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Regional Conference Calls - Part II

Happy New Year to all of our dedicated coaches! We look forward to a 2022 filled with rugby and partnership!

Based on the favorable feedback we received, we'll continue with regional coach calls. Each region will have one this week or next. See the schedule below. Please make a point of ensuring that each team has at least one coach present for these calls.

Agenda:

- Schedule updates
- Coach certs/quals
- Player ID Camps/Select Sides

Schedule:

- 1/6, 7pm - Mahoning Valley
- 1/6, 8pm - Black Swamp
- 1/10, 7pm - Western Reserve
- 1/13, 7pm - Greater Miami
- 1/13, 8pm - Cap City

Meeting invites have been sent to coaches. If you don't see it on your calendar, please email info@rugbyohio.com.

sportlomo Training/Refresher

The plan to transition to Fuse Sport is still in place. It took USA Youth & High School Rugby longer than they had hoped to get everything in place with Fuse and we didn't want to hold up your plans or force a new system on you during this busy time of year. We will transition to Fuse this summer.

Sportlomo has made many improvements since last year. We'll hold a training or refresher session for any who need it next Wednesday, 1/12. Please ensure that you have at least one or two coaches who are comfortable in the platform.

Wednesday, January 12th, 7pm
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rugbyohio.zoom.us/j/84964189659?pwd=VWRFT1ZERUJ4NmJCaHc3RTRrYTRPUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 6418 9659

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[Join the Training Session](#)

Coach & Admin Certifications/Qualifications

Any adult who has access to Rugby Ohio registered participants must be registered as a coach or admin. Ohio law (Ohio Revised Code sections 109.547-577) requires that any such adult have a valid background check on file. Rugby Ohio accomplishes this through membership with USA Rugby. USA Youth & High School Rugby has also shared an updated [volunteer policy](#) that every SYRO (State Youth Rugby Organization) is required to abide by. This policy has been posted to the Officials-Coaches-Reference Documents section of the website. Every person who participates as a coach or admin for your team must register as a coach or admin. Rugby Ohio will review each registration to ensure compliance with this policy. We take the responsibility of caring for minors very seriously, as we are sure all of you do. Thank you for your attention to these requirements.

USA Rugby Learning Center

The new Learning Management System from USAR is now up and running. You'll see a link to take you to the platform as part of your member profile in Sportlomo.

Coaches can see their certifications and sign up for courses through this new platform.

Rugby Ohio is hosting coach and referee certification courses in Cleveland and Cincinnati over the next couple of months. Both locations will offer both courses. Course names have changed - the Level 200 course is now called Level 1 Coaching. Stay tuned for announcements when these courses open for registration. We worked diligently to be able to offer courses in a number of locations throughout the state and need your help to ensure they are fully subscribed or we'll not be able to host as many courses in the future.

Please take a moment to visit the new Learning Center. There are currently 12 courses that are offered free and online. You've probably taken some of them in the past but it would be good to see if there are any you haven't taken and add them to your course list.



The screenshot shows a member profile with the following information:

- National Number: [Redacted]
- Member Status: Active
- Member Season: 2021-2022

Two certification entries are listed:

- Coach 21-22 - View**
Expiry Date: 08/31/2022
- Admin/Exec/Volunteer 21-22 - View**
Expiry Date: 08/31/2022

Below the certifications is a blue button labeled "Upgrade / Add Category".

A navigation menu is shown below, with the "Learning Center" option highlighted in a yellow oval. The menu includes:

- Learning Center (highlighted)
- Details
- Qualifications
- Certifications
- Events
- Start Transfer
- Dual Membership
- USA Rugby COVID Tracking

This was a big undertaking by USA Rugby and it looks like it will help all of us in our quest to coach young rugby players.

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.

Reminders

- Home game schedules were due in to Rugby Ohio by 12/31. Please submit them to info@rugbyohio.com and competitions@rugbyohio.com ASAP if you have not already done so.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Registration data will be reviewed for assignment to divisions for playoffs after the first week of the season has taken place.

The [coach contact list](#) has been updated. Email info@rugbyohio.com if you'd like a specific coach listed for your team as head coach or scheduling contact. Coaches will be added to the list as they register. If you still don't see a coach listed on the new list, refer to the old list [here](#).

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