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Regional Conference Calls

The calls last week were really helpful! It was great to see so many of you, get your feedback and hear about your plans for the spring season. Thank you for taking the time. A special thank you to Black Swamp Rugby Conference. They had all but one team attend the call!

Based on your input, we're working with you to help find indoor training venues in each region. We've made some adjustments to the indoor time we have booked in Cleveland to try to help you as well. If you'd be interested in a training space in Cleveland on any of the Sundays from 1/9 through 2/27, please contact info@rugbyohio.com and we'll work with you to see what we can offer. We'd use two-hour time slots for these sessions.

We'll set new regional call dates in early January. By then you should have your home game schedules in and we'll connect as a group to talk about details in your region.

Schedule Adjustments

Thanks to your careful review, we found a couple of further corrections for the schedule and added a team back to the schedule - Anthony Wayne is playing this spring! Any team who had a change to their schedule was contacted. Please do review this carefully and mark it so that you know it's the current schedule we are all working off of.



Based on your input, we've established the deadlines for the spring season:

- Home game schedules submitted to Rugby Ohio, to competitions@rugbyohio.com & info@rugbyohio.com, by 12/31.
- Teams who wish to compete for a state title must have 15 registered players by 2/1.
 - 2nd/3rd/4th sides have until 3/1 to meet the required numbers
 - 2nd sides for 40 players (schedule approved at 35 players); 3rd sides for 60 (schedule approved at 55); 4th sides for 80 (schedule approved at 75).
 - Teams who need to operate on a later timeline will have the opportunity to play in a non-competitive season and can even participate at the playoff events assuming other non-competitive teams are interested.
- Registration data will be reviewed for assignment to divisions after the first week of the season has taken place.

Home game details are to be sent in on this [template](#). You can also find the template and current schedule version on the Rugby Ohio [website](#), under Officials, Coaches, Reference Documents.

The [coach contact list](#) has been updated. Email info@rugbyohio.com if you'd like a specific coach listed as head coach or scheduling contact. Coaches will be added to the list as they register.

Schedule reminders:

- Teams compete against other regional conference teams during the regular season.
- Teams participate in the playoffs against teams of similar composition.
- Teams play their games in the assigned week. The home team identifies a day/time within that week (weeks run Monday to Sunday) and then confirms with the visiting team.
 - Exceptions for scheduling outside of the assigned week must be noted on your home game template for review and approval by the Competitions Committee.
- High School games are not to be scheduled on Saturdays unless the visiting team travels more than 100 miles. There are limited referees within the state and college/club games take place on Saturdays. We ask that you do everything you can to avoid Saturdays.

- Teams may schedule additional games. If teams schedule more than 8 games per side, they will be assessed an additional fee to cover ref and trainer costs.
- Spring 2023 schedules have been added. Rugby Ohio will update in June (if there are changes) and then again in November.

Updated Schedule

(These versions are really difficult to keep track of! The old schedule linked when we tried to upload the new one. The current version will be posted to the Reference Documents section of the Coach page on the Rugby Ohio [website](#).)

Registration Now Open

High School registration is open through Sportlomo. If you've previously setup your club to be able to collect dues through registration, this should still be in place. You can go into your club account, click on 'Begin Selling' and add your club fees for this season. If you have not collected fees through registration before and would like to, please email info@rugbyohio.com and we'll get that feature activated for your club. Spring fees have been held at \$95 per player. Reduced fee grants are available to those who qualify. More information can be found on the Rugby Ohio [website](#).

Please direct your players to register through your unique team link. Find this link in your club area of Sportlomo by clicking Registration Setup and then clicking the edit 'pencil' icon to find your registration link.

Rugby Ohio will host a Sportlomo training session for new coaches and anyone interested on Wednesday, January 5th at 7pm. If you'd like to receive an invite to that call, please email info@rugbyohio.com.

Wishing you, your teams and your families a safe and joyous holiday season! Thank you for all you do for rugby!



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