

Expectations

Week 1 is complete! Thanks to the efforts of many, many people, including all of you, we were able to offer 70 games to these players. Great work!

We are all very fortunate to have gracious hosts for our matches. Some things went well this past weekend and other things need to be addressed urgently.

The Vermilion fields are part of the Metroparks and are managed by the Vermilion Soccer Club. Both Metroparks staff and the site manager have a number of serious concerns from Week 1. If these are not remedied, they will not allow us to return for Week 3 and the rest of the season. They are not kidding.

- **PARKING** parking is limited. We all have seen this. They have gone to great lengths to add parking areas to accommodate us. Cars were parked inefficiently, illegally, blocking other cars in, etc. Emergency access was blocked. Cars were parked on the street which is forbidden.
 - Please consider carpooling if at all possible. Even if you drive separately and meet offsite locally to leave a few cars and carpool for the last bit of the drive that will help tremendously.
 - Coaches are to work with their team to ensure that players are carpooling if they drive themselves. There were many cars that came with one player in them. We do not have enough parking for that to happen.
 - There are public parking areas nearby in the Metroparks that can be used as an offsite meeting point to facilitate carpooling.
 - The warm up fields where we were able to park this past weekend will not be available this weekend as we've had so much rain. This will mean even fewer spots.
 - Additional parking volunteers will be on site this weekend and going forward.
- **TRASH** the amount of trash that was left behind by teams was completely unacceptable. We have trash bags available at the Rugby Ohio tent and ask that you ensure that your team area is as you found it when you arrived. We encourage you to bring trash bags with you. The full bags are to be brought to the shed near Field 3 at the end of the day. Both Parks and Club staff were ready to cancel the season for this reason alone. It was a disgrace.

Finally, both Metroparks and Club staff were treated badly by our group. People were rude, aggressive and unkind. The site manager is also a rugby mom. We can and must do better.

Match Day App and Game Management

We've all learned a lot about the new system in the last few weeks! Thank you for trying and learning with us. The scores are in! Some player stats are in! This will only get easier as we go and we'll all be able to help the coaches who didn't participate in the fall come spring time.

Reminders:

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- Team Lists are submitted for every match, prior to kickoff. These are the game rosters in RX.
 - Matchday is where live scoring takes place.
 - click '1st Half' to begin the game
 - only enter scores for your team
 - after halftime, click '2nd Half' and confirm score from the first half
 - if you know the player who scored, select them from the team list and if you do not, click 'skip.'
 - movements is where you track your subs. select the player going on and the player being replaced.
 - cards may be entered as well

- When the game ends, both coaches and the referee confirm the final score. Click 'End' to publish it.
- Squad List is for you to manage your eligible players that are able to be included on Team Lists.



Game Management:

- We all need to work to try to stay as close to on-schedule as possible. This isn't easy, especially with close to 20 games scheduled back-to-back on a field.
- Team captains meet at halftime of the game prior, at the game field, for coin toss.
- Both teams be ready to take the field/bench as soon as prior game ends.
- Both teams clean up player bench areas before leaving the field.
- Conversions can be taken from behind the posts if there is ample space in and behind the try zone.



- October 29th/30th Level 1 Coach of Match Officials Course (tentative)
- October 30th Fall 7s Finals, Columbus
- Mid November Level 1 Coach & Level 1 Referee Courses, Cincinnati
- February Level 1 Coach & Level 1 Referee Courses, Cleveland
- March 6th first week of Spring 15s season
- May 20th Youth Championships, Fortress Obetz
- May 20th & 21st High School Quarterfinals, multiple locations
- May 27th & 28th High School Semifinals, Fortress Obetz
- June 3rd High School State Championships, Fortress Obetz
- June 10th/11th High School Select Sides
- June 17th/18th Buckeye Invitational

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