



What do I get for my Registration Dollars?

We are asked the above question many times throughout the course of the year. Players, coaches and team contacts are often confused about the services provided by USA Rugby and the dues paid at the various levels (National, Territorial and Local). Below are the benefits of registration with the USA Rugby National Program.

Governance Structure

As with any sport organization, a system of governance is essential to maintain a sense of organization and control over the sport. USA Rugby is a volunteer driven organization, led by a Board of Directors and various Committees designed to provide quality national programs. Committees include: Collegiate, Communications, Competition, Discipline, Eligibility, Referee and Laws, Safety/Risk Management, Technical among others. Members of each committee volunteer countless hours of work to provide a service to the organization. The USA Rugby Board of Directors meets biannually and the Management Committee typically meets 3 to 4 times per year. USA Rugby often pays for their budgeted expenses. USA Rugby is an affiliated member of the US Olympic Committee (USOC) and a prominent member of the International Rugby Board (iRB).

Liability Insurance

Perhaps the most visible of the USA Rugby benefits of membership is the Liability Insurance that USA Rugby provides for its C.I.P.P. enrolled members. In previous years, this insurance was a requirement of each team, and was issued by R.C. Knox at a cost of \$275.00 per club. USA Rugby now supplies this insurance to its members at no additional cost to the club. This liability insurance provides protection in case of property damage or bodily injury to third parties. These parties may include but are not exclusive to the venue owner, coaches, referees, sponsors, spectators and others. Most venue owners will require this type of insurance before a club is allowed to step on the field of play. Upon request and compliance, USA Rugby provides each club with a certificate of insurance and the club may add "additional insured's" to the policy at no additional charge. This type of insurance is costly and would be difficult to purchase by a single club for a reasonable fee. Each member is mailed a summary of this insurance.

Membership Card

Each year, USA Rugby provides a membership card to each registered participant. In 2000, USA Rugby began mailing the membership cards directly to each individual member. Registered players only need to show this card to prove membership. Registrants should allow 3 – 4 weeks for delivery of this card following date of registration.

National Championships

USA Rugby annually conducts 22 national championship tournaments at the various high school, collegiate and club levels for both men and women. These championships are coordinated through a local host organization and orchestrated through the national office.

National Office Operations

To carry out the vision of the USA Rugby Board of Directors, USA Rugby employs a full-time staff of 15 professional staff personnel in two offices (California and Colorado). These employees, led by an Executive Director and Director of Business Development, carry out the day-to-day operations of the organization.

Communications

In the past USA Rugby published the Touchline newsletter 4 times a year, and now publishes a new and improved magazine that is circulated to its members 4 to 6 times per year.

Online Club/Individual Registration Reporting

USA Rugby members can now obtain a printout of registered club members by visiting the USA Rugby web site and going to the "CIPP Query" section. This information is updated every Friday and is a valuable resource for teams participating in tournaments. Since October of 2000, you have been able to fill out your Enrollment application online. Not to be confused with actually enrolling online, you can fill your forms out and print them so they are submitted in a neat and professional manner.

Coach and Referee Instructional Programs

Through the National Technical Panel and the Referees & Laws Committee, USA Rugby annually conducts instructional clinics for coaches and referees. Each year the Coaching Program educates more than 300 coaches and 400 referees. Players wishing to become involved as a coach or a referee should contact the USA Rugby National Office.

National Teams

It is important to note that no portion of the individual or club membership fee goes toward the support of any USA Rugby national team program. Each year USA Rugby fields the following national teams through support from corporate sponsors: Men's, Women's, Women's Under 23, Men's Under 23, Men's 7's, Women's 7's and the Collegiate All-American Men's National Teams. Each national team conducts its own evaluation and try-out program, and most USA Rugby members are eligible to compete.

USA Rugby is continually searching for ways to increase membership benefits while reducing the percentage of income that is derived from membership registration fees. If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to:

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