qualifying Tournament results. The FISU TCC will propose the seeding to FISU for the first edition according to the last two WUCs country ranking, continental representation and Qualifying tournament results.

The pools will be drawn in accordance with the FISU regulations, usually 3 months before.

## Classification criteria

### **Match Point System**

Teams will play each other in each Pool on a round robin basis. Match points will be awarded for each pool match on the following basis:

- Win = 3 Points
- Draw = 2 Points
- Loss = 1 Point
- No Show = 0 Points

No extra time shall be played during the pool phase.

### **Ranking at the conclusion of the pool phase**

<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Pool B</b>
A1: Winner	B1: Winner
A2: Runner-up	B2: Runner-up
A3: Third	B3: Third
A4: Fourth	B4: Fourth
A5: Fifth	B5: Fifth

At the conclusion of the Pool phase, the teams in a pool are ranked one through five based on their cumulative match points, and identified respectively as winner, runner up, third, fourth and fifth.

If, at the completion of the Pool phase, two teams are equal on match points, the winner of the match in which the two tied teams have played each other will be the higher ranked.

If, at the completion of the Pool phase, two teams have played each other resulting in a draw or more than two teams are level on Match points, the following criteria will be used in the following order until one of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

- I. the team which has the best difference between points scored for and points scored against in all its Pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;
- II. the team which has the best difference between tries scored for and tries scored against in all its Pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;
- III. the team which has scored most points in all its Pool Matches shall be the higher ranked;
- IV. the team which has scored most tries in all its Pool Matches shall be the higher ranked; and
- V. if none of the above produce a result, then it will be resolved with a toss of a coin.

### **Knock out phase**

Based on the final ranking in each pool, the knock-out phase structure will be as follows:

Play-off Semi Final 1: A1 v B2

Play-off Semi Final 2: B1 v A2

With the winner of each of the Play-off semifinals progressing to the final as follows:

**Plays-off Semi Final 1 Winner v Play-Off Semi Final 2 Winner**

***Final Ranking Matches:***

Teams eliminated in the knock-out stage will still fight for positions 3rd and 4th.

For the final standings, the teams finishing third in each group will fight for positions 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>, those finishing fourth will play for 7th and 8th places and those finishing fifth will compete for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> positions as follows:

**A3 v B3**

**A4 v B4**

**A5 v B5**