

2021 Spring 15s Committee Meeting



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Agenda

- State of Rugby in the USA
- 2021 Dates
- 2021 Registration process
- Spring 15s League
- Scheduling



State of Rugby in the USA



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USA Rugby Bankruptcy

- Filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy - March 31, 2020
- Filed Sub-Chapter 5 bankruptcy - April 24, 2020
- Supported by World Rugby
- Reduced USA Rugby operations
- Created community based National Councils

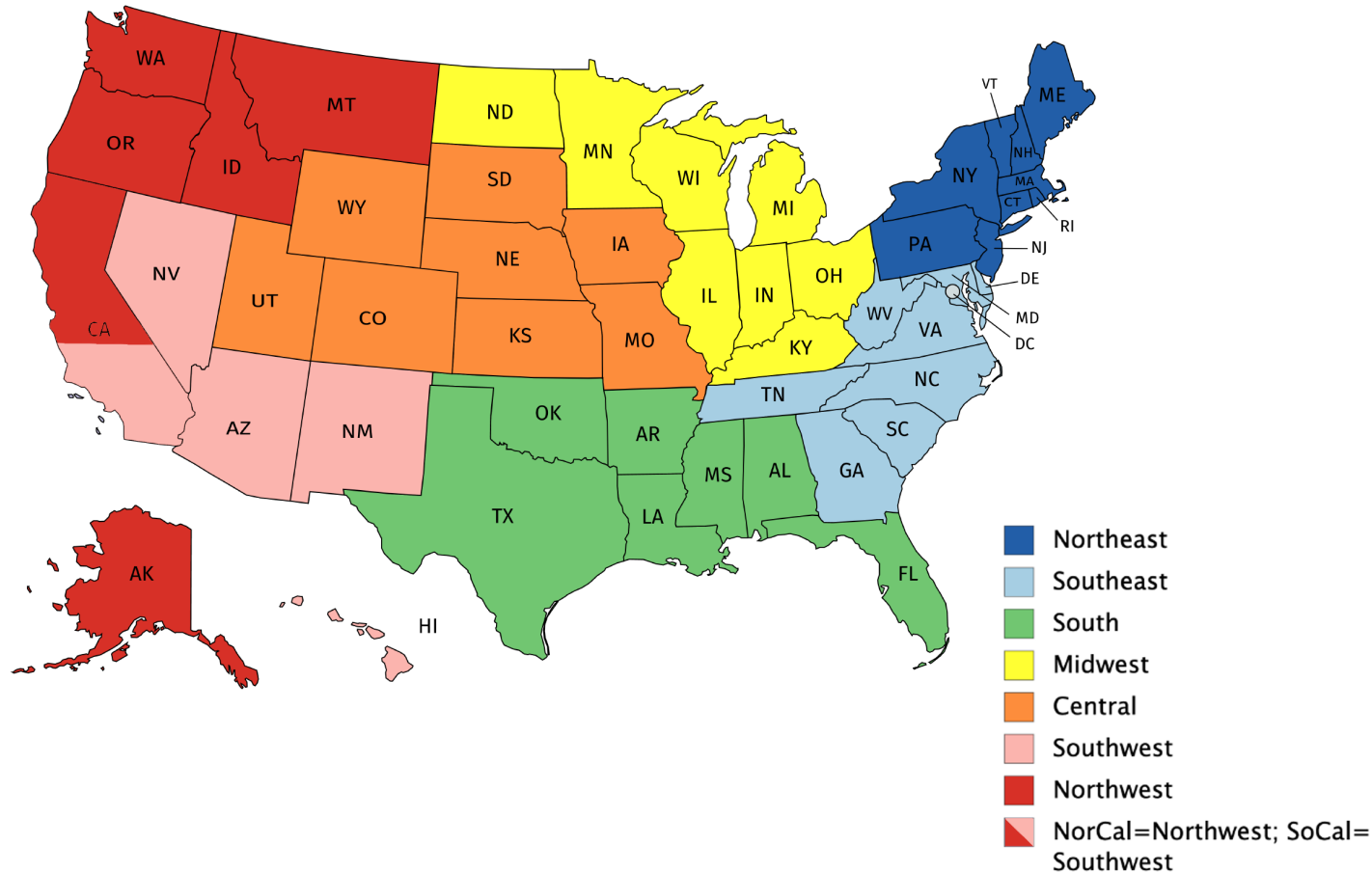


USA Youth and High School Rugby

- States organized into regions
- Utah in Central Region
- Regional representatives elected
- Owen Power elected to represent Central Region
- Regional representatives formed the Youth and High School National Council



USA YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



USA Youth and High School Rugby

- USA Youth and High School Rugby incorporated in the District of Columbia on May 18, 2020
- Nonprofit corporation
- Regional representatives initial directors
- IRS 501(c)(3) Determination letter issued on June 16, 2020



USA Youth and High School Rugby

- Appointed InjureFree as insurance broker
- Negotiated a Community Agreement with USAR
- Negotiated a contract for the SportLomo registration system





2021 Events



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2021 EVENTS

- Spring 15s –March through April 24
- State Championships Playoffs – May 1
- State Championships Finals – May 8
- Girls Nationals – May 15 and 16
- Regional Tournament – May 20, 21 and 22
- Little League 7s – May 22 through June 26
- U14 Girls 7s – July 10, 17, 24 & 31



2021 Registration



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2021 High School and Middle School Player Registration

- \$150 – Player fee
 - \$14 - USA Rugby
 - \$11 – USA Youth & HS Rugby
 - \$125 – Utah Youth Rugby
 - No extra cost for Fall 7s players
- Registration now open through Sportlomo
- Player uploads current school ID card





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- <https://www.utahyouthrugby.org/player-registration>
- <https://www.usa.rugby/>



Spring 15s League



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General Approach

- 15s Season - Mid-March to Mid-May
- League comprises conferences by age divisions – 7/8 Grade, 9/10 Grade and 11/12 Grade
- One set of policies to govern all conferences in the league
- Team eligibility policies
- Team conference choice with responsibilities
- Player movement allowed but restricted
- Conferences organized with like teams in roster makeup and strength



Team Eligibility

- Eligibility for each conference determined by
 - Club status with school if affiliated with a school or not
 - Core school representation on each team roster
 - Club with age-based teams – 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12
- Red Conference follows USA Rugby Team Eligibility rule
 - Team must be represented by a roster that is limited to: players that are registered students at the High School
- All other conferences for teams choosing not to be bound by the above eligibility rule



Play Where You Live

- 7th Graders and new players (Grades 8 and up) are required to join the club that
 - Has a team for their age; and
 1. That is affiliated with the high school zoned for their residential address; or
 2. The nearest to where they live if not zoned for a high school with a team
- Waiver process available if desired
 - Written application required (with a fee)
 - Committee reviewed
 - Approved or denied
- That club becomes their primary home club and remain with that club throughout school career no matter what team they were or will / may be eligible for in the future
- Transfer rules apply after joining primary home club



Player Transfers

- Only one player transfer request available in 6-year period
- Apply by last day of February before season starts
- New players transfer request is considered used whether waiver is allowed
- Additional transfers allowed when
 - Primary home club disbands;
 - Player transfers schools; or
 - Player's residential address changes



Field Management

- Technical Zones
- Coaches – Badged
- Players - Dressed
- Field Signage
- 4th Official
 - UYR Employed (drawn from clubs)
 - Roster checks
- Certified touch judges – clubs provide
- Game film



Conferences

- Conferences for league play by roster make up
 - Red
 - Blue / White
 - Green – if needed for new teams
- Minimum 6 team conference – combine as needed
- 9/10 and 7/8 follow Varsity



League Play

- Conferences may not be larger than 6 teams each
- Conferences with more than 6 teams are divided with the higher seeded teams being in the higher division
- Teams play all teams in the conference for division standings purposes



League Play

- Teams may play additional teams from other conferences to make up 5 league matches if needed for division standings purposes
- All matches in excess of 5 are considered friendlies and only affect overall league standings
- UYR may limit total number of matches per team



State Championships

- Teams in each conference division compete in a State Championship playoff following the regular season
- Top 4 conference teams to semi finals
- 9/10 and 7/8 follow Varsity



Club / Team Management

- Register team by February 15th to be included on schedule
- Register 15 players on Sportlomo by February 28th to stay on schedule
- Teams to maintain binder with school ID and waivers – bring to games
- Match no show penalty (less than 1-week notice)
 - \$150 to cover ref and medic fees
 - Match forfeit



Sanctioned Rugby Events

- Spring 15s Conference Matches & State Championship matches are sanctioned
- Clubs must apply for sanction to hold:
 - Non-conference matches
 - Club organized tournaments
 - Club organized camps
- Clubs responsible for field, ref and AT costs for events for which sanction was requested



Spring 15s Schedule



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Spring 15s Schedule

- Teams to provide blackout dates now
- Home field availability
- Conference choice
- Commissioners will build schedule
- Draft schedule by last week of February



Blue/White Conference Varsity

- Genesis
- Layton Christian Academy
- SLV Rhinos
- Snow Canyon
- West Valley Warriors



Blue/White Conference 9/10

- Layton Christian Academy
- SLV Rhinos
- Snow Canyon
- South Davis
- West Valley Warriors



Blue/White Conference 7/8

- Genesis
- Layton Christian Academy
- SLV Rhinos
- Snow Canyon
- South Davis
- West Valley Warriors



Red Conference Varsity

- American Fork
- East
- Kearns
- Mountain Ridge



Red Conference 9/10

- East
- Mountain Ridge



Red Conference 7/8

- American Fork
- East



Girls Conference Varsity

- East
- Kearns
- Mountain Ridge



Girls Conference 7/8

- East

