

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** AUSTIN, TX, Sept. 16, 2016:

## **U-21 PILOT PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY TEXAS RUGBY UNION and USA RUGBY**



**GET BACK ON THE PITCH!** In a joint effort to retain high school rugby players who aren't playing collegiate rugby, and to attract new players to the game, USA Rugby (USAR) and the Texas Rugby Union (TRU) are sponsoring a U-21 league this Fall. Any player who has graduated from high school and will still be under 21 on or before January 1, 2017 is eligible to participate. This includes collegiate players who have the permission of their collegiate coaches to participate.



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### **WHY ME?**

*First*, because you miss the game. Or, if you have never played, you miss what is great about rugby...contact, athleticism, teamwork, sportsmanship, competition and camaraderie. You owe it to yourself to play.

*Second*, because it's not going to cost you very much. USAR, TRU and the participating TRU Clubs are covering most of the costs. Your cost? \$45 to register as an "At-Large" member of USA Rugby, and the cost of boots, a mouth guard, and some gas / food money for two road games. When you weigh that against the fun of playing rugby and a lifetime of friendships, it's a no-brainer. At the end of the competition you can transfer your registration to the men's club of your choice.

*Third*, what else do you have going on that's better than rugby? Nothing, that's what.

# OK, I'M IN. WHAT NEXT?

1. Go to:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/xUKYpBZK2UoIiEoe2>  
and sign up.

2. Contact your Regional Coordinator and Show up for Training: In the inaugural season, the U-21 League will only play matches in the Fall of 2016. Teams are being organized in the Northern, Central, and Southern portions of the TRU. The regional contacts are:



## NORTH (Dallas)

Joe Kelly  
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469-892-8081

## CENTRAL (Austin)

Bill Taute  
[billtaute@mindspring.com](mailto:billtaute@mindspring.com)  
512-940-0666

## SOUTH (Houston)

Dave Yeoman  
[david.yeoman@gmail.com](mailto:david.yeoman@gmail.com)  
832-425-6293

## WHAT NOW?

**TRAININGS:** The First trainings in each region are as follows:

**NORTH:** 9/17 @ 12:00 p.m., Lake Highlands Field, 1000 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas, TX 75218.

**CENTRAL:** 9/17 @ 10:00 a.m., Burr Field, 6013 Loyola Ln, Austin, TX 78724

**SOUTH:** 9/24, Time & Location TBD  
Contact Dave Yeoman. Contact info listed above.

Subsequent trainings will occur weekly. Check the TRU Facebook page for updates.



*Rugbers for Life: Shreveport Old Boys with elements of DARC, Dallas Reds, and others take 1<sup>st</sup> in Social Bracket of 2016 Horseshoe Casino 7s.*

## MATCH SCHEDULE

The league will play in 3 round-robin tournaments. The planned match schedule is as follows:

**Oct. 8, 2016**  
Austin Area Tournament  
4107 Nixon Lane  
Austin, TX 78725

**Oct. 22, 2016**  
Dallas Area Tournament  
1000 N. Buckner Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75218

**Nov. 12, 2016**  
Houston Area Tournament  
Lone Survivor Tournament, Walter Hall  
Park, 807 SH 3 N. League City, TX  
77573

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