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Final Seedings

The regular season wrapped up yesterday. Congratulations to all teams and best of luck in the post season! Please take a minute to read the email you should have received from Competitions Chair Dan Hayes. If you did not receive the email, please contact <u>info@rugbyohio.com</u> and you will be forwarded a copy. Also, don't forget to join the Coaches Corner call this evening. Details are at the bottom.



Quarterfinals Schedule



Select Side Update

Thank you all for your continued patience as we try to launch this new program. There are a lot of moving parts and it certainly hasn't been the smoothest beginning. However, we still strongly believe that it will be a great experience for your players come June.

The in season select side camps will be planned very differently next year. There were a LOT of cancellations and reschedules etc. Some regions did not even get to host a single session. These cancellations were for a variety of different reasons, but we think it just boils down to the reality that it is asking a lot - maybe too much - of your players and you to attend 4 of these sessions while you are in the middle of your seasons. Many players were asked to double up on trainings during the week with additional travel. We will not ask that of players again next year.

As a result, there was poor attendance at the sessions we did hold, to the point that they almost seemed to be a waste of time for the players who did make the effort, as well as for the coaches who ran the sessions. We will set them up differently next year to avoid all of these problems.

The good news is that the inter-conference competitions on June 11th and 18th are still ready to go. Coaches for the teams are setting up plans to host sessions during the week leading up to those Saturday games. We expect these to be much better attended during the summer, out of season, for your nominated players. This will give the teams a chance to come together and get somewhat on the same page before the games. They won't be perfect units - no all star team is. However, they will give your players a good opportunity to build relationships and set themselves and others up well to shine in the games. College and select side coaches will be there to evaluate and recruit - these opportunities are the main goal of the whole program.

The cost to participate in the programs is \$25 per player. These fees will go directly to covering the cost of a training shirt (which players will keep) and the team's set of jerseys (players will not keep). As always, if any player is unable to afford that fee, we are prepared to offer financial assistance. We do not want any player to ever be excluded from participating for financial reasons. There is also an online store open from which players and parents are welcome to order any additional gear that they like.

We've also flipped the locations for the games due to some field conflicts. We'll be in Cincy/Dayton on 6/11 and in Vermilion on 6/18.

Please contact Ryan, bradfieldry@rugbyohio.com, with any questions.



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Coaches' Corner Call

Any team participating in the playoffs is asked to send a representative (or more) to this zoom call. We'll review the plans with you and we will be available to answer questions.

May 16, 2022, 8 to 9pm Join Zoom Meeting https://rugbyohio.zoom.us/j/95820984067?pwd=VDljL09yVmpsY2ZvVzRxU2hxdDN6Zz09

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