



UTAH YOUTH RUGBY

2014 Season and onward



AGENDA

- 2012-2013 Review
- Migration to new system and how we will be collecting fees.
- Coaches Association
- Keep Rugby Clean
- Rugby Development Officers: Coaching our Coaches
- Referee Development and opportunities
- Player Eligibility
- Growth
 - Middle School changes for growth
- 2014 Season
 - Season
 - Clubs and schools
- Utah Open

Results for 2012-2013

- Teams
 - 29 Boys HS/ Club Varsity level teams
 - 7 Girls Varsity Teams
 - 13 9/10 grade
 - 11 Middle School teams

Participants

- 2447 Middle School and above players
- 526 Summer Youth Players
- 146 Coaches
- ? Referees

Youth Development

- 2013-2014 Goals
 - 10,00 Kids reached
 - 70 PE teachers
- 2 new HS Girls Teams
- 6 new middle schools boys
- 4 new middle school girls
- 800 kids playing summer rugby
- Fall Rugby:

System Changes for 2013-2014

- Migrated to SportNGIN in March 2013 and tested in summer programs.
 - Better tracking of players and documents
 - Players can upload photos, grades, IDs , etc while registering.
 - System will CIPP players to teams directly, no more going to USAR.
 - Allow for payment plans and discount codes
- WHY?

Fee Collection and Distribution

- New system will collect all fees for all clubs.
 - Analysis of last 3 years of quickbooks shows it costs the state \$99.43 per player to run the Spring season and \$78 per player for Summer.
 - Each club can determine how much for dues BUT state will retain \$100 of the fees per player.
 - Ex: Viewmont HS charges \$225 per player for dues. A player signs up and pays fees. State retains \$100 and passes the remaining \$125 to club.
 - Team can offer scholarships via discount codes but state always collects \$100 per player.
 - Clubs have no bills anymore, monies returned to club are liquid.
 - State will distribute funds bi-weekly to clubs electronically. If state manages books for club, monies available immediately.

Keep Rugby Clean

- What Culture Do we want to have?
 - Respect for Coaches, Officials, Players
 - Respect from all the above plus PARENTS AND FANS
 - Encourage post game BBQs or gatherings.
 - Talk Story
 - Yell For, Not At

Coaching Development: Coaching the Coaches

- New Rugby Development Officer(s) under Ken Rivera
- Working to teach what would be done in the iRB LVL 3 certification process
- Not just drills but how to better coach, build players, functional Identification, Seasonality etc.

Referee Development

- Development
- Training
- Technical Zones
- Respect
- All teams required to have a lvl 1 ref and they will be used for middle school games.

Player Eligibility

- Is Rugby available at school?
- How mobile do we allow players to be?
- Lets define!

Middle School Growth and Incentives

- We are losing 7/8 grade teams and this will have an increasingly negative effect on High Schools.
- Summer Youth Programs are growing and generating players
- For consideration:
 - Align the 7/8 grade teams with schools not clubs (instead of West Jordan 7/8, it is West Hills Middle school rugby)
 - Will help with team promotion
 - For every new school aligned team with a 2 year coaching commitment, UYR will provide a jersey kit.

Middle School Growth and Incentives

- What about Under 135 and over 135lbs categories?
 - Huge size disparities at this age.
 - Under 135 can pull from 6th grade as well.
- We also need girls middle school!!!
 - Same incentives apply.
- We will be reaching out to Summer Youth Coaches for our growth!

2014 Season

- Propose start 15 March 2014
 - Will schedule Football stadiums for some games to relieve field space.
- No Blackout dates
- Coaches association will do schedules THERE WILL BE MID WEEK AND FRIDAY MATCHES
- Regular season ends before 3 May.
- 3 May is Varsity Cup Finals, North v South Boys and Girls Select Sides plus Utah Open.
- 10 May begins playoffs
- 17 May is State Championships.

2014 Season

- 24 and 31 May are Regional All-Stars
- All Star XV Touring Squad travels in June.
 - Dates and costs provided by Jan 2014
- All-Star 7s travel is July and Feb (LVI).
- Fall 2014 starts Middle and HS 7s in the fall.
- Summer Youth 7s will run June and July in a 7s tourney approach with medals awarded for each age group. We will run U6,U8,U10,U11,U12, U14

What to do with Schools and Clubs?

- How do we break things up?
- What about outlier who need to combine schools, like Tooele and Cache?
- We all need to decide this!!!

Utah Open

- 3 may will be the Varsity Cup and all star games at Rio Tinto Stadium.
- We are working with Sport Unlimited (Owner of USA7s) and NBC Universal to televise and promote games in stadium
- We will also have the “Utah Challenge” a 3 game challenge based tournament leading up to the Varsity Cup final.
- Allow teams to play against teams they typically don't see
- Invite teams from out of state to participate