



Regional Conferences

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE LOGOS



Rugby Ohio has utilized the time provided by the cancelled 2019 spring season to address the two biggest complaints relating to our spring HS competition structure. Click [here](#) to read the full explanation, as provided by Competitions Chair Dan Hayes.

This plan was developed to address the feedback received from you - the coaches - over the years. The highlights are: keep play as local as possible; foster regional rivalries and traditions; send as many teams as possible to the playoffs; get away from a promotion/relegation divisional model that does not accommodate the inconsistent play from season to season of many of our teams; structure rugby more like traditional high school sports in Ohio; create a model that does not encourage blowouts. This new approach addresses every one of those challenges.

Playoff Divisions



BOYS RUGBY OHIO DIVISIONS



GIRLS RUGBY OHIO DIVISIONS

SUPER

SUPER D1
Teams in top half of single school in terms of male student population.

- Archbishop Moeller (879)
- St. Edward (970)
- St. Ignatius (1524)
- St. Xavier (1514)

SUPER JV
Teams in lower half of single school in terms of male student population.

- Archbishop Moeller JV
- St. Edward JV
- St. Ignatius JV
- St. Xavier JV

SUPER JV-B*
All new teams, recreational Bs and teams who choose not to be competitive. Ultra flexible scheduling.

- Archbishop Moeller B
- St. Edward B
- St. Ignatius B
- St. Xavier B

* Super JV-B will not have a playoff.

SINGLE SCHOOL

SINGLE SCHOOL D1
Teams in top half of single school in terms of male student population.

- Unlimited number of divisions
- Maximum of 8 teams per division
- A single school team has at least 18 players from the same school, and no less than 85% of total registered players from that same school.
- Divisional assignments in single school and club are based entirely upon male student population available for recruitment.

SINGLE SCHOOL D2
Teams in lower half of single school in terms of male student population.

CLUB

COMPETITIVE CLUB D1
Teams in top half of competitive club system in terms of male student population.

- Maximum of 2 divisions for competitive clubs
- Minimum of 6 teams per division

COMPETITIVE CLUB D2
Teams in lower half of competitive club system in terms of male student population.

RECREATIONAL CLUB
All new teams, recreational Bs and teams who choose not to be competitive. Ultra flexible scheduling.

SINGLE SCHOOL

SINGLE SCHOOL D1
Teams in top half of single school in terms of female student population.

- Unlimited number of divisions
- Maximum of 8 teams per division
- A single school team has at least 18 players from the same school, and no less than 85% of total registered players from that same school.
- Divisional assignments in single school and club are based entirely upon female student population available for recruitment.

SINGLE SCHOOL D2
Teams in lower half of single school in terms of female student population.

CLUB

COMPETITIVE CLUB D1
Teams in top half of competitive club system in terms of female student population.

- Maximum of 2 divisions for competitive clubs

COMPETITIVE CLUB D2
Teams in lower half of competitive club system in terms of female student population.

Continuing with the metrics used by OHSAA in other sports, playoff divisions are determined by the student population associated with that team. Unlike OHSAA, we have the opportunity to continue to embrace our club teams because we think they are an important part of the Rugby Ohio landscape. Last year, 7 state titles were on offer. With this new model, there are 6 titles for boys and 4 titles for girls and every team has the opportunity to compete for one of them.

One of the reasons for the more complicated and travel required schedules of the past was to try to end the season where teams in a division had comparable schedules so that they could be seeded easily. That just does not work, especially when taking into account the changes within any one team from year to year. Using the OHSAA model again, a formula was developed to award points for wins based on the relative nature of the teams involved - if you play a higher level team and do well, you get more points. This will be calculated and shared weekly throughout the season.

Seeding Detail

Spring Preparation Timeline

- The new website does not have a password protected area for coaches. You'll be able to contact any coach through the Club Finder once it's fully populated but in the meantime, [here](#) is the coach contact list from early April of 2020. We will also try to include it in the Sport Manager area of the new system.
- Teams listed with an asterisk after their name are considered 'emerging' teams. Rugby Ohio will work with those coaches to ensure that they are well placed for the spring so as to set them up for success.
- Deadlines:
 - Declare single school by 12/31
 - Have 15 registered players by 2/15 and 18 by 3/1
 - Those who register by 2/28 receive a t-shirt
 - Registration closes (for purposes of divisional assignments) by 3/15
 - Schedules for 2nd sides will be given if a team reaches 35 players by 3/1
- USA Y&HS Rugby will hold Sportlomo training sessions. If you have not attended a training already and received your login credentials, stay tuned for upcoming sessions.
- Example of team summary based on 2019 registration can be found [here](#).

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