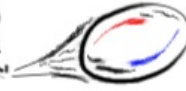




THE GRUBBER



COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Throughout the last six months we have kept our readers informed via The Grubber on the latest Return to Play (RTP) guidelines enforced by federal, state and local officials. Now you can easily locate pivotal documents on our website through the new **COVID-19 Safety** page under Resources.

Rugby Ohio abides by the laws and regulations of USA Rugby and Governor Mike DeWine. Each team is responsible for completing and submitting their RTP Action Plans to Rugby Ohio in order to be compliant with USA Rugby.

World Rugby has also supplied numerous Return to Play templates, infographics, and free online courses for coaches, players and parents.

Our primary focus this upcoming season is the safety of our players, coaches, referees and fans. We promise to follow all guidelines to ensure a satisfactory and exciting season.

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Spring Refund Policy

Rugby Ohio appreciates that we were all surprised and disappointed by the cancellation of the Spring '20 season due to COVID-19. A 50% refund was offered to those who requested refunds. Please note that \$35 of the fees paid went directly to the national body and were not refundable to anyone. Rugby Ohio used the \$30 it kept to cover the cost of overhead for the organization. (\$130 charged; \$35 paid to USA Rugby; \$65 refunded; \$30 kept by Rugby Ohio).

A successful fall contact sports season in Ohio, with no attributable spread of COVID-19, gives Rugby Ohio confidence that a spring sports season will take place. With that said, a refund policy has been approved in case that is not possible.

Any registration is fully refundable within 7 days of registration. This is done at the click of a button inside your Sportlomo registration account. After 7 days, the \$25 that is assessed by USA Rugby and USA Youth & High School Rugby is non-refundable.

Does your team collect team dues through Sportlomo? It will be up to your team to set policy for what amount to refund. Did your team purchase kit? Did you team rent an indoor facility for practice? Please understand that those types of purchases are not refundable, even if the season is cancelled.

Rugby Ohio collects \$95 for the spring season. Some of that money is dedicated to organizational overhead. The storage space rented to house all inventory and equipment must be paid for whether the season is cancelled or not. The subscription to this platform must be paid for regardless. But if there aren't any games, refs and trainers will not need to be paid so there is a savings in expenses that can be refunded back to registrants.

The Rugby Ohio Board of Directors approved a sliding scale refund policy for the coming season. In order to request a refund, click on 'Request Refund' in your Sportlomo registration account. In case of a season shut down due to COVID-19, Rugby Ohio will refund the \$95 fee it charges as follows:

- Before 3/15 (when games begin), \$75 refund will be offered
- 3/16-3/31: \$50 refund
- 4/1-4/15: \$25 refund
- After 4/15 no money will be refunded

Sanctioned Activities

Rugby Ohio is the only USA Rugby/USA Youth & High School Rugby recognized entity authorized to offer youth and high school programming in the state of Ohio. All coaches are required to be certified, SafeSport trained, background checked and registered. All referees are required to go through that same process. All athletic trainers are required to be appropriately trained. Any game offered by Rugby Ohio will take place if, and only if, appropriately registered and certified officials are assigned to that game. Additionally, only registered players are eligible to participate. Any activity that takes place without these requirements in place are not sanctioned. Liability and accident insurance are not in effect. Persons who offer these activities can be held responsible if anything unfortunate occurs.

We feel it is important to stress these safety features that are in place to protect our most precious asset - the children playing rugby in Ohio.



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