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February Regional Coach Calls

Regional coach calls are this week and next. These will be the last regional calls before the season starts. We encourage you to come prepared with your questions, concerns and don't forget about success stories - these are all beneficial to share with the group.

Agenda:

- Registration & schedule update
 - Spring upgrade for fall players - option to invoice teams for balance?
 - Team recognition
- Game management
 - Team sheets
 - Technical zones
 - Coach compliance
 - 15-year old player policy
 - Forfeits
- Select side player ID camps

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.

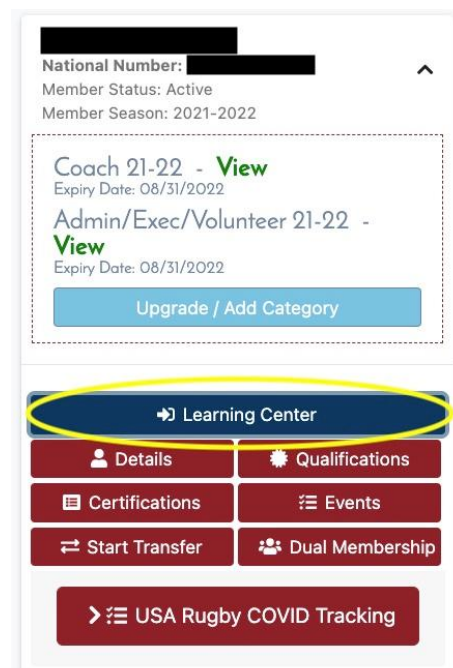
USA Rugby Coach & Referee Courses - 1 Left!

The courses last weekend at NDC were really great! Thank you to those who attended. We hope you found the day to be valuable. Don't forget - your certification won't be complete until you have finished all of the component parts.

Only currently registered, Level 1 Coaches (formerly Level 200) will be allowed to stand on the sidelines for games. If you still need to get your certification, please sign up for the course on March 6th. Thank you to St X for hosting!

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.



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 your background check shows as AA that means you've done everything you can to get this done and we will just wait for it to move to 'active.'
- If you do not have a current Safe Sport, use the info below to purchase one.
 - If your Safe Sport is showing as AA, this means you must send your certificate to info@rugbyohio.com. That is the only way to get your profile to reflect 'active' as it requires an administrator to upload the certificate.
 - 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. You've already paid for them with your USAR membership fee.
- If you do not have a current Level 1 Coach (formerly Level 200) certificate on file, please attend the March 6th class 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

Reminders

- Teams who wish to compete for a state title were to 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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