



WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2010

Shawnigan Parent News



Photo: Sr. Boys' Rugby in Argentina. For more photos and stories, go to <http://www.shawnigan.ca/now>

Summer Dress

The School is very appreciative to have the Shawnigan Parents' Association re-institute the Used Uniform Store! President Trish Letient, and current parent, Sue Crowley, have spent many days organizing, steaming, and hanging clothing in preparation for sale. Their hours of hard work on the top floor of the Main Building have not gone un-noticed! Once again, the summer dress uniform sale times for students are:

April 7 (7:00 - 9:00pm) / April 9 (8:00 - 9:30pm) /
April 11 (10:30am - 1:30pm)

If your child purchases uniform items, they will be charged to their student account.

Features of the Game – Jo-Ann Allard

As the spring rugby season starts in earnest, we would like to offer the following tutorial for those parents new to the game. Our writer, Jo-Ann, is a Shawnigan Parent whose athletic sons, Ben and Paddy graduated a number of years ago. She was a rookie spectator on the sidelines when the boys began their rugby careers.

1. Kick-offs – These occur at the beginning of the game, to start the second half, and after each score.

2. Scrummage (Scrum) – The forwards from the two teams bind together after a minor infringement, leaving a tunnel between the two packs of forwards. The ball is put into the scrum between the opposing rows. Using feet only, players move the ball backwards through their pack where it is then picked up and passed to the backs.

3. Passing – All rugby passes must be to the side or backwards. They can never be forward as in Canadian/American football.

4. Tackle – only a player carrying the ball may be tackled. There is no blocking (interference) allowed. A tackle may be high (around or above the shoulders), but not dangerous.

5. Options of Tackled Players – a) A player can try to stay on his feet and wait for his players to arrive and help get the ball moving. This is called a MAUL. b) If brought to the ground, a player must release the ball. He does this by quickly passing it or by placing it on the ground beside him. The hope is that his team will be able to push the other team off the ball. This is called a RUCK.

6. Line-Out – When the ball goes out-of-bounds over the sideline (in touch), the game restarts with a line-out. Both sets of forwards line up parallel to each other and at right angles to the side line. The ball is then thrown from the side between the two lines of players.

7. Touch Down – This occurs when a player touches down the ball in his own in-goal area. The game then restarts either by: a) a drop kick from the defending team's 22 metre line (if opposition took ball into their in-goal area; or b) a five-metre scrummage awarded to the attacking team (if defenders took the ball into their goal area).

8. Try – A try is scored by grounding the ball in the opponents' In-goal.

9. Goal – A goal is scored by kicking the ball over the opponents' cross-bar and between goal posts from the field-of-play by any

Upcoming Events:

April 24-25 Leave Weekend

April 28 Shawnigan Parents' Association Speaker Series - Pamela Richardson (7pm, Studio Theatre)

April 28-30 Jazz Band at West Coast Jazz Fest. in Nanaimo

May 7-9 Shawnigan Lake School Regatta

June 5-6 Leave Weekend

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place kick or drop kick, except a kick-off, drop out or free kick, without touching the ground or any player of the kicker's team.

10. Players – there are 15 players per team, 8 are forwards and 7 are backs. The game is played by males and females of all ages.

11. The Officials – there is one referee in charge of the game. There are two linesmen (touch judges) who help by indicating when the ball is in touch (off the field of play).

Scoring

1) A **Try** = 5 points. The ball must be touched down on the ground beyond the opposition's goal line.

2) A **Convert** = 2 points. A kick taken after a try is scored. The kick is taken anywhere on a line straight back from where the ball was set down for the try. ie) the kicker may kick from as far back as necessary to improve the angle for the kick.

3) A **Penalty Goal** = 3 points. A kick taken for an infringement of the rules. Like all goals, including converts, the ball must go over the crossbar and between the posts.

4) A **Drop Goal** = 3 points. A half-volley kick taken during play.

The game is normally two forty-minute halves with a short on-field half-time break. Time may vary according to the age of players.

Vancouver City Event – April 15, 2010

Please join Headmaster, David Robertson, staff and fellow Vancouver area Shawnigan supporters as we gather together for our Annual Vancouver City Event on Thursday, April 15th!

This year's event will be hosted by the Terminal City Club (837 West Hastings) and will begin at 6:00pm. Highlights of the evening include a slideshow detailing the happenings and goings-on of the 2009/10 school year, and the Headmaster's always entertaining "State of Shawnigan Address." There will be appetizers and drinks provided, as well as the opportunity to win prizes and rub shoulders with alumni, parents and others who share the common bond of Shawnigan.

*Please note that the Terminal City Club has a dress policy that prohibits jeans and cell phones.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Ryan Panton '97 at 250-743-6257 or rpanton@shawnigan.ca. Guests are always welcome, but please make sure you indicate if you will be bringing anyone so we have an idea of numbers. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!