



## THE BREAKDOWN

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*Happy New Year! 2024 is going to be an incredible year for rugby in Ohio. We're looking forward to working with you for the coming seasons. Thank you for the time and effort you put in on behalf of these young players!*

### Level 1 Coach (and other) Courses

Thanks to all of you who attended the Training & Education weekend in Pataskala in November. There are 2 additional weekends for coach courses in the next month within our region. It is highly unlikely that USA Rugby will be able to support any other course requests before the spring season begins.

**Sunday, January 21st, Pittsburgh PA:** Level 1 Coach & Level 1 Referee

**Saturday & Sunday, February 10th & 11th, Avon IN:** Level 1 & Level 2 Coach, Level 1 & Level 2 Referee, Coach of Match Officials, Strength & Conditioning

To register for a class, please login to your RX profile. You'll see an option for the Learning Center. Go to the Course Catalog, select the course you are looking for and register. Online course requirements are also completed and managed through the Learning Center. Once all requirements have been met, you'll see your completed certification under 'Accreditations' in your RX profile.

Please take the opportunity to attend one of these two courses if you still need to become certified as a coach or referee. Only certified, registered coaches are eligible to work with players and be on the sidelines during games.

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### Spring Schedules Due by 12/31

Spring schedules were due in to Rugby Ohio last month. To date we have received about 25% of them. Please submit them ASAP. We've updated the live documents that we share with you. The coach contact list from the end of last spring can be found there. Your assigned home and away matches for the spring season are there, as is a master calendar view of all scheduled games. This will be updated as we receive home game schedules from coaches. Keep in mind that you can schedule games in addition to your assigned league games.

League games are to be scheduled between March 4th and May 5th. Others may be scheduled outside of this window, on either end.

Quarterfinals: Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19

Semifinals: Saturday & Sunday, May 25 & 26

State Championships: Saturday, June 1

Please submit your home games as soon as you can and no later than December 15th.

**Coach contact list** (continually being updated): [https://rugbyohio2.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/Coaches-Public/EdiZiarZ4FJJlrCoYaom\\_o0BiQ9KUDPy8-40wAvRTKDB5g?e=JUGohn](https://rugbyohio2.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/Coaches-Public/EdiZiarZ4FJJlrCoYaom_o0BiQ9KUDPy8-40wAvRTKDB5g?e=JUGohn)

**2024 Spring Home/Away Matchups:**

<https://rugbyohio2.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/Coaches-Public/EXs0OZpHxtBBpm-mbz7CGnoBc0miu6jO5seE8NVX130ItA?e=HC26Oe>

**2024 Spring Scheduled Games:**

[https://rugbyohio2.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/Coaches-Public/EUrwvVSKHkxBoE\\_ZMMP8m\\_ABS\\_atbxoQ-cgu\\_yxf\\_TUkiw?e=L0DgBL](https://rugbyohio2.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/Coaches-Public/EUrwvVSKHkxBoE_ZMMP8m_ABS_atbxoQ-cgu_yxf_TUkiw?e=L0DgBL)

Please submit [home game schedules](#) via the excel spreadsheet found on the Coaches page, under Resources/Reference Documents, of the RO website: <https://rugbyohio.com/coaches-2/>

Coach Contact List

2024 Home/Away Matchups

2024 Spring Scheduled Matches

Home Game Schedule Sheet to  
Submit

## Coach & Admin Compliance

All adults involved with youth and high school rugby are required to be registered. USA Rugby, World Rugby and SafeSport are all clamping down on compliance. At the club level, you are the ones who know who should be registered. You also have visibility on the accreditations of those registered through the Admin Portal of Rugby Xplorer.

Each registered adult is able to see his/her accreditations in their own profile. From the Rugby Xplorer app, in the Profile section, scroll down to accreditations. They should look something like this:

**Accreditations** ▾

**Current Accreditations**

Name	Course ID	Completed
SafeSport Trained	SAFE-SPORT	2023-09-22
Background Check	NCSI-CHECK	2023-02-10
Rugby's Safety Basics	US-CO-01	2019-10-15
World Rugby Level 1 Coach	COA-L1-WR	2023-02-06

**Inactive Accreditations**

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Reminders:

Admins are required to have the following:

- Background Check
- Safe Sport Trained

Coaches are required to have the following:

- Background Check
- Safe Sport Trained
- Rugby Safety Basics
- World Rugby Level 1 Coach or higher or equivalent (Level 2, Level 3, Legacy USAR Level 200 or 300)

Coaches do not need to register as admins. Admin/volunteer registration is designed for adult participants who are not coach qualified. They are not coaches but are properly screened for working with minors.

If you attended an in-person course for a certification and do not see it listed in your accreditations, you have coursework to complete. More information about this can be found in the Learning Center, under My Tasks.

If anyone on your staff needs a Level 1 Coach certification, please contact [info@rugbyohio.com](mailto:info@rugbyohio.com). This helps us to be able to assess need and target locations. You can also check in the Learning Center, through your RX profile, to find available courses already scheduled.

Missing accreditations for currently registered coaches and admins can be found in RX. This only considers those who have already registered for the 2023/24 season.

Missing Accreditations

## Wheeling HS Rugby Showcase



Coach Mike Giebel from Wheeling University is hosting a high school rugby showcase on March 16th & 17th. They are hoping to have all crossover games with teams from PA, OH and possibly VA. They'll offer tours of the school and informational sessions as part of the weekend for prospective students.

Please contact Mike directly at [mgeibel@wheeling.edu](mailto:mgeibel@wheeling.edu) for more information.

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## Spring Registration

Spring Registration is now setup and open in Rugby Xplorer.

- Season fee is \$120; Late registration (after 3/15) is \$130
- Clubs who want to add team dues to registration need to do that now.
  - Login to the Admin Portal of Rugby Xplorer
  - Click on Payment Settings and the subheading Payment Settings
  - Click on the spring registration type(s) shown for your club.
  - Add your club fee and click the arrow to the right
  - Click save at the bottom
- Teams with competitive schedules are required to have a minimum of 15 players registered by February 1st.
- Additional sides are added as follows:
  - 35-59 players = 2 sides
  - 60-84 players = 3 sides

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