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**ONONDAGA COUNTY**  
**Junior/Explorer Sports Rules & Regulations 1**  
**O.C. V.A Rules For Explorer/Junior (RAMS) Firepersons**

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Modified 1989  
Modified 5/18/1994  
Changed 1/15/1997  
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Changed 5/19/2004

1. Proof of insurance either through Boy Scouts of America or other insurance through private carrier.
2. 18 year old age limit. Not reaching 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
3. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Trophy's or Plaques only, NO CASH.
  - a. All references to Junior's will include (RAMS) restricted activity member.
4. Water accuracy event:
  - a. Turn-out gear of coats, boots and Hard helmet
    - 1) No cutoff boots.
    - 2) Cut off coats will be allowed only if  $\frac{3}{4}$ -length sewn hem and full sleeves, sewn cuff.
    - 3) Bunkers boots will be allowed only if worn WITH bunker pants.
    - 4) Pull-up boots will be pulled up.
    - 5) Hard helmet is a fire helmet non-rescue type.
  - b. Two team limit: eight (8) participants needed. All team captains have to sign in for their Department team. Contest entrance closes at draw time. No entries after the draw.
  - c. Contest will be decided by best two (2) of three (3) pushes.
5. Will race with O.C.V.F.A Sports Equipment.
6. Judges will be decided before the contest begins.
7. Any participant who belongs to two or more Junior Departments, (RAMS), will be allowed to participate for one department only during time of events.
8. On any protest, ONLY the team captain and ONE advisor will make the protest, before the event continues.
9. A Junior/Explorer member CANNOT play on any adult team of any kind during events.
10. During departmental events, local adoption of County rules would alter 4b and eliminate rule 5.

## ONE AND ONE-HALF INCH HOSE

### WATER-BALL ACCURACY EVENT

1. Nozzle pressure— operating pressures for Convention water-ball accuracy event shall be as follows:

A. One and one half (1-1/2) inch hose event set at eighty (80) PSI at the nozzle tip.

2. During any Convention water-ball accuracy contest, one (1) contestant may hold or play the "nozzle" position. The remaining three (3) contestants shall be used to handle the hose and be prepared to advance it forward or move it back so as not to hinder the nozzle operator.

3. During any/all Convention water-ball accuracy events all four (4) contestants on each team shall have at least one (1) hand on the hose at all times. In case of any contestant falling, the Center Judge shall be responsible for determining weather or not contact or control of the hose is lost. Failure to hold hose or nozzle or lose control shall result in a disqualification of that team for that heat. And credit for the win of that heat will be awarded to the opposing team.

4. In any/all Convention water-ball accuracy contests, each team, at completion of each heat, shall return water stream to the pavement, set (NOT DROP) nozzle on ground,(AFTER LINES ARE SHUT DOWN) and exchange ends of the wire.

5. In any/all Convention water-ball accuracy contests, any team intentionally turning their water stream on an opposing team shall automatically forfeit that heat.

6. During any/all water-ball accuracy event, the nozzle and caller persons of any team can NOT reverse positions or play on any other team.

7. In event of injuries or sickness, substitutions will be allowed but NO nozzle person or caller that has played that day can be used as a substitute, (accepted at OCVFA sports meeting 5/94)

### FIREMATIC RACES:

1. A flag system shall be used for starting races when necessary.

2. All contestants in any/all events shall wear athletic-type sneakers. No oversized footwear shall be allowed.

3. EQUIPMENT RACE— All contestants shall start one-hundred fifty (150) feet from the finish line wearing athletic-type sneakers (no oversized footwear will be allowed) with both sneakers laced through the two (2) bottom holes and the top two (2) holes and bow tied at the top. At the starting signal the contestants(s) shall run forty-four (44) feet to the fire helmet (no rescue type helmets allowed), fire type hip boots and fire coat (either rubber or canvas), or Bunker pants and bunker boots, After untying completely, both sneakers and removing same, the contestant shall then don both fire-type hip boots and pull them up full length, or don the bunker pants and pull the suspenders over the shoulders, don the fire coat and buckle the top four (4) buckles and don the fire-helmet, all BEFORE leaving the fifty (50) foot mark on the course, (NOTE equipment may be donned in any order) The contestant(s) shall then run one-hundred (100) feet to the finish line. Event shall be run in heats not to exceed the maximum of three (3) contestants per heat, (NOTE: contestants shall be allowed to touch shoe laces at the starting line before the start of each heat). Failure to untie sneakers or the loss of either boot or failure to buckle the top four (4) buckles of the fire coat or loss of the helmet before reaching the finish line or not having the suspenders over the shoulders shall INCUR A 5 SECOND SECOND PENALTY PER INFRACTION. Loss of boot or helmet means: boot not on body, helmet hits ground. Also all contestants equipment shall be subject to examination by the judges upon completion of the heat. NO gimmicks allowed.

4. 7 MAN HOSE RACE—this event requires (3) participants MINIMUM and seven (7) MAXIMUM

Up to 7 team members allowed. Prior to start, nozzle and 3 lengths of 1-1/2 hose will be laid Uncoupled and end to end on the course between a hydrant, which is 25 feet in front of the Starting line and the target line which is 200 feet in front of

the starting line.

At the signal, participants will run from the starting line, couple the 3 lengths of hose, attach Hydrant and nozzle and trip target with water stream from nozzle. All requirements must be Met to stop clock. ANY INFRACTION OF RULES WILL INCUR A 5 SECOND PENALTY PER INFRACTION.

*WYE RACE: This event requires five ( 5 ) participants MAXIMUM*

*A. Equipment shall consist of 150 ft of 1-1/2 " hose, 2 each 1-1/2 " straight tip nozzles, one 1-1/2 " wye and 2 targets.*

*B. Race objective shall be to uncouple 1 length of hose, couple this hose to the hydrant and connect to the wye to the other end of this same hose. Then uncouple the other 2 lengths of hose and attach each length to the butt of the wye, connect a nozzle to each hose line and use a water stream from each nozzle to trip a target.*

*C. RACE PROCEDURE: The starting line shall be located 100 " before the hydrant line. The targets shall be located 125 " beyond the hydrant line. 3 (three)fifty-foot lengths of 1-1/2 " hose shall be coupled hand tight and placed in a straight flat line in the center of the course and be inspected by a judge. This hose will be placed beginning at a line located 25 feet before the hydrant line, extending down the race course 150 feet. The wye and the 2 nozzles and all contestants shall start from the starting line. At the starting signal, all contestants shall start from the starting line with the wye and nozzles. They shall connect 1 length of hose to the hydrant and connect the wye to opposite end of the same length of hose. The remaining 2 lengths of hose shall then be uncoupled from each other and 1 length of hose connected to the each butt of the wye. The nozzles shall then be connected to each length of hose and the water stream from each nozzle shall be used to trip the respective target on each side of the race course. The race procedure may be carried out in any sequence. All teams shall be responsible for setting up their own hose. The hose may be kinked by hand. No equipment shall be touched until the starting signal is given.*

*The 'official lime' shall be taken from the starting signal and shall continue until the second target is tripped by its respective hose line.*

*ANY INFRACTION OF THE RULES WILL INCUR A 5 SECOND PENALTY PER INFRACTION.*

#### HOSE CART RACE

*Maximum of seven (7) contestants allowed*

*A. Equipment shall consist of a cart, with four lengths of 1-1 1/2 inch hose*

*Properly coupled together in the cart hose bed, at the starting line twenty-five (25) feet behind the hydrant.*

*B. At the start of the race, no piece of equipment or person shall be ahead of The starting line. Up to two (2) hydrant people are allowed to hold the hose. The nozzle person may hold the nozzle and up to two (2) pullers shall have Hold of the cart handle to start.*

*C. At the starting signal, contestants shall run down the course with the cart; Connect to the hydrant; lay the hose, which must come off from the rear of The cart, in a normal manner; manually break the third coupling at one hundred fifty (150) feet; connect the nozzle and trip the right side target, located at the line one hundred seventy-five (175) feet from the hydrant. The hose cannot be touched by any contestant, except the hydrant people, until The third coupling has touched the ground.*

*D. ANY INFRACTION OF THE RULES WILL INCUR A 5 SECOND PENALTY PER INFRACTION.*