



THE BREAKDOWN

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Fall Finals

Amazing season to date! We're up about 100 players over previous years. This means loads of games, loads of kids, loads of parking needs. Thanks to everyone for working to make the season a success. Two regular season weeks left!

A number of you have asked about the format for the finals. There will be four competitions for Varsity/A sides: Girls Cup Championship; Boys Cup Championship, Girls Shield Championship; Boys Shield Championship. Top 8 seeds for each will compete for the Cup; remaining teams will compete for the Shield. Each A side team has 3 games with the exception of the #1 seed in the Shield groups. They have a first round bye. JV teams will have two games each, interspersed throughout the day. There is no playoff format for the JV teams.

The seeding tables/ladder are populating with results. Final seeding will be determined by table points. In the case where teams have the same number of points, the winner of those teams' regular season matchups will be the higher seed. If they did not play in the regular season, point differential will be used to determine the higher seed.

Walnut Hills Girls and Dublin Girls will not have the same number of regular season games as the other teams. Competitions is determining the process for seeding those teams. The bottom line is that all A side teams play for hardware.

Please note that the location for the finals has changed! We've moved to Kilbourne Run Sports Park, also in Westerville, as they have more parking and additional field space.

Head Injury Protocol

RECOGNISE + REMOVE

Below is an important reminder on the process required for head injuries to U19 players.

- Any player with a head injury is immediately removed from play. Ohio Return to Play law mandates that player not return to play same day. World Rugby policy is consistent with this.
- The match day trainers are able to evaluate but cannot definitively diagnose a concussion.
- Athletic trainers submit an injury report to Rugby Ohio.
- Rugby Ohio marks the player unavailable and contacts the parent, player and coach with follow up information and a Head Injury Clearance form to be completed by an appropriately trained medical professional.
- If the medical professional determines there was no concussion, the player may return to rugby activities as soon as the form has been submitted to Rugby Ohio.
- If the player sustained a concussion, the required rest period is 14 days. This is mandated by World Rugby and USA Rugby for all U19 players. If symptom free after 14 days and medical clearance has been provided, the player may begin the Graduated Return to Play protocol. Step 5 of that protocol is return to play.

For more information, please visit the Rugby Ohio website and the Concussions Protocol [page](#).

Coach of Match Officials (CMO) Course

Rugby Ohio is hosting a Coach of Match Officials (CMO) course in conjunction with our Fall Finals. If interested in taking the course, please go to the Learning Center through your Rugby Xplorer profile, click on Course Catalog and find the Level 1 CMO course.



2022/23 Dates

- October 29th/30th - Level 1 Coach of Match Officials Course
- October 30th - Fall 7s Finals, Columbus
- December - 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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