



MARFU Pre-season 2024 -2025

Mid-America Members,

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed cheering for USA Rugby in the 2024 Summer Olympics. Closer to home, congratulations to the St Louis D1 Men who won the 15's National Championship! It has been a hot summer and this cooler weather recently has us already looking to our upcoming 15's season. I am looking forward to another great year. Please read below as there are some very important updates / changes for this upcoming spring.



CLUB COMPLIANCE - CLUBS MUST BE COMPLIANT BY SEPT 11TH OR RISK NOT RECEIVING A REFEREE AND FORFEITING MATCHES. THIS MEANS CLUB DUES PAID, A FULLY CERTIFIED LEVEL 2 COACH ATTACHED TO THE CLUB AND A MINIMUM OF 8 PLAYER REGISTERED!



2025 Senior Club Super Regionals - This year is Mid-America's year to host the North Super Regionals May 3-4th 2025 , between Rockies, Mid-west and Mid-America. Bidding is open to host and the deadline is Sept 15th to submit a bid.

<https://www.midamericarugby.org/marfu-event-hosting-application>



Registration is open- NCR College Women use Sport 80 to register. Men's Club, Women's Club and Heart of America Men's Colleges (D1AA) use Rugby Explorer (RX). Please remember playing unregistered players exposes everyone to liability!

Reminder from USA Rugby:

“ In order to receive insurance coverages, all members of a team or club must be registered with USA Rugby. The coach must be registered and current with certifications (L1 World Rugby or L2 USA Rugby , background check and Safesport) and the team must be compliant “.



New World Rugby Laws - for those who may not be aware there are some new game laws going into effect on Sept 1st . Please read more on the link below :

<https://usa.rugby/news/rugby-law-changes-and-clarifications-for-202425-season-2024815>



MARRS reminders - please have a club member/ Admin register to be an admin on REF UP to see assignments . Also Technical Zones and players benches need to be on the opposite side of the pitch from spectators. For more policies and procedures information please go to the GU website

https://www.midamericarugby.org/_files/ugd/c3d644_94f4afd4461c4433a4bfc270c9ee2ab5.pdf

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Cox".

Sean Cox

Mid-America GU President

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