

Illinois Youth Rugby Association
Annual General Meeting – December 8th, 2012
Agenda

- 9:00am - Call to order
 - Introduction
 - Review of Agenda
 - Roll Call
 - Review of Minutes
 - Officers Reports -quick review, questions
 - o President, D. Hall
 - o Vice President & Competitions Committee, T. Peroulas
 - o Secretary, A. Cortes
 - o Treasurer, B. Gannon
 - o CARFU Referees Society Representative - L. O'Toole
 - o Disciplinary, V. LaPiana
 - o Compliance, P. Bergman
 - o Select Side,
 - o Events,N. Smyth
- 9:30 - State of Youth Rugby
- 9:45 - Tier Breakouts
- 10:35 - Break
- 10:45 - USA Rugby Demo
- 11:10 - Old Business
- 11:20 - New Business
- 11:30 – Adjourn

Roll Call:

Arlington Stallions Rugby Club, Inc.
Batavia High School Rugby Club
Brother Rice High School RFC
Chillicothe Barbarians RFC
Cicero Parochial Paladins RFC
Elmwood Park High School RFC
Glen Ellyn Ducks RFC
Glen Ellyn Youth Rugby
Ignatius Rugby Football Club
Lake Forest Harriers
Lake Forest Youth Rugby Club
Luther North Boys
Mt. Carmel High School Rugby Club
Naperville Crusaders Youth Rugby
Naperville High School Rugby Football Club – Boys
Naperville High School Rugby Football Club – Girls
Neuqua Valley High School
New Trier RFC
Noble Street High School Girls Rugby Football Club
Palatine Rugby Football Club Inc NFP
Peoria Rugby Renegades

Plainfield Rugby Club – Boys
Plainfield Rugby Club – Girls
Oswego Blues - HS
Oswego Ospreys – MS
Schaumburg-Palatine Barbarians High School Rugby Club
South Side Irish Academy
Springfield Junior Celts RFC
Springfield Rhinos Rugby Football Club
St. Charles Predators Boys Rugby Club
St. Charles Predators Girls Rugby Club
St. Charles Youth Rugby Football Club
Sycamore High School Rugby Club
Wapiti RFC
Warrenville Warthogs Rugby Club
Waubonsie Valley RFC – Boys
Waubonsie Valley RFC – Girls
West Suburban Barbarians Rugby Club
West Suburban Bulls

Minutes of summer 2012 mtg: Were posted on website, motion to approve minutes? Second, all in favor “aye”, opposed – none. Minutes approved.

President's Report:

Good progress has been made since the Summer Meeting in promoting Youth Rugby in Illinois. The Executive Committee has worked well on a voluntary basis in developing new rugby programs and strengthening iYRA procedures and operations.

I have handled the following responsibilities on behalf of iYRA during the past few months.

- Compiled and submitted grant requests to USA Rugby for reimbursement of expenses for Rugby Outreach and Rugby Development programs that we had conducted in 2012. This request of approximately \$4,000 has been accepted and we should receive the funds before the end of the year.
- Compiled and submitted a matching Human Resources grant request to USA Rugby for \$20,000. This request is currently being reviewed by USA Rugby.
- Supervising the development of a new website for iYRA that will be completed by the end of the month.
- Attended the 2012 Rugby Expo In London on behalf of iYRA
- Assisted USA Rugby in the development of their new membership registration system.
- Participated in USA Rugby's monthly youth rugby conference calls.
- Represented iYRA at the Midwest Youth Rugby meeting.
- Attended CARFU Referee Society's fall meeting on behalf of iYRA.
- Attended meetings with rugby enthusiasts interested in starting new programs.
- Soliciting and developing relationships with possible sponsors.

I am looking forward to working with everyone in 2013 in further developing youth rugby in Illinois.

Questions ????: No questions on President's report, moving on.

Vice President's Report, Tom Peroulas:

- Eligibility
 - 15 player minimum
 - Certified coach, certified ref, signed code of conduct, updated contact info(check w/ Adrienne to see where you stand on that)
- New coaching program put out by USA Rugby
 - Those that were grandfathered in, still need to meet some requirements of online course
- Coaches manual
 - Still in development
 - Review period, will be open for comment
- Development
 - Plenty of opportunities to grow the game
- Preseason camps
 - Serevi, March 9-10
- Any Questions?

Secretary's Report:

- No written report
- Turn in signed CoC
- Update your club's registration through the IYRA website
- Any questions?

Treasurer's Report:

ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012

INCOME:

US RUGBY	\$20,018.96
US RUGBY GRANT	\$1,922.64
DONATIONS – IYRA	550.00
DONATIONS - CLUBS	5,300.00
EXTERNAL RUGBY PROGRAMS	4,305.00
MS REFEREE FEES/DONATION	1,375.00
TORNADOES - NORTH	4,670.00
TORNADOES - SOUTH	600.00
MIDWEST SEVENS	1,035.60
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	<u>11,153.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$50,930.20

EXPENSES:

EXTERNAL RUGBY PROGRAMS	\$3,019.09
RUGBY DEVELOPMENT	4,819.09
US RUGBY DUES	3,000.00
MEETING EXPENSES	400.08
ACCOUNTING	60.00
STATE TOURNAMENT	4,985.41
MS REF FEES	1,320.00
MIDWEST SEVENS	1,055.00
FIELD LEASE/SEC DEPOSIT	1,200.00
SERVICE CHARGE	27.58
VISITING COACHING FUND	1,000.00
MIDWEST FEES	240.00
WEB DESIGN	1,290.00
COACHING CERT REIMB	1,200.00
DONATION PAYOUT - CLUBS	5,400.00
TORNADOES - NORTH	9,355.19
TORNADOES - SOUTH	2,300.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	659.66
INSURANCE	575.00
PRINTING	1,436.20
ONE SUMMER	<u>1,600.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$44,942.30
NET INCOME 11/30/2012	<u>\$5,987.90</u>

ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
EXTERNAL RUGBY PROGRAMS

INCOME:

WORLD SPORT	\$2,700.00
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OSCAR MAYER	750.00
MENOMONEE	<u>855.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,305.00

EXPENSES:

ADMIN - WORLD SPORT	\$2,507.09
ADMIN - OSCAR MAYER	512.00
ADMIN - MENOMONEE	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,019.09
NET INCOME EXTERNAL PROGRAMS	<u>\$1,285.91</u>

ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
 JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
 ENGLAND TOUR

INCOME:

PLAYER RECEIPTS	\$49,935.00
APPERAL SALES	6,994.00
AD BOOK	450.00
VCMF DONATION	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$52,935.00

EXPENSES:

AIRFARE	\$38,342.50
TRANSPORTATION	617.69
PHONE	216.66
LODGING	2,063.63
MEALS	2,195.14
TOURS	1,923.62
TRANSACTION FEES	142.99
BANK CHARGES	16.00
SOCKS	205.05
GIFTS	443.84
MISC	247.24
JERSEYS	4,182.50
KIT BAGS/POLOS	<u>903.96</u>

NET INCOME	\$51,500.82
	<u>\$1,434.18</u>

NOTE: FINAL RECONCILIATION NOT COMPLETE.

ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
 JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
 TORNADOES – NORTH

INCOME:

PLAYER RECEIPTS	<u>\$4,670.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,670.00

EXPENSES:

T-SHIRTS	\$254.97
ELKHART FEES	1,400.00
ELK - HOTEL	2,411.20

ELK - VANS	1,193.39
ELK - MEALS	1,330.29
ELK - GAS	293.34
ELK - TOLLS	28.38
CORN BOWL/CODY CUP	765.23
REFERREE FEES	540.00
CLINICS	300.00
MILWAUKEE 7'S	200.00
DONATION	240.00
FACILITY RENTAL	300.00
MISC	73.39
BANK FEES	25.00
	<u>\$9,355.19</u>
NET INCOME	<u>(\$4,685.19)</u>

ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
TORNADOES – SOUTH

INCOME:

PLAYER RECEIPTS	<u>\$600.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$600.00

EXPENSES:

T-SHIRTS	\$0.00
ELKHART FEES	0.00
ELK - HOTEL	1,491.84
ELK - VANS	1,078.88
ELK - MEALS	700.83
ELK - GAS	178.11
ELK - TOLLS	0.00
CORN BOWL/CODY CUP	0.00
MILWAUKEE 7'S	0.00
DONATION	0.00
FACILITY RENTAL	0.00
MISC	0.00
BANK FEES	0.00
	<u>\$3,449.66</u>

NET INCOME	<u>(\$2,849.66)</u>
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TORNADOES - SOUTH REIMBURSEMENT	2,300.00
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OVER/(SHORT)	(\$549.66)
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ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
DONATIONS

Rowe-Clark	1,000	FEBRUARY
?????	100	MAY

?????	200	JUNE	
BP	300	JULY	
VARIOUS	2,700	JUNE	ARLINGTON STALLIONS
STATE FARM	500		
CHICAGO LIONS	<u>500</u>	JULY	
	5,300		

PAYOUTS

PREDATOR RUGBY	200	JANUARY
DUCKS RUGBY	500	
CHICAGO RIOT	500	
BLOOMINGTON TCT	500	
ARLINGTON STALLIONS	1000	FEBRUARY
ARLINGTON STALLIONS	<u>2700</u>	JUNE
	5400	

ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
MIDWEST SEVENS

INCOME:

ENTRY FEES	\$1,135.60
FEE REFUND	(100.00)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,035.60

EXPENSES:

TOUCH JUDGES	\$160.00
TROPHIES	175.00
REFEREE FEES	320.00
HOSTING FEE	400.00
KIT BAGS/POLOS	<u>0.00</u>
	\$1,055.00

NET INCOME	<u>(\$19.40)</u>
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ILLINOIS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2012
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

INCOME:

GATE	\$9,128.15
PARKING	\$1,749.85
PEPPO'S	\$200.00
AD BOOK	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,153.00

EXPENSES:

SHUTTLE SERVICE	\$400.00
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POLICE	212.02
TOILETS	295.68
TROPHIES	770.00
PRINTING - AD BOOK	300.00
FIELD LEASE	1,000.00
REFEREE FEES	1,570.00
LANYARDS	87.71
FIELD LINING	<u>350.00</u>
	<u>\$4,985.41</u>

NET INCOME \$6,167.59

- Note that I split out Tornados North & Tornados South as separate, don't have anything for the Girls or the Hurricanes because I haven't received anything that is specific to them like fundraisers, etc.
- Budget will be prepared soon, probably in the next couple of weeks. Will need input from the coaches.
- Any questions?

CARFU Referees, Luke O'Toole

- Ref-IYRA Liaison committee
- Don't expect fees to increase this year, but they may increase next year
- Ref clinic coming up in March.
 - Date to be finalized early in 2013
 - Scheduling has to do with coordinating schedules with the refs that run the clinic
 - Where we have it scheduled right now is not conducive to running a Level I clinic
 - Ask that we look at another venue, preferably some high school
 - Venue w/ outdoor access is preferable
- TJ-AR
 - USA Rugby is trying to make that an online only course
 - CARFU will run a course this spring if there is enough interest
- Respecting each other
 - Parents, Referees, Players, Coaches
 - Coaches to introduce themselves to ref before game time
 - Perfect time to get clarification on a rule
 - Use halftime to ask a general question
 - May not remember a specific call
 - After game, give the ref a few minutes to stretch/cool down
 - Be respectful
 - Body language communicates intent
 - Meet w/ parents at beginning of season
 - One of the topics to address w/ parents is dealing w/ referee

- Parents have no reason to say anything to a referee before, during or after a game...not part of our culture
- Coaches are responsible for parents' behavior
- If there is an issue w/ a referee not being respectful, please report
 - Go to CARFU refs website
 - Fill out form
 - Or call CARFU ref officers
 - Want to address quickly
 - Open to not scheduling refs where the coach feels there is an issue, but it all depends on availability

Membership question/statement: Consider scheduling higher quality refs to developing teams to help build confidence in programs.

- Take time to go over safety w/ players
 - Ball carrier into contact
 - Tackling
 - Difference between Football

Membership question/statement: Scheduling reminder – when do teams need to contact their assigned referee?

- Saturday match: contact no later than Wednesday
- Wed/Thurs match: “ “ by Sun/Mon

- Please turn in set schedules asap

Membership question/statement: We didn't receive any reports of ref abuse, so please pass on to the referees that we need to get that feedback in the ref report.

- Only a couple of the clubs turned in feedback forms for the refs
- We'd love more; good or bad, let us know. Can't do anything about it

Membership question/statement: Ref Liaison Committee idea - EC proposed forming a group, even getting parents involved. Have dialogue about some of the issues we experience.

Disciplinary Report:

As everyone will know I took over the disciplinary chair at the Summer iYRA meeting. I was given 2 disciplinary issues which have both been handled and put to rest.

- Graeme Jackson and John Walker have completed there required PCAâ€™s course and are looking forward to a controlled and disciplined 2013 season.

- This year I will be looking closely at Red and Yellow card offences. I will need both referees and coaches to assist in the discussion of the on the field incident.
- Red card for foul play will be an automatic suspension.
- 2 Yellow cards in consecutive games will be the same as a Red card.
- Coaches will also be able to write a referee feedback report on the CARFU referee website. Please use this report to address referee control and ruling issues. Web address: <https://sites.google.com/a/carfu-rs.us/carfu-rs/referee-feedback>
- Spirit of the game points system is still in force and will be looked at, case by case.
- Control of rugby players, spectators and parents is the coaches and clubs responsibility.
- Control both on and off the field, and 2013 will be a great youth rugby year

I am looking forward to working with everyone in 2013 in further developing safe and rule abiding youth rugby in Illinois.

Warren Taylor
 Disciplinary Chair
 Tel: (630) 308-1221 36.28

Membership question/statement: "As Compliance Officer, I would like to make sure that we enter it into the minutes that it is every club's responsibility to have their CIPP list with them for every game. So that means if a referee requests of a coach, a name and a CIPP number of a particular player it can be produced. That's a certain expectation that we should have for ourselves, and it's in the code of conduct about a player information notebook."

If an opposing coach asks for info, we should be able to supply it.

Warren: Every HS player should also have identification with them.

- I also don't think this is the responsibility of the referee to check the CIPP list, it falls on the coaches.
- Any other questions?

Select Side, Nolan Day:

- No written report
- Schedules not set for summer
 - Will play N/S (Cornbowl) game first wknd in June
 - Around state final
 - Non-contact
 - Need access to an inside facility
 - Would like to have skills trials first wknd in January
 - Palatine? Naperville? Lemont? Fenwick?
 - Saturday/Sunday afternoon, lasts abt 2 hours
 - Cody Cup, 6.8-9, @ Madison, WI
 - Elkhart out

- Need better competition
 - Blowout scores
 - May do Pittsburgh instead
- Windsor Boys (UK), & London area SS, Irish team?
 - All want to come in July
 - Costs abt \$400-500 to host each team
- Speed camp
 - January
 - Illinois Tornados 2012 FB page
 - Going to have application kids can fill out online
- Participation
 - Up to about 20 clubs participating, sending players
 - Still missing a few clubs
 - Please encourage your players
 - Send us a couple of your best fwds/backers, & those who are close and want to participate
- Any questions?

====>**Tier Breakouts**<====

Tier I & Frosh/Soph Report:

The attached schedule guide is meant to be flexible on the exact date and time of the match. It is up to BOTH teams to confirm home/away, date, time and place where the match will take place. If a home/away precedent has been set, the home team should initiate the dialogue as soon as possible (we recommend before January 31, 2013). After arrangements have been confirmed, the home team should notify the Referee's Society before March 1, 2013. If a league match is not played, both teams will get 0 points for the match. If it can be determined that one team is negligent and the team diligent in organizing a match that does not take place, the Competition Committee may award the diligent team a forfeit win (5 points). Please contact the Tier 1 Coordinator as soon as possible if an issue is raised.

The first league game is scheduled for the first week in April. Four teams have agreed to play one league game before the first week because of Spring Break. The teams are: Mt Carmel, Lincoln Way, Brother Rice and St. Ignatius. If you wish to schedule a league match before the first week of the schedule you may with the proper notification to the Referee's Society and Tier 1 Coordinator. Daylight savings starts March 10, 2013, so games can be rescheduled during the week starting March 11, 2013. We recommend that you schedule 'friendly games' with teams you are not scheduled to play or teams outside our area (Peoria, Notre Dame, De La Salette, Quad Cities and/or Wisconsin youth teams). This also applies to open dates in your schedule.

Please review as soon as possible and give me your feedback. I have tried to be as fair and comprehensive as possible.

Vinnie LaPiana Tier 1
Coordinator
Danoautobody@sbcglobal.net

Schedule Guide

First League game is scheduled for the first week in April. However, if the competing teams wish to set another league match in March, it is acceptable as long as IYRA and the Referees Society are notified with sufficient time notice.

**GAME DATES SCHEDULE, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
(DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS MARCH 10, 2013)**

Week 1	April 3-7
Week 2	April 10-14
Week 3	April 17-21
Week 4	April 24-28
Week 5	May 1-5
Week 6	May 8-12

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day), 2013
Illinois Youth Rugby Championship

Notes:

1. Midwest Club Championships: Saturday, May 4, 2013 and Sunday May 5th, 2013 in Elkhart, Indiana.
2. The Playoffs will begin on May 15, 2013. (this is a Wednesday)

2013 Schedule Guide Matrix

East Division	West Division
Brother Rice	Plainfield
Lincoln Way	St. Charles
St. Ignatius	Naperville
New Trier	Waubonsie Valley
Mount Carmel	Neuqua Valley
Morton	Arlington

EAST DIVISION MATRIX

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
E1 BROTHER RICE	E6	E5	Co W1	E4	E3	E2
E2 St. Ignatius	E5	E4	Co W2	E3	E6	E1
E3 Morton	E4	E6	Co W3	E2	E1	E5
E4 New Trier	E3	E2	Co W4	E1	E5	E6
E5 Lincoln Way	E2	E1	Co W5	E6	E4	E3

E6 Mt. Carmel	E1	E3	Co W6	E5	E2	E4
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West Division Matrix

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
W1	W6	W5	Co E1	W4	W3	W2
W2	W5	W4	Co E2	W3	W6	W1
W3	W4	W6	Co E3	W2	W1	W5
W4	W3	W2	Co E4	W1	W5	W6
W5	W2	W1	Co E5	W6	W4	W3
W6	W1	W3	Co E6	W5	W2	W4

Playoff Structure

Game 1	4 West @ 1 East	Game 5	Winner Game 1 vs. Game 2*	Game 7	Winner game 5 vs. game 6**
Game 2	3 East @ 2 West				
Game 3	4 East @ 1 West	Game 6	Winner Game 3 vs. Game 4*	3 rd place	Loser game 5 vs. game 6**
Game 4	3 West @ 2 East				

*League Points will determine home field

**Games played at tournament site

IYRA League Standings are based on the following point structure which is the same as MRFU Men's League.

League Scoring

Win = 4 league points; Draw = 2 League points; Loss = 0 League points

4 or more Tries = 1 league point, losing by 7 or less = 1 league point

Tiebreakers

Two Clubs Tied

1. Winner of head to head match
2. Most league points in head to head match (in case head to head match was a tie)
3. Most Tries scored head to head
4. Overall point differential
5. Overall tries scored
6. Fewest players sent-off
7. Coin flip

Three or more Clubs tied (revert to two club tiebreaker when down to that number)

1. Most league points in matches among tied clubs
2. Greatest point differential
3. Most tries scored in matches among tied clubs
4. Overall point differential
5. Overall tries scored

- 6. Fewest players sent-off
- 7. Coin flip

Tier II Report:

Report submitted by Bill Mahon, Tier II Coordinator.

General Schedule Guide

It is up to BOTH teams to confirm home/away, date, time and place where the match will take place. If a home/away precedent has been set, the home team should initiate the dialogue as soon as possible (we recommend before the end of January). After arrangements have been confirmed, the home team should notify the Referee’s Society before the beginning of March. If a league match is not played, both teams will get 0 points for the match. If it can be determined that one team is negligent and the other team diligent in organizing a match that does not take place, the Competition Committee may award the diligent team a forfeit win (5 points). Please contact the Tier 2 Coordinator as soon as possible if an issue is raised.

Each Club will be awarded 5 Spirit of the Game league points at the start of the season. Spirit of the Game can be deducted by the iYRA Competitions Committee if a Club is reported for inappropriate behavior by their players, coaches or supporters and the report is substantiated.

Both teams are required to provide to the IYRA at the conclusion of each league game the winner, the score of the game, the number of tries for each team, and any red cards issued. The game result, score and tries are used to seed teams for the playoffs. It is also strongly suggested that a referee evaluation form be submitted by each team at the conclusion of each league game. Links to report scores and referee evaluations can be found on the IYRA web site.

Please ensure you update your Club contact list by November 1 or when changes occur. All Coaches and Administrators should be included on your Membership Form.

2013 Regular Season

There are 11 confirmed clubs expected to compete in Tier II in the 2013 season. The Tier will be divided into 2 divisions, East (5) and West (6). Changes in the Tier are: Glen Ellyn Ducks have moved to Tier III, Neuqua Valley and Plainfield have moved to Tier I, Sycamore has moved from Tier I to Tier II, Pritzker Academy has moved from Tier III to Tier II, and Oswego is a new club.

The divisions are broken up as follows:

East	West
Fenwick	Batavia
Lake Forest	Chillicothe
Montini	Palatine
Pritzker	Renegades
St. Rita	Sycamore
	Oswego

A master schedule has been created (see Appendix 1). League play will start the week of April 3rd, and run until the week of May 8th. Each team will play all teams in their division, and one cross over game against a

team in the other division. Teams were randomly slotted, and the crossover opponent was selected randomly. Care was taken not to schedule teams on their spring break. Each team has either 2 or 3 home games. Some consideration was given to last years schedule with respect to number of home games and opponents. Due to the uneven number of teams, one team (Oswego) will play 6 games, with the best 5 of those games to count towards the standings. Also one team (Sycamore) will not play a cross over game.

As carry over from a ruling by the Disciplinary Chair from the 2012 season, Lake Forest will have 1 Spirit of the Game point deducted from their total in 2013.

Playoff Structure

Playoffs are scheduled to start the week of 5/15, concluding with the State Championships on Memorial Day. The top 4 team from each division will qualify for the playoffs. Standings will be determined using the following tie breakers (in order of importance):

- League Points (IYRA standard point system, plus Spirit of the Game points)
- Head to Head result
- Wins
- Record in division
- Point Differential
- Total points scored
- Tries
- Coin Flip

The playoff structure will be as Follows:

Playoff Round	Game Number	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	1	E1	W4
1	2	E2	W3
1	3	W1	E4
1	4	W2	E3
2*	5	Winner G1	Winner G 4
2*	6	Winner G3	Winner G 2
3* (Championship)	7	Winner G 5	Winner G6

*Teams will be reseeded using seeding rules listed previously after Rd1 of playoffs, and home team will be higher seeded team.

Appendix 1. 2013 Master Schedule

	EAST	4/3 - 4/7	4/10 - 4/14	4/17 - 4/21	4/24 - 4/28	5/1 - 5/5	5/8 - 5/12	Home	Away	Div Home
e1	St. Rita	X	e4	e2	e3	w6	e5	2	3	2
e2	Montini	e4	e3	e1	w2	e5	x	2	3	2
e3	Pritzker	w3	e2	e5	e1	e4	x	3	2	2
e4	Lake Forest	e2	e1	w5	e5	e3	x	3	2	2
e5	Fenwick	x	w4	e3	e4	e2	e1	3	2	2
	WEST									
w1	Sycamore	w6	w5	w4	x	w2	w3	2	3	2
w2	Oswego	w5	w6	w3	e2	w1	w4	3	3	2
w3	Renegades	e3	x	w2	w6	w4	w1	2	3	2
w4	Palatine	x	e5	w1	w5	w3	w2	2	3	2

w5	Chillicothe	w2	w1	e4	w4	x	w6	3	2	2
w6	Batavia	w1	w2	x	w3	e1	w5	3	2	2

RED – Home Game

Cross Over

Tier III Report:

Tier 3 has nothing significant to report since the last summer report. I would just remind all Tier 3 clubs of the January 15th deadline to enter a team into competition for a state championship. A final schedule will be posted by Jan 25th or sooner. The Tier 3 competition will be broken down into (4) divisions:

- (2) north
- (1) south
- (1) Noble

The playoffs will be expanded to take (2) teams/ north and south divisions, (1) wild card, and (1) noble team for a total of (8) teams. All teams should plan on a late March Start... All info is subject to change based on final numbers.

Rob Copland

Tier 3 Coordinator

Girls Report:

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE for our *GIRLS PLAY RUGBY* KICK OFF EVENT: Saturday April 6, 2013 @ Olympic Park Field 9, Schaumburg, IL

- Thank you to all the dedicated coaches in the girls tier for your continued commitment.
- Fall 2012 Season
 - The following clubs participated in Fall Festival play on September 29, October 6, October 13 and October 20:
 - Palatine (1), Plainfield, Sycamore, Quad Cities, Waubonsie (1), Rockford and Naperville
 - There were neither enough matches nor numbers to make a Fall championship feasible.
- Spring 2013 Schedule:
 - I expect participation from the following clubs:
 - Palatine, Plainfield, Waubonsie, Quad Cities, Rockford, St. Charles, Naperville and Lincoln Way.
 - Please remember to report your scores this season to scores@iyra.org and cc aschwaab@comcast.net
 - The Spring schedule will include the below weekends. We are open to play on either Saturday or Sunday, depending on club preferences:
 - April 6 – Kickoff Event @ *Olympic Park, Schaumburg*, Time TBD
 - April 7 – Touch Judge / Asst. Ref Clinic @ Harper College 9am – 5pm
 - April 13 / 14
 - April 20 / 21
 - April 27 / 28

- May 4 / 5
- May 11 / 12
- May 27 iYRA Championships in Lemont
- Sycamore Tournament – date TBD
- Midwest Dates – TBD
- Competition
 - I would like to work with Noble Street schools toward getting them registered with USA Rugby by Fall of 2013 so we can include them in our scheduling
 - Alan Burton attended a meeting with the WI Girls Tier on November 27 and we will begin coordinating matches with them
- Promotional Efforts
 - I am working with GAME ON! Sports Camp for Girls to include rugby in their summer programming
 - The April 6 Girls Rugby Event will invite girls from the city and suburbs to watch an exhibition match, participate in skills sessions, purchase gear, have fun, win prizes and play in a scrimmage. Invitations to participate will be circulated in January.
- Development - Coaches needed!
 - 7s – We need coaches interested in girls 7s for participation in Summer 2013 tournaments.
 - Midwest – We need someone to take on coaching the high school all-star side (15s).

MS Report:

Spring 2012 Rugby Union (15-a-side) Season Recap

Clubs in our division competed in two separate divisions in the Spring: Middle School (for grades 7 -8) and Middle School Juniors (for grades 5 – 6 or younger). Ten (10) clubs fielded sixteen (16) sides for a seven (7) week season. We played an exhibition match for the 2nd year at the Highland Games and we sent U15 & U13 Select Side teams to the All Start Tournament in Elkhart, IN.

Summer 2012 Olympic Rugby (7-a-side) Season Recap

The MS Division did not compete in the 2012 Olympic Rugby season. Each of the local Olympic Rugby (7-a-side) tournaments that host iYRA Boys HS sides extended invitations to our clubs this year. Our division will make an effort to compete in 2013 with at least four (4) teams.

Fall 2012 Rugby Union (15-a-side) Season Recap

The Middle School Division does not normally compete in the autumn. In 2012, the Sycamore and Palatine clubs did come together on Saturday October 20, 2012 to play the new Elgin club.

iYRA MS Division Match Official Development Program

As an experiment to interest High School players in becoming match officials, we paid HS players \$10 per match to work as Touch Judges during the 2012 MS season. We had a group of ten (10) boys from five (5) clubs participate. Coaches, parents & players all supported this program and the coaches agreed to continue it. We also had one (1) HS player that had passed the L1 course begin officiating with an adult referee on the field as a shadow. He took to it well and worked six (6) matches for our division. Five (5) of the HS TJ's have asked to take the L1 course in order to officiate matches in 2013.

Spring 2013 Season Forecast

All of our 2012 clubs will return and a few clubs are looking to join our division in 2013:

<u>Returning Clubs</u>	<u>MS side</u>	<u>MS-Jr. side</u>	<u>New Clubs to the Div.</u>	<u>MS side</u>	<u>MS-Jr. side</u>
Arlington Stallions	1	1	Batavia Youth	1	
Cicero Parochial Paladins	1		Chicago Wapiti		1
Glen Ellyn Stingers	1	1	Elgin Youth	1	1
Lake Forest Youth	1	1	Lake Villa Youth	1	1
Naperville Crusaders	1	1	Peoria Youth	1	
Palatine Pioneers	1	1	Springfield Rhinos	1	
St. Charles Predators	1	1			
Sycamore Spartans	1	1			
West Suburban Barbarians	1	1			
Warrenville Warthogs	1	1			
			Total Expected Sides	15	12

Preliminary 2013 Spring Schedule

Specific club side vs. club side pairings will be set by April 1, 2013. This late date is useful in order to accommodate new clubs that may form prior to the 2013 season. It also allows for flexibility in clubs deciding to enter multiple sides in one or both league(s). The iYRA MS Division will always accommodate new clubs/additional sides.

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Highland Games 7s	Sat Jun 15, 2013 (TBC)	Itasca, IL (TBC)
Firehouse 7s	Fri Jun 21, 2013 (TBC)	Lemont, IL
Midsummer 7s	Sat Jun 29, 2013 (TBC)	Palatine, IL (TBC)
Great Lakes 7s	Sat July 6, 2013 (TBC)	Lemont, IL
IL Olympic Rugby 7s State Championship	Sat July 13, 2013 (TBC)	St. Charles, IL

iYRA MS Division Match Official Program

Purpose

The iYRA MS Division Match Official Development Program is intended to increase the number of trained & certified match officials available to officiate youth matches.

Background

In 2008, there were only two (2) Middle School clubs with approximately 46 players that played a three (3) match season. The iYRA MS Division was formed in 2009 with six (6) clubs and completed the 2012 season with two hundred seventy five (275) players in ten (10) clubs, fielding sixteen (16) sides across two (2) leagues:

- Middle School-Juniors (MS-Jr.) - players in grade 6 or lower – six (6) sides each week
- Middle School (MS) - grades 7 & 8 – ten (10) sides each week.

The division plays a seven (7) week season, beginning with an All-League Scrimmage (each side plays 3 x 30 minute scrimmages), five (5) MS Festivals (each side plays one 2 x 25 min. match) and the iYRA State Championship Tournament with all MS teams invited to play. The MS division names a Champion. All other MS sides and all MS-Junior sides play exhibition matches.

It is important to note:

- All MS & MS-Junior matches are full contact with 2 x 25 min halves.
- All MS & MS-Junior matches play with uncontested scrums and no lifting/supporting in lineouts.
- MS-Junior matches include a coach from each team on the field with the players.
- MS-Festivals are run similarly to tournaments with all teams meeting at one venue
- Beginning in 2013, each venue will have at least two (2) pitches available for play
- In 2012, we played eight (8) matches at each MS Festival (5 x MS; 3 x MS-Junior)

iYRA seeks to increase the number of certified, trained and involved rugby match officials. To do so, we will encourage HS players to begin officiating in the MS Division. The goal is for many of these HS players to continue officiating after they grow up and out of iYRA as players.

Goals

1. To train & certify at least five (5) new referees each spring season.
2. To train & certify at least ten (10) new assistant referees / touch judges each spring season.
3. To train at least three (3) referees each summer season in the specifics of Olympic Rugby (7's).
4. To retain at least three (3) referees for a second season after their initial certification.
5. To retain at least five (5) assistant referees / touch judges for a second season after their initial certification (including those that move up to referee certification).

iYRA MS Division Touch Judge / Assistant Referees – Minimum Requirements

Introductory Level – Touch Judge

1. be USA Rugby Registered (i.e. CIPP'd)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have played contact rugby a minimum of 1 year
4. have graduated from 8th grade

Basic Level – Touch Judge

1. be USA Rugby Registered (i.e. CIPP'd)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have played contact rugby a minimum of 1 year

4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken & passed the online IRB law exam (www.irblaws.com/EN/)*
6. have taken & passed the online IRB rugby ready online modules*
(www.irbrugbyready.com/)

Intermediate Level - Touch Judge & Assistant Referee

1. be USA Rugby Registered (i.e. CIPP'd)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have played contact rugby a minimum of 1 year
4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken & passed the online IRB law exam (www.irblaws.com/EN/) *
6. have taken & passed the online IRB rugby ready online modules *
(www.irbrugbyready.com/)
7. have taken & passed the USA Rugby Touch Judge course
8. have taken & passed the USA Rugby Assistant Referee course

Advanced Level - Touch Judge & Assistant Referee

1. be USA Rugby Registered (i.e. CIPP'd)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have played contact rugby a minimum of 1 year
4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken & passed the online IRB law exam (www.irblaws.com/EN/)*
6. have taken & passed the online IRB rugby ready online modules *
(www.irbrugbyready.com/)
7. have taken & passed the USA Rugby Touch Judge course
8. have taken & passed the USA Rugby Assistant Referee course
9. have taken and passed the USA Rugby Level 1 Officiating - Introduction to Officiating
10. have taken & passed the online PCA course “double goal coach, winning for life lessons”

* Required annually

iYRA MS Division Referees for Rugby Union matches – Minimum Requirements

Introductory Level – Referee

1. be USA Rugby Registered (i.e. CIPP'd)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have participated in rugby as a player, coach, administrator or a referee for a minimum of 1 year (determined by CIPP registration)
4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken and passed the USA Rugby Level 1 Officiating - Introduction to Officiating

Basic Level – Referee

1. be USA Rugby Registered (i.e. CIPP'd)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have participated in rugby (player, coach, administrator or referee) for a min. of 1 year
4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken and passed the USA Rugby Level 1 Officiating - Introduction to Officiating
6. have taken & passed the online IRB law exam (www.irblaws.com/EN/)*

7. have completed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention online course: Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports
(http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)
8. have completed the USA Rugby Rookie Rugby online course

Intermediate Level – Referee

1. have a current USA Rugby Registration (i.e. CIPP)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have participated in rugby (player, coach, administrator or referee) for a min. of 1 year
4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken and passed the USA Rugby Level 1 Officiating - Introduction to Officiating
6. have taken & passed the online IRB law exam (www.irblaws.com/EN/)*
7. have completed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention online course:
8. Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports
(http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)
9. have completed the USA Rugby Rookie Rugby online course
10. Have completed the iRB Rugby Ready Online Course (www.irbrugbyready.com/) *
11. Have completed the PCA Double Win Course:
(<http://shopping.positivecoach.org/Store/Courses/Double-Goal-Coach>)

* Required annually

iYRA MS Division Referees for Rugby Union matches – Minimum Requirements – (continued)

Advanced Level – Referee

1. have a current USA Rugby Registration (i.e. CIPP)
2. not be under any disciplinary obligation from USA Rugby, iYRA or other SBRO, TU, etc.
3. have participated in rugby (player, coach, administrator or referee) for a min. of 1 year
4. have graduated from 8th grade
5. have taken and passed USA Rugby Level 1 Officiating - Introduction to Officiating
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(<http://shopping.positivecoach.org/Store/Courses/Double-Goal-Coach>)
12. have taken and passed USA Rugby Level 2 Officiating - Developing Officiating Skills

Mentor / Trainer

Designated by the iYRA Middle School Coordinator: based on years of experience &/or standing in USA Rugby recognized Referee Societies.

* Required annually

iYRA Middle School Division Match Official Compensation Rates

The 2013 iYRA MS Division compensation offer for our Match Officials will be:

- Touch Judge / Assistant Referee
 - Introductory Level \$ 5.00 per Rugby Union match
 - Basic Level \$ 7.50 per Rugby Union match
 - Intermediate Level \$ 10.00 per Rugby Union match
 - Advanced Level \$ 12.50 per Rugby Union match
 - All levels \$ 10.00 per hour (i.e. 3 matches) at Olympic Rugby Tourneys
- Referee
 - Introductory Level \$ 25.00 per Rugby Union match
 - Basic Level \$ 30.00 per Rugby Union match
 - Intermediate Level \$ 40.00 per Rugby Union match
 - Advanced Level \$ 50.00 per Rugby Union match
 - Mentor / Trainer \$ 50.00 per Rugby Union match
 - All levels \$ 15.00 per Olympic Rugby (a.k.a. 7s) match

iYRA MS Division Match Official Development Program Practical Details

Training Classes

Level 1 Officiating - Introduction to Officiating	Sat Mar 2, 2013 Palatine Public Library	9:00 am – 5:00 pm Cost: \$ 75 per student
Touch Judge / Assistant Referee	Sun Apr 7, 2013 Wm. Rainey Harper College	9:00 am – 5:00 pm Cost: \$ 75 per student
Level 1 Officiating Sevens	two (2) weeknights 5/28/13 – 6/10/13, approx. 6 – 10 pm Glen Ellyn Stingers to Host	Cost: \$ 75 per student

The iYRA MS Division will attempt to secure funding for scholarships to cover these course costs. We wish for any interested player to be able to take these courses regardless of their ability to pay.

iYRA Match Official Record Keeping

The iYRA MS Division Coordinator will maintain a list of match officials that includes the dates & details of each minimum requirement each match official has achieved.

iYRA Match Official Advancement – In General

The iYRA Middle School Coordinator may certify on a temporary basis (one time only per match official per requirement) that individual minimum requirements have been met based on years of experience &/or standing in USA Rugby recognized Referee Societies. Such temporary certifications will remain in place until the next regularly scheduled MS Division Coaches meeting where each temporary certification must be considered individually and must be voted upon by the MS division coaches. A simple majority of clubs voting is required for such temporary certifications to be accepted permanently.

Match Officials may not move “backward” (e.g. from Advanced to Intermediate) except:

- upon the expiration of a temporary certification by the iYRA Middle School

Coordinator (i.e. the MS clubs do not accept that individual minimum requirements have been met based on years of experience &/or standing in USA Rugby recognized Referee Societies).

- **should the individual not take & pass the designated online courses annually.**

Match Officials may only move “forward” (e.g. from Intermediate to Advanced) based upon a temporary certification by the iYRA Middle School Coordinator followed by a vote of the MS clubs at meeting of the MS clubs or directly by a vote of the MS clubs at meeting of the MS clubs.

iYRA Match Official Advancement – New Referees to Basic Level

Newly certified referees will be shadowed on the field for at least their first three (3) matches by an experienced referee (Intermediate, advanced or mentor/trainer).

After three (3) separate experienced referees (Intermediate, advanced or mentor/trainer) advise the iYRA MS Division Coordinator that an Introductory Referee is safe to officiate solo on the field, the Introductory Referee will be **coached from the sidelines for at least another three (3) matches** by separate experienced referees (Intermediate, advanced or mentor/trainer), who may or may not have shadowed the Introductory Referee.

After three (3) separate experienced referees (Intermediate, advanced or mentor/trainer) advise the iYRA MS Division Coordinator that an Introductory Referee is safe to officiate solo on the field without supervision from the sidelines, the iYRA MS Division will certify that the Introductory Referee has become a Basic Level Referee.

iYRA MS Division Match Official Uniforms

Touch Judges & Assistant Referees

iYRA MS Division has purchased T-Shirts in neon green for our TJ/ARs to wear. We have 6 shirts in each size from Adult Med. to 3 XL. TJ/ARs should wear them over their jackets during cold weather and simply as a T-Shirt in warmer weather.

The iYRA MS Division will launder and maintain these T-Shirts.

Referees

There is no specific iYRA MS Division uniform for referees.

2013 iYRA MS Division Preliminary Schedule

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Olympic Rugby (7s) Season

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Match Official Assignment – Touch Judges / Assistant Referees

iYRA MS Div. TJ/ARs choose which MS Festivals they want to work. The iYRA MS Div. Coordinator will solicit TJ/AR commitments two (2) weeks prior to each Festival. Match Assignments will be on a first requested- first assigned basis and **will be confirmed on the Monday prior to each Festival.**

TJ/ARs generally work a min. of two (2) matches and a max. of four (4) matches per MS Festival.

Match Official Assignment – Referees

Referees choose which MS Festivals they want to work. The iYRA MS Div. Coordinator will solicit referee commitments two (2) weeks prior to each Festival. Match Assignments will be on a first requested- first assigned basis and **will be confirmed on the Monday prior to each Festival.**

The iYRA MS Division is fortunate to have a number of USA Certified Referees as members: either as club coaches or parents of players. Some of these referees are active within their local Referee Society.

Interaction with local Referee Societies

The iYRA MS Division welcomes referees from the local Referee Societies and suggests that these societies consider assigning referees to MS Division matches in at least these situations:

- **Newly Certified Referees looking to gain confidence & experience**
 - The MS Division players are young and used to interacting with adults respectfully
 - The MS Division is developmental, so errors in law or judgment that “change the outcome” of the match do not matter
 - The MS Division All-League Scrimmage is designed to provide three (3) mini-matches per side so there are upwards of 30 matches on three pitches at one venue. It is an excellent opportunity to cover many matches in short order.

- **Experienced Referees recovering from injury**
 - MS Div. matches move at a slower pace than Adult, Collegiate or upper Tier HS matches.
 - Referees returning from injury may use these matches as part of their recovery plan.

- **Experienced Referees considering retirement**, but unwilling to stop participating yet
 - The slower pace of MS Division matches may allow an experienced referee considering retirement to extend their career a bit
 - The opportunity to help introduce young players into the sport & culture of rugby may help reinvigorate more senior referees.

iYRA MS Club Budgeting

In 2013, each club should **budget** \$ 50.00 per rugby union (i.e. 15's) match to cover Match Officials.

Min match cost is \$ 35 Introductory Referee (\$25) and two Introductory TJ's (2 x \$ 5.00)

Max match cost is \$ 100 Intro Ref (\$25), Mentor (\$50) and two Advanced TJ's (2 x \$ 12.50)

The Final Season Club Fees will be less than the maximum budgeted costs – likely much less:

- The 2011 Final Season Club Fee was \$175.00.
- The 2012 Final Season Club Fee was \$160.00.

- The 2013 suggested budget amount for the Season Club Fee is \$250.00.

The reduced actual fee vs. the budgeted fee is due primarily to donated match compensation from our many dedicated iYRA Match Officials. These generous donations are an important factor in the rapid growth of the iYRA Middle School Division. **As a division, we recognize and are very grateful for these donations.**

iYRA MS Division Club Invoicing

- Preliminary Season Club Fees:
 - o Are set at the rate of the prior season Final Season Club Fees for the division
 - o will be invoiced two weeks prior to the All-League Scrimmage and are due there
- Final Season Club Fees are determined:
 - After each Match Official designates their Personal Match Fee Distribution
 - One (1) week after the iYRA State Championship Tournament, iYRA assumes no further donations by iYRA Match Officials will be made
 - Should (a) Match Official(s) designate their Personal Match Fee Distribution(s) to be donated in whole or in part after the invoicing deadline, then the appropriate club(s) will be credited as appropriate for the following season(s).
 - By totaling the full season iYRA MS Match Official Costs and allocating equally by club
- Final Season Clubs Fees, less the preliminary season club fees payments, are due two weeks following the iYRA State Championship Tournament
- Should Final Season Clubs Fees be less than the Preliminary Season Clubs Fees already paid, the credit balance will be applied to the following year.

Clubs in these categories will NOT be charged for Match Officials (costs paid by the MS DIV as a whole):

- newly formed clubs (1st year of competition in the division)
- clubs designated as In-Distress (fewer than 15 CIPP'd players)

Match Official Compensation Process

The iYRA Middle School Division will attempt to pay all match officials at the field on the day of competition. This may not always be possible. The iYRA Middle School Division reserves the right to pay match officials at a later date, either at the match official's request or for the convenience of the iYRA Middle School Division. All Match Official Compensation should be paid no later than two weeks following the iYRA State Championship Tournament.

iYRA Match Officials (Referees, Touch Judges and Assistant Referees) are encouraged to accept their full match compensation. iYRA Players, Coaches and Administrators highly value the talent, time and dedication of our match officials. The provision for donating match official compensation should NOT be taken as official encouragement to do so.

iYRA Match Officials (Referees, Touch Judges and Assistant Referees) are given the option of donating their match compensation, in whole or in part, in one or more of the following ways (each individual Match Official to designate their own distribution):

1. to newly formed club(s) in any given season
2. to club(s) designated as In-Distress in any given season

3. to one or more specific clubs (iYRA Match official to designate distribution)
4. to the iYRA MS Division as a whole
 - a. for use in general, or
 - b. for use in a specific capacity, or
 - c. to reduce the overall division match official costs
(this to be the default option if not otherwise designated).

iYRA Middle School Division Match Official Development Program Intent

Youth Rugby in Illinois is growing rapidly. As we recruit additional players into our sport, we are encountering shortages of certified & trained individuals in key support roles: administrators, coaches and match officials. This program is intended to help recruit capable, enthusiastic young players into rugby officiating.

We will do so by demonstrating that officiating can be fun & lucrative. We will develop these players into confident & competent match officials within a supportive environment.

Ideally, our young iYRA Match Officials will continue officiating youth matches mid-week when they join their collegiate / adult clubs or will continue officiating even if they choose to cease playing actively.

All Players presentation, Matt

- No written report
- USA Rugby's new registration system
- Ran through basic registration process
- Differences btwn old & new system
- Optimized for mobile use
 - iPad app currently
 - Android coming soon
- Use to as contact tool, communicating w/ parents & players
- Able to run reports
- Matt specializes in All Players, USA Rugby specifics need to clarify with Lucy Zugschwert (unable to be on conference call)
- Admin access for each club given to coach
 - Players/parents control their own acct
- COPPA compliant website system
 - Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
- Any questions?

Compliance Officer's Report:

Submitted by Paul Bergman, ptbergman@comcast.net, 847.845.4982

It is the recommendation of the iYRA Compliance Officer that:

1. All club officers be CIPPed 365 days a year. If any of you are doing some administrative chore for your club or some out-of-season rugby activity with a school or park district, being CIPPed affords you the liability and accidental insurance coverage from USA Rugby. Further, we live in an online society

- now. People (parents) who are considering sending their child to your club WILL check you out. How does it appear if they look your club up on the USA Rugby website and find nothing?
2. All club coaches should have CURRENT USA Rugby certification. Details below. Again, it is a liability and credibility issue. Further, old dogs do learn new tricks, however difficult the learning process might be!
 3. All club administrators annually review the iYRA Code of Conduct so that we can remind ourselves of what we are pledging to.
 4. Put in place two policies: Concussions and Anti-Hazing. Get them printed and ensure communication to all member families

Coach Certification Bullet Points:

- There is a new system in place. On paper, it looks better than the old one from an administrative point of view. If you were current in the old, you will be grandfathered in after doing *Concussion* and *SafeSport* online modules.
 - Contact person at USA Rugby is James Wilber. jwilber@usarugby.org, 303-539-0300, ext. 103. Fax: 303-539-0311. When you get the CDC *Concussion* and *SafeSport* certificates, it is more efficient to fax them to James.
 - If you are a certified coach, you get liability insurance from USA Rugby.
 - You must have one certified coach to be iYRA compliant and to get a Certificate of Insurance from USA Rugby for field/gym rental.
 - In the new program, 100 level is all online, is designed for non-contact clubs, but will be acceptable for the 2012/2013 cycle. Level 200 will be required of contact club coaches for 2013/2014, but is available now.
 - **200 level has a required workshop. It is one-day, has online prerequisites (about 2 hours) and costs \$90. We are hosting this workshop on Saturday, January 26th at Brother Rice High School.**
 - Certified coaches keep current by doing CEUs each year. These can be done online. No more redoing workshops.
- Any questions?
 - *Membership question/statement: Player loyalty, geography. Not part of the bylaws, amended/removed by vote of IYRA membership. To be followed up by email.*

Girls Select Side, Anne Schwaab

- No written report
- We need a coach, Mark Johnson not coaching SS this year.
- Looking for volunteers to coach
 - Training location decided by coach
 - Contact Anne

Events, Norm Smyth

- No written report
- Putting together another Chicago Rush event
 - No date yet
 - Hope to have IYRA players in exhibition game
 - Combine some teams
- Please remember that each club is responsible for supplying two (2) volunteers for state championship event
 - I'll be sending out an email

State of Youth Rugby, David Hall

- Rookie Rugby
 - New programs forming
 - Training session tomorrow
- Peoria,
 - T.R. Sparenberg, 1,500+ kids through program
- 7s State Championship
 - Not sure of level of interest
 - Need to know in advance so we can plan for enough fields
 - Estimate 12-16 team state tourney
 - To be held on 7.13-14
 - MW Championships in Elkhart the following wknd, tbd

Old Business

- ???

New Business

- Single school program
 - Single school programs play semi-select teams every week
 - Discussion
 - We're a long way away from that
 - Doesn't work for every club
 - Alan Burton, re: D211
 - They already have 28 approved sports, don't want anymore, prefer fewer
 - We should reconsider going through IHSA; it worked for Lacrosse
 - Proposed to put loyalty bylaw back in to effect, but revise.
 - Suggested that a committee is formed to explore single school model
- Thanks to Athletico for their help, and hosting the meeting

Adjourn