

# TEXAS YOUTH RUGBY ASSOCIATION (TYRA) RULES AND GUIDELINES RULES



- All teams must have at least one certified CDP Certified coach. A certified coach MUST attend ALL practices and ALL matches to ensure the liability insurance is in effect.
- Players must be 19 or under on September 1 to be eligible to play, enrolled in high school or enrolled in a GED program.
- All CUP matches will begin on or after February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Teams are only allowed to play other High School Teams. (No College sides allowed for safety and liability reasons)
- *Regional Teams will have a City/County wide Merit Championship where all members of that region can compete for this title regardless of Single or Multi School Team.*
- Players attending a High School, which has a USA Rugby member club in good standing associated with that school or offering rugby to students of that school, must play with that home club. Any player wishing to register to play with a club other than their home club must submit a request in writing, stating their reason for that request to the TYRA Executive Board. The Executive Board may approve such requests only under exceptional circumstances. Careful consideration will be given to both the player and the effect his/her leaving would have on the home club.
- CIPP registered players are only eligible to play for the team they are registered with in that particular season.
- A player must have played two **(2) TYRA Competitive matches** with your team versus a team within your league (single school or multi club) during the season leading to the National Championship are eligible to play with that team at the National Championship.
- Players must be CIPP registered prior to any match they will play in. Players joining teams following other sport or academic commitments must be CIPP registered before **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of each competition year.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to sign a Coaches Code of Conduct before the season starts.
- Players and coaches need to be on separate sidelines when venues allow it. When venues don't allow, the teams will remain on their half of the pitch with a divider to determine the middle.
- Each team must have a complete medical kit and cell phone at all practices and matches.
- Proper rugby attire including shorts is required by all 2nd year teams and above at all matches.
- **To keep compliant with the WEST requirements, ALL TYRA CUP score sheets must be sent into the TYRA Secretary within 48 hours of the match.**
- TYRA is divided into 4 divisions (Division I & II Multi, Single School, JV/U17 OPEN), which enables every team regardless of division to compete for a chance to win the Texas State Championship. The TYRA Divisions and Championships Rules govern these divisions.
- Before any player steps on the pitch, the coach must have in their possession the following forms:
  - A. Copy of the individual players' CIPP form.
  - B. Emergency Contact for players
  - C. Code of Conduct
  - D. Release of Liability Form.
  - E. Emergency Local Contact Numbers

## TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- CIPP DUES (Club and Individual Player Participation) – These dues cover individual players and coaches. It also gives referees, coaches, and the organization providing your pitch 3rd party liability insurance.
- Coaches must also register with the WEST and USA Rugby. This only registers you as a coach and if you elect to register in other areas, the fee will be increased. TYRA doesn't charge for coaches, which is appreciated. You MUST have all coaches and 15 players registered with USA Rugby, the Western Rugby Union, and TYRA by February 1st or your matches will be suspended and forfeited.
- Teams, Players, and Coaches can now be registered online at <http://www.usarugby.org>
- Registering online will have you paying USA Rugby and Western Rugby dues but not TYRA dues.
- After you register online, you need to send the TYRA dues to John Shafto at the below address to be completely registered:

## GUIDELINES

- SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER 1 CONCERN.
- A First Aid and CPR course are recommended and can be completed through any Red Cross Clinic.
- Each team should have their own team checking account and the person in charge of this account should keep track of receipts and expenditures.
- The TYRA website has a lot of important information on it and can be found at <http://texasyouthrugby.com/>

I would suggest book marking this for later reference as it includes several items including:

- The “Home Page” which has information pertaining to TYRA.
- “TYRA Cup Structure and Division Tables” which is the official schedule, Division Standings, League Points Structure and Match Reporting Forms.
- The “Society of Texas (STRR)” which has the contacts for the referee’s in Texas.
- “TYRA District Regions” which has contacts for the coaches.
- “Match Day Preparations” which has forms which need to be filled out for each match played and given to the referee assigned.
- “New Players” which include all the needed documents for TYRA and some extra to help recruit.

### **Tournaments held during the season include:**

- **Jesuit Dallas High School Showdown** (Boys & Girls) – Mid season, multiple-day tournament for teams that have traveled throughout or outside of the state to play other teams and a chance for teams from other states to participate in.
- **Gareth Jones Tournament** – Mid season 1 day tournament for teams to play out of region teams. Coincides with Texas Rugby Union Select Side trials on the following day.
- The top 2-teams from each region will qualify for the State Championship in their specific Division and Age Category.
- **State Championship (Both)** – an 8 team tournament for boy’s Single school and Multi School teams that got an automatic berth. A tournament for girl’s teams with seeding set by league standings.
- Texas High School Rugby Championships
- D1 & D2 CLUB, Single School – Quarters and Semi/Finals
- U17 & U15 Single Championships (all inclusive) – to be reviewed
- \* all tournament team
- Top 8 Teams for D1 U19, D2 & Single school to be finalized. Single School Top #4 teams for each Region and if not enough numbers Top 2 North and Top 2 South.
- \* Future consideration with regions to build to 4 with a west. (South/North/Central)
- If you have more questions or concerns Contact: Anthony Mattacchione @ [amattacchione@jesuitcp.org](mailto:amattacchione@jesuitcp.org)
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