



ABBF 7'S SEASON '23 - '24 RULES PACK

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Auckland Blood Bowl Federation (ABBF) has a long history of running Blood Bowl leagues in Auckland, every year since 2002.

This year, we are proud to announce that for the first time we will be running a season of 7's Blood Bowl. This will take place between the end of Season 2 2023, and the beginning of Season 1 2024.

Club nights are Thursdays at Hobbymaster in Penrose from 6:30pm. There is a \$5 table fee to play in store that goes on to your store credit.

If you can't make it to a Thursday League night, we are flexible, and you are free to play games at other times and venues.

After the 7's season has wrapped up, the ABBF will be hosting our first 7's tournament on Jan 27th, 2024. This will be a one-day event at Hobbymaster. More details to follow...

General league communication will be through our Facebook group page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/404203193341711/>

On the NZ Blood Bowl Community Discord server, in the #ABBF chat room:

<https://discord.gg/qUNp9cpvVT>

Results and the league table will also be posted on our website:

<https://abbf.co.nz>

The 7's League will be administered via a google sheet. If possible, please create your team on this gsheet. Only you will have edit access to your tab. Contact Daniel McNicoll for access:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZjuUZxQxRe5UNmrUHi_R-dMouTrb52r72BU4q037in0/edit?usp=sharing

Your League co-commissioners are:

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1.1 WHAT IS BLOOD BOWL 7'S ?

Blood Bowl 7's is the shorter and faster paced variant of Nuffle's Great game, played by rookie players and teams hoping to break into the bigtime Blood Bowl leagues.

It is quick and dynamic, and played on smaller pitches with 7 players per side.

Games typically take less than an hour which means we can get a couple of games in per league night.

It is a perfect way to introduce new or younger players to the game.

1.2 KEY DIFFERENCES FROM REGULAR BLOOD BOWL

The full rules for Blood Bowl 7's are in the Death Zone Supplement, from page 90.

Some key differences to 'normal Blood Bowl' to keep in mind:

- Smaller pitch split into 3^{rds}, with separated lines of scrimmage for each team.
- Smaller teams, between 7 and 11 players.
- The team draft budget is only 600,000 copper pieces.
- Only 4 non-lineman type players per team.
- Re-rolls cost double.
- 7's specific Kick-Off, Prayers to Nuffle and Injury tables.
- Players do not earn SPP. After each game one chosen player earns a random Primary skill, or a randomly selected player earns a random Secondary skill.
- A touchback will be caused if the ball lands out of play or in the kicking teams 3rd of the field.

1.3 WHAT DO I NEED TO PLAY BLOOD BOWL 7'S ?

Your team of players.

A copy of your team roster, printed if possible.

A pitch if you have one, though 11's pitches can be used and modified with 7's markings, particularly double sided pitches.

3x Block Dice, 2x d6, 1x d8 and 1x d16.

2.0 SEASON STRUCTURE

The season is split into a Regular Season and a Finals Series.

Due to the tight timeframe, we will not be running a preseason for the 7's league.

2.1 REGULAR SEASON

The regular season will consist of 6 games, played on a casual basis.

Each team will be permitted to play 6 games in the Regular Season. Once a team has played its 6 games, it must be 'parked' until the Finals.

This will not be a scheduled season, meaning there will be no official draw.

Coaches may arrange games among themselves or may be randomly selected among available coaches on league nights.

Each team may play another team only once, and another coach no more than twice.

Coaches are permitted to run more than one team, if they have the time and inclination.

League points are awarded:

- 3 for a Win
- 1 for a Draw
- 0 for a Loss

Match results must be passed to the league commissioner and verified by both coaches. These will be recorded on the League spreadsheet and will form a ladder.

There is no Extra Time in the regular season.

2.3 FINALS

At the end of the regular season there is a Finals Series available for all coaches.

The Finals will consist of two rounds, a Semi Final and a Grand Final round, played on the last league night 11/01/2024.

The top 4 teams will enter the Cup Finals, the next 4 teams will enter the Plate Finals, and the remaining teams will enter the Shield Finals.

Teams will be seeded into each Finals division based on their placing in the league ladder at the end of the Regular Season

2.3.1 EXTRA TIME

In the Semi Final and Grand Final rounds, each game must have a winner decided. To this end we will use the following rules for Extra Time.

For the 7s League we will be using the Extra Time rules as stated on p.67 of the Blood Bowl Rulebook, with the following addition.

At the start of the Extra Time half, after the kick has been placed, instead of rolling on the kick-off table, the kick-off result will automatically be a Blitz! result.

This to help mitigate the advantage of receiving the ball in the Extra Time half.

Note that any further kick offs in Extra Time will be rolled as normal.

If there is still no result at the end of Extra Time, i.e., the game is still drawn, then the game will go to a Sudden Death penalty shoot-out as described on p.67 of the Blood Bowl rulebook.

2.5 THE GLITTERING PRIZES

At the end of the Grand Final the following trophies will be awarded, and awkward photographs taken:

- 7's League Champion
- 7's League Runner Up
- 3rd Place
- Plate Final Winner
- Plate Final Runner Up
- Shield Final Winner
- Most Casualties caused.
- Most Touchdowns scored.
- Best Rooke (awarded to the top finishing player in their first season with the ABBF).
- Wooden Spoon

All trophies remain property of the ABBF.

3.0 ABBF 7S SEASON '23-'24 RULES

Rules for Blood Bowl 7's can be found in the Death Zone Supplement p.90 to p.97.

3.1 OFFICIAL RULES

The ABBF 7s League uses the following GW Blood Bowl Rules and Supplements:

- Blood Bowl Second Edition – The Official Rules
- Death Zone
- Spike! Magazine #13 (Khorn)
- Spike! Magazine #14 (Norse)
- Spike! Magazine #15 (Amazon)
- Spike! Magazine #16 (Vampires)
- 2022 Almanac
- Teams of Legend (Chaos Dwarfs, High Elves, Tomb Kings only) <https://www.warhammer-community.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/IFZy1SluNmWvxPj1.pdf>
- The November 2023 FAQ & Errata document <https://www.warhammer-community.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/P9GJXUTdGyGDeZkk.pdf>

3.2 PLAYER DRAFTING

It is the dream of every 7's player to make it into the big-time leagues.

At the end of the Finals Series, one player from each 7's team will be eligible to be drafted into that coaches next 11's team for Season 1 2024.

In order for a player to be eligible to be drafted, the following conditions must be met:

- **Like for like.**

The 7's team and the 11's team must be of the same race or have 100% compatible players. i.e a Human Lineman from a Human 7's team could be drafted on to Old World Alliance 11's team but not a Chaos Renegades 11's team.
A Goblin from a Goblin 7's could be drafted onto an Orc 11's team, but not a Black Orc 11's team, or Chaos Renegades 11's team.
- **Only the best need apply.**

The player(s) with the most advancements are the only eligible players on the team. If this is more than one player, then the coach may pick which will be the eligible player.
- **It'll cost you..**

The player costs its full hire cost, plus the costs of all advancements, plus a 20,000 GP agent fee.
- **Have you ever been experienced?**

When drafted onto an 11's team, the player will start with SPP equal to the minimum required to reach the level ups they have gained from the 7's league, as if all skill-ups were chosen skills.

3.3 HOUSE RULES

Dice that roll off the table should always be rerolled on the table.

Cocked dice should be rerolled. If a dice is not flat, it is cocked.

We are an inclusive club of tabletop gamers. No exclusive behaviour or language will be tolerated. Be welcoming and kind. Don't be a dick.

4.0 7'S SEASON 23-24 SCHEDULE

7s Rounds 1&2	14/12/2023
7s Rounds 3&4	21/12/2023
7s Rounds 5&6	4/1/2024
7s Semi & Grand Finals	11/1/2024
11s Pre Season 1	18/1/2024
7s Tournament	27/1/2024
11s Pre-Season2	1/2/2024