



# THE BREAKDOWN

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## Schedule Adjustments - Boys

A number of coaches have asked to see the schedule showing actual weeks that teams scheduled, rather than the original draft.

Some games on the schedule have been color coded. Here is an explanation of the colors:

- Green = league game from the original assigned schedule
- Yellow = at risk game due to one of the teams not having sufficient registered players
- Blue = game added by Competitions that will count for seeding
- No Highlight = game scheduled by coaches
- Orange = game scheduled by coaches that now counts for seeding

At this late point in the season, Rugby Ohio did not want to add many more games. You've made plans. You've worked hard to set a schedule that supports the needs of your team. With that said, as teams have fallen out, some other teams are lacking in assigned games.

If you have a blue game on your schedule, please work with the other coach as soon as possible to find a date/time/week to make that game work. If you cannot, please let us know.

If you have a yellow game on your schedule because the team you are supposed to play does not have enough players, you have the option to replace that game with another. Please include [competitions@rugbyohio.com](mailto:competitions@rugbyohio.com) with those plans.

If you are a team who does not have enough registered players, please continue to work on getting them registered or let us know that you are not participating. When you reach 15 or more players, you'll be able to add games to your schedule.

As always, please feel free to reach out to [competitions@rugbyohio.com](mailto:competitions@rugbyohio.com) if you have any questions. At the end of the season, points will reflect an average, based on assigned games played, so that everyone can be seeded fairly.

Actual Weeks - Boys

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## Schedule Adjustments - Girls

As has been communicated to all girls' coaches, there were a number of teams struggling to meet the registration requirements for a variety of reasons. Rather than punish those teams, Competitions worked to come up with an alternative for them. This protects the more established teams who can be confident in their games happening as scheduled. It also protects the developing teams in that they will all meet together at the same venue, format will be determined based on availability, teams will be more likely to be well matched and, most importantly, all girls will get playing time.

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Teams in the new grouping have incredible flexibility. If teams end up with enough player to support 15s games, great! If not, they can engage in 7s or 10s or 12s. All teams will be in the same location each week. They will play every other weekend, with each team getting to host one time. These teams will also have the chance to participate in a festival on June 4th, as part of the playoffs activities.

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## Actual Weeks - Girls

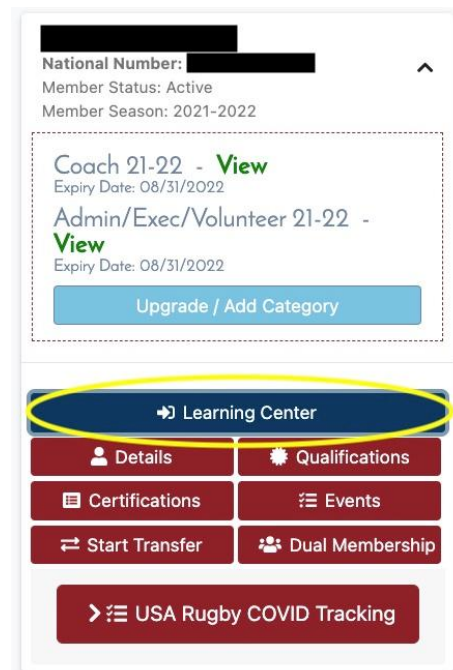
# USA Rugby Coach & Referee Courses - Last Chance!

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](mailto: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
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