

## **USA YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY RULES**

[These are the overarching eligibility rules](#) in place for youth and high school rugby throughout the United States, set by USA Rugby and enforced by USA Youth & High School. Some rules, like those referencing single-school, do not apply to Missouri, as we do not currently have a single-school competition.

## **MISSOURI YOUTH RUGBY ELIGIBILITY RULES**

*The following eligibility rule was crafted by executive director Pat Clifton and the Missouri Youth Rugby board of directors with feedback from the coaches committee, and it unanimously voted into immediate effect by the board; President Brad Hocker, Vice President Sean Pickett, Treasurer/Secretary Sherry Wright-Fontenot, Karl Parker and Joe Fridkin, on Wed. March 10, 2022.*

Missouri Youth Rugby strongly encourages players to play for their home club, so as to foster community growth within the sport. To that end, new players must be directed to the coach of their home club. Home club is defined as the club based at the players' school. If there is no club at their school, their home club is that based within their school district. If the player does not have a home club, they are free to join any club.

Once a player has played a game with a Missouri Youth Rugby member club, they are captured by that club. The player may not transfer, unless they transfer academically to a school/district of a different home club. All appeals for an exception to the eligibility rules will go to the MYR board via the executive director. All exemptions will be considered by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Any club found to violate the eligibility rules will forfeit all matches involving said player and be deemed ineligible for postseason play. Said player will also be ineligible for representative play during the competitive cycle.

Deadlines will be imposed for teams to hit registration minimums in order to retain their captured players. If teams fail to meet the standard by deadline, their players will be free to transfer to another club. For the Spring 15s season, the registration deadline date is the second Friday in March, and the minimum is 15 registered players and 1 registered coach. If teams fail to hit the minimum by this date, they may also lose their district assignments and pathway to the postseason.