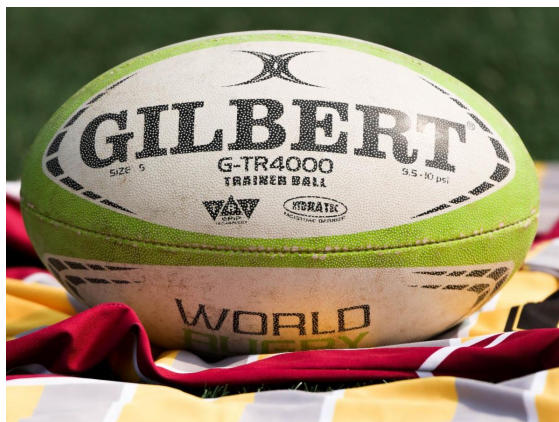




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Return to Play - Options & Contingencies



While these are unprecedented times, we continue to watch the directives and recommendations across multiple agencies.

Safety

Rugby Ohio is concerned, first and foremost, with the safety of its participants and their families. We would rather not offer programming than put people at unnecessary risk.

Health & Wellbeing

Participating in sports and physical activity is good for children and young adults. Rugby Ohio plans to offer opportunities for players to participate in a structured, virtual strength and conditioning program. Teams can participate as a group. Family members are welcome to join in.

Responsible Participation

Rugby Ohio wants to provide a fall season for its players. This could mean in a non-contact form of the game that is designed for fun and not for traditional competition. As of today, the Ohio Department of Health requires weekly testing of all participants in order to compete. This simply is not practical for our rugby teams. If allowed, the non-contact version would at least give teams a chance to engage in games and still have time for players to spend time with ball in hand. Stay tuned for surveys to gauge interest from players. The goal is to practice in September and hold matches in October. The cost would be very low and would include CIPP insurance for the year.

There are also plans in development for the spring season. If timing of the season needs to be adjusted to accommodate other sports, that will happen. Rugby Ohio's goal is to support safe and fun participation for all children and young adults who want to play rugby in Ohio!

References:

- [State of Ohio – Responsible Restart Mandatory Practices for Skills Training](#)
- [CDC Consideration for Youth Sports](#)
- [USA Rugby Return to Play Guidelines](#)
- [OHSAA - Return to Play and Specific Sport Guidelines](#)



USA Youth & High School Rugby

USA Rugby and the new national youth organization, USA Youth & High School Rugby, are finalizing the details of a community agreement. This agreement will be voted on by all State Governing Bodies and the terms of the agreement would be in effect as of September 1st. Fees for the new registration cycle will be determined within this agreement. Rugby Ohio will notify all stakeholders once this has been resolved. The SGBs are working together to ensure reasonable fees for valuable services from USA Rugby.

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