

TRU AGM -2021 Winter/Spring

March 7, 2021



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Roll Call

State of the Union



We can't wait to celebrate 50 years with you but we will do it when it is safe. We're tentatively planning to celebrate our 50th with a late fall Summit Conference & Hall of Fame celebration.

More details to come!

Financials

Return to Play

Return to Play - Clarity around Stage 4+ & the RTP Process





We've heard there has been some confusion around Stage 4+ and the newly approved Match/Tournament RTP Match & Tournament Process. Some teams have released schedules but haven't completed the proper steps and **no matches against other clubs should be played until approval from the TRU is received.**

We aren't quite at Stage 5 yet but these steps will allow us to play approved matches and get closer.

	<u>Stage 4+</u>	<u>Match/Tournament Process</u>
Description	Allows for clubs to begin full contact training and hold scrimmages	Allows clubs to play social matches or host/participate in tournaments after <u>approval from the TRU</u>
CIPP	All players must be CIPP'd with at least the USA Rugby Training Membership	All players must be CIPP'd with a full USA Rugby Membership
Allows	Full contact training and scrimmages among your own club	Full contact matches against other approved TRU clubs
Referee	TRRA does not assign referees to scrimmages	After approval, TRRA will assign a referee if available
Limitations	No participant limit (unless under local guidelines)	No participant limit (unless under local guidelines)
Safety	Continue following all required RTP COVID protocols	Continue following all required RTP COVID protocols

Brand Update

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Audience	4,748 subscribers <i>+432 since AGM</i>	1,520 followers <i>+73 since AGM</i>	3,258 likes <i>+64 since last AGM</i>	1,112 followers <i>+847 since last AGM</i>
Reach (last 28 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4k views 247.7 watch time (hrs) 33.5k impressions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3k views 43 profile views (avg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 255 page views 4k post reach 2k post engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 603 accounts reached 158 content interactions

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 The TRU is celebrating 50 years in 2021!
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texasrugbyunion Nick James (HARC) & Hallie Taufouu (ABPTC) selected for USA Women's XV's National Team

Next AGM

Winter 2021

Q&A

Question	Answer
<p>How do we know if a match or tourney is sanctioned?</p>	<p>All of the same processes like using the match add form or tournament add form still apply but w/ the addition of the RTP process. Once your RTP application has been approved, we will add tourneys & matches to the calendar/WTR once all steps have been followed. You can consider events on the website sanctioned.</p>
<p>Under the Waiver Eligibility Criteria it states "if playing 10s – 20 Registered Players." Does this mean if a club doesn't have 20 registered people under their club, none of those players can play in rugby tournaments in Texas or they have to CIPP to another club in order to participate in rugby?</p>	<p>Those recommendations are in place because we didn't want teams to feel pressured to play Xvs if they didn't have enough players. We will allow "motley" sides. But all players must be registered to TRU member clubs.</p>
<p>Since questions are being answered on the 7th, for people/teams that want to play on the 13th, will the application process be expired and the 7 day period waived?</p>	<p>Given the governor's new order issued after our RTP policy was published, yes. We will accept RTP applications submitted this week, but deadline is Wednesday.</p>
<p>Do these dues include 2021 Summer 7's season? So if someone were to pay this now, it would cover them all the way until the start of 15s this Fall?</p>	<p>Yes, dues for 2021 will cover summer 7s. The Board also approved a reduced dues structure as the 2020/21 season has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the TRU Board voted to reduce the annual TRU dues from \$50 to \$25 per member. This change has already been made via Sportlomo and anyone registering from this point on, will see the appropriate dues structure.</p> <p>For all those that have already registered and paid the full \$50 – your names have been recorded and you will be receiving a \$25 discount code when you register for the 2021/22 season. Those discount codes will be sent to you in August 2021 when the registration window opens again.</p> <p>More: http://texasrugbyunion.com/2021/02/22/tru-dues-reduced-for-2020-21-season</p>

Question

Answer

Since it there are no cup matches, do players have to be cipp'd with a club or will cipp at large suffice?

Reponse: I'm not sure what is meant by there is no "at large" registration. Under sportslomo roster there is quite a large list of people CIPP at large as senior players in Texas. Could you expand on this?*T

What are the consequences for players not being cipp'd but play on tournaments/friendlies being that these are not cup matches? Or are cup match rules being applied?

How are clubs supposed to handle general liability insurance? Our city requires that we provide that information for our lease. Never had an issue before because USA Rugby would cover that. With them not in the picture, how are clubs advised to move forward? will the TRU carry that burden now, or is it the clubs responsibility now?

Does this mean clubs pay the refs, since not covered by TRU dues? "Club to play full contact rugby union matches against other clubs granted a waiver, and will compensate the Texas Rugby Referee Association ("TRRA") for assigning referees to the matches played under the Waiver Program "

Current SportLomo system doesn't have an "at large" registration, and you will need to pay TRU dues if you're playing games with refs paid for by TRU. We could create an "At Large" club if the issue is just not being affiliated with a club. If the question is "do I have to pay TRU dues" then yes, IF you're playing in TRU sanctioned games.

Non-CIPP'd players should never be allowed to play as it puts all liability on the match organizer, the member's club, the referee and the Union.

More information is available in the TRU Operating Policies (1.10.2) Fielding Non-CIPP'd Players:
<http://texasrugbyunion.com/administration/operating-policies/>

USA Rugby is still able to issue Certificates of Insurance (COI). Certificates of insurance for the 2020-2021 membership cycle will only be issued to clubs that have met the following criteria:
There must be an active and Level 200 certified coach on the roster
There must be at least 15 registered members
The club registration fee must be paid
**Allow 10 business days for any request. An expedite fee will be charged for any request that needs to be completed within less than 10 business days of the initial request.

<https://www.usa.rugby/membership-resources/certificate-of-insurance/>

No, referees are covered by TRU dues for approved sanctioned matches. We reduced dues for this year based on what we thought reduced referee costs would be.

Question

Answer

Why aren't we using CMS anyone?

USAR has changed the registration service to Sportlomo and it was supposed to include a Competition Management System. We did discover that their CMS doesn't include the tools we need and the rollout has had some bumps.

At the moment the existing CMS doesn't have any links to Sportlomo and we don't feel that Sportlomo CMS isn't at the level we need. Kirk is currently in a weekly meeting with USAR and Sportlomo programming staff trying to help them work through their issues.

Dodge and Wendy are also on a task force looking at CMS vs Sportlomo and which service would be best for us.

When will Clubs be able to register members directly in Sportlomo? And when can we accept members dues in Sportlomo?

You can register in bulk but not one by one. As for collecting dues, Sportlomo is using the Paysafe system and it isn't ready for use in the USA. They are in the process of integrating with Stripe and once it's tested that will allow Clubs to collect dues in Sportlomo.

So the TRU is only providing referees for sanctioned matches?

Yes, scrimmages have never been covered by TRRA referees (if they were, it's usually b/c they are volunteers). Once a club goes through the RTP application process & are approved, their match will receive a ref.

Do we anticipate that players won't upgrade from a training membership to a full membership for a shortened season?

We specifically reduced dues to help with this. Upgrading is a nominal fee & allows players to play matches against other teams (once club is approved). We know most players are chomping at the bit to get back out onto the pitch so we don't see it as a hurdle.

What is the process for transferring? We may have players that CIPP with one club and change for 7s.

The normal window for transferring will be followed for 7s. You will have to be registered with the club you're competing with to participate in 7s.

Is it one waiver per club? Side? Match?

Technically it's per match because we need information on who is playing. The Club Agreement and Player agreement only needs to be done once. You will have to enter each match in the add form on the website.

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What do we do if required documents aren't showing up in Sportlomo? Specific case is Coaching L200 aren't showing.	Yes, that is a known bug that we're working on. Send the info to Kirk and he can have USAR do a manual process.
Is it possible to see who is CIPP'd on opposing teams as we have in the past?	Yes, you can still view them at https://usarugby.sportlomo.com/rosters/ . It will indicate if players have a training or full membership as well.
Will referees be provided for summer 7s?	Great question, we haven't discussed this yet as a Board. At the very least if there is a National Pathway for 7s we will more than likely provide referees for qualifier tournaments. Social 7s will have to be another discussion.
If the women wanted to hold round robins, would those be allowed?	Yes, if approved through the application process we would assign referees just like another other event.
Has there been any talk about doing summer 10s or other formats?	Yes, the RRRC has floated ideas around 7s, 10s and other flexible formats. Nothing concrete but we want to encourage everyone to play in whatever format.
What GUs are playing a cup schedule this spring?	Cup schedule is an open definition since there is not National Championship this year. SoCal, Florida, Midwest varies by LAU are playing matches. Pacific NW, Rocky, Empire/NE have cancelled. These are the ones we know about.