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Spring Schedules

Home game schedules are always difficult to get sorted. Some coaches are hard to get a hold of. Some teams cannot confirm use of their field just yet. We understand all of that but need to have all home game schedules in hand. If you need to add a note about the field location being tentative - please put that in the note in the excel [template](#). If you cannot get a hold of someone, please make a note of that as well and copy that coach on the email when you send us your schedule.

These are the teams we are still waiting on home game schedules from: Avon, Brunswick Girls, Canton, Cardinal Mooney, Walnut Hills Girls, Dayton Girls, Findlay, Highland Boys, Hilliard, Lakota, Anthony Wayne, Medina Girls, Miami County, Parma Boys, Perrysburg Boys, St Ignatius, St Xavier. Please send us your home game schedules ASAP. Email to competitions@rugbyohio.com and info@rugbyohio.com. Thank you.

If you want to add games or make changes to games you have submitted, we've created an online form for you. It's a subpage to the Coaches page on the Rugby Ohio website: <https://rugbyohio.com/coaches-2/add-change-drop-match-form/>. Please provide two weeks' notice for normal games. We'll develop some COVID specific protocols as we get closer to the start of the season for those unexpected adjustments.

[Add/Change/Drop Form](#)

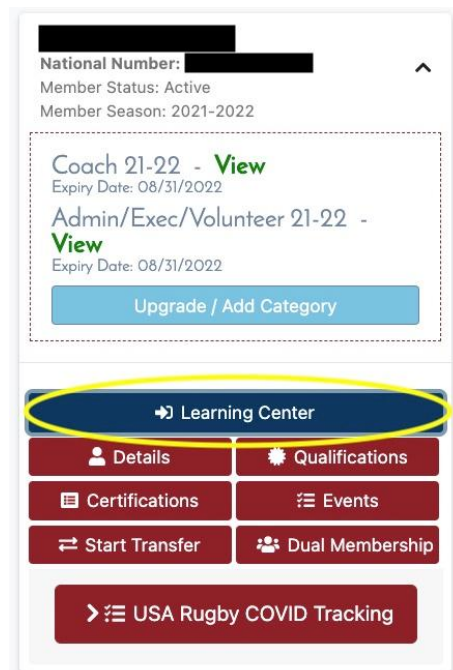
USA Rugby Coach & Referee Courses

USA Rugby Training & Education are pleased to be able to offer two additional sets of coach and referee courses before the season begins. Both L1 Coach (formerly Level 200) and L1 Referee courses will be offered in both locations.

February 12 - Notre Dame College, Cleveland - 8:30am
March 6 - St Xavier High School, Cincinnati - 8:30am

To sign up for these courses, you have to go through the new Learning Center. After logging into your Sportlomo member account (not your club account), click on the Learning Center bar shown in the screenshot. Click on 'My Certifications' in the Learning Center (not the Sportlomo Certifications button) to see what's in the system for you. Click on 'Course Catalog' to see the courses being offered. Click on the course you want, find the date/location you want and add it to your cart. You'll complete all of your course work in this platform for easy tracking and uploading.

These courses will fill quickly! If you need a spot, we strongly recommend you sign up ASAP.



Coach & Admin Registration

Every person involved with a youth or high school club must be registered with USA Rugby, USA Youth & High School Rugby and Rugby Ohio. This is in keeping with the updated [Volunteer Policy](#) from USA Youth & High School Rugby. If you are already registered with another club, as a player or a coach, please select 'Dual Membership' when you login to your Sportlomo member account. You'll only pay any fee difference between what you were charged and what the new item costs. This will ensure that every volunteer is background checked and Safe Sport trained. If you are not registered, please do so at your earliest convenience. Go to your unique club registration link or login through [USA Rugby](#).

New this year - coaches will fall into an 'awaiting approval' status when they register until all of their tasks are complete. This means an initiated background check, a valid Safe Sport certificate, the Safe Sport Refresher (if applicable) and your coaching certificate (if applicable). Please review the updated [coach contact list](#) to see the status of your items. You can also review these in your own Sportlomo member account.

- If you do not have a current background check, use the info below to activate one.
- If you do not have a current Safe Sport, use the info below to purchase one.
 - The great news is we've gotten everyone's full Safe Sport to reflect a 4-year expiration date
 - Each year you are not taking the full course, you are required to take the Safe Sport Refresher. Use the info below to purchase one. Coaches are expected to manage this on their own.
- If you do not have a current Level 1 Coach (formerly Level 200) certificate on file, please attend one of the two upcoming classes to become certified.
- Please use this link to access your SafeSport, and Background Screening. You will be prompted to login to your member account
 - Select Purchase/Register for Events
 - Login to your account
 - Add the required certification(s) to your cart
 - Select Checkout
 - Start Survey

Spring Upgrade for Fall Players

One of the challenges found in Sportlomo was a lack of functionality to deal with multiple seasons in a CIPP cycle. Because of those limitations, fall players who are playing this spring have been instructed not to register again. If they do, they create a second account and will end up paying to CIPP twice within the one cycle.

There is a workaround for these players. Instead of registering again, they will purchase an [event](#) to pay their Rugby Ohio spring fee (\$95). Players who did not play in the fall do not need to worry about this and just register as usual. Several communications have gone out to these players about this. We also sent all fall coaches a list of players who have already made their payment. We will update the list and send it out again in the coming week. Once we get closer to the season, anyone who has not paid will be marked 'inactive' and unable to be included on Team Sheets until they complete the payment.

Thanks for your help with this task. The new platform, Fusesport, is designed to be able to handle this in a much better way. We'll transition to Fuse after the spring season.

February Regional Coach Calls

We're looking forward to the next set of regional calls with the coaches. We've found these to be very helpful and hope that you have, too! Come prepared with your questions, concerns and don't forget about success stories - these are all beneficial to share with the group.

Schedule:

- 2/16 Capital City 7:00 p.m.
- 2/17 Black Swamp 7:00 p.m.
- 2/21 Mahoning Valley 7:00 p.m.
- 2/23 Western Reserve 7:00 p.m.
- 2/24 Greater Miami 7:00 p.m.

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

Reminders

- Home game schedules are now overdue. 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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