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From the Board of Directors

Dear Rugby Family,

I am sending this message to you on behalf of our 19 member board of directors. 2020 has been quite a year. We recognize the many challenges you've experienced and overcome through it all. We want to take a moment to tell you how much we appreciate you.

This year, more than ever, we're in this together to do what's right for our families and communities. We're trying to do our part as well by donating our time to Rugby Ohio to help strengthen our communities. We feel fortunate to have the opportunity to expand our youth offerings to include a recreational program for children of every age regardless of their abilities. We believe this is the best way we can support our volunteer coaches, the players, and the families who support us. Most importantly, this is how we can give back to the people in the communities we serve.

We're grateful for you and truly thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to serving you in 2021. Stay safe, be well, Happy New Year and cheers to a brighter tomorrow!

Chris Northup
President, Rugby Ohio Board of Directors

Spring Registration Fees

High School Registration opens January 4
Youth Registration opens February 1

When you register with Rugby Ohio there are a variety of different fees included in your registration. Under the new Sportlomo registration platform, you will see how much goes to each entity. These funds go directly to the various groups. These are the fees included in high school registration:

HS Tackle Players

- \$14 - USA Rugby
- \$11 - USA Youth & High School Rugby
- \$95 - Rugby Ohio
- \$xx - Club Fees/Dues

Recently, USA Rugby provided a list of member benefits. Those can be seen [here](#). USA Youth & High School Rugby provides accident insurance and development fees specifically targeted for youth. USA Y&HS is a new entity that was formed to specifically focus on the youth and high school game across the country. You can see their organizational launch press release [here](#).

Rugby Ohio fees include, but are not limited to, referee and trainer costs (approximately 50% of RO expenses), organizational expenses, facility/field rentals, coach and referee development, and paid collegiate internships. Club fees/dues are set by each club and will vary. Some may not charge dues through this process and those that do may include the cost of kit, field rentals, indoor training space, etc.

Rugby Ohio is planning for a traditional spring season. We will adjust as necessary to keep our players, their families and officials safe. Every activity offered will follow any and all, local, state, national and

international requirements as defined by USA and World Rugby. Even if we have to modify the game to give kids an opportunity to play with a rugby ball in a fun and safe way, we will.

[Register](#)

Rugby Organization Guide

We are fortunate to have so many different entities involved with our game. Some of you have asked us questions about who they all are and what they do. Here are a list of some of these groups:

[World Rugby](#) is the worldwide governing body for rugby union.

[USA Rugby](#) is the National Governing Body recognized by World Rugby to administer rugby activities in the United States.

[USA Youth & High School Rugby](#) is the national entity recognized by USA Rugby to focus on the growth and development of the youth game in the United States.

[Rugby Ohio](#) is the State Governing Body sanctioned by USA Rugby and USA Youth & High School Rugby to administer youth and high school programming in Ohio.

Ohio Rugby Union is part of the [Midwest Rugby Football Union](#), recognized by USA Rugby, to oversee the adult clubs in the region.

[Ohio Rugby Referee Society](#) is a member organization, recognized by USA Rugby, for referees in Ohio.

Board of Commissioners/Ohio High School Rugby Coaches Association is an organization for high school coaches in Ohio, formed and managed by those coaches.



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