

NJ RUGBY MEETING AUGUST 26, 2021

Registration. The registration process has changed. The new site is FUSE sport training site. Youth and high school coaches have to register on the FUSE sport training site. The youth and high school will be registering on the FUSE site. The platform will be simpler than the present system once it is set up. There is also a lot of accessibility for additional information such as scores etc. It is necessary to upload all coach and referee certifications. USA Rugby can provide the certifications. There are many other sports other than rugby that use this platform. The umbrella fee for all teams in NJ will be paid by NJ Rugby.

Finance. The end of the fiscal year ends August 31. We will end the year with approximately 4500. NJ Rugby brought in only 700 in income in fees. Total expenses were 7500. We did receive donations which allowed us to participate in the year. We were down approximately 60% in income and expenses. KJ submitted a 1000 grant for Atlantic and a 1000 for the Mazda Association which required the application to involve Bernardsville. Giving Tuesday application was submitted. An online store will be up and running in the middle of the 7s season.

Fall 7s. The communication with the clubs has been significant. There are 12 clubs participating in the Fall 7s season. There were questions regarding the hard deadline of the clubs if the clubs are not ready for the Sept 12 date. The schedule is set, with referees obtained as well as medical staff. There will also be u12 and u14 teams.

COVID Protocols – see attached documents. KJ has done research and had our policy reviewed. There must be practice and game attendance in the event of contact tracing. Masks on the sidelines and equipment cleanliness. The waiver should be attached to the registration form on FUSE to make sure it is completed.

Girls Initiative in 7's - There has been an effort to push the girls to have teams. Union has a coach and is practicing. The Union team will be bringing in girls from Central Monmouth and Bridgewater. There are girls who were registered with Morris but the girls would like to play for Bridgewater. Borrowing players are allowed by the USA Rugby this year but sportsmanship should be considered.

There was an interview with Cayla Kannek, USA RUGBY 7s player. It is on the NJ RUGBY Youtube and Facebook.

New Board Members - KJ

Pat Richards – Curt will work this year during transition

Resolution for two year term to the board made and approved.

Amy Burutti – Coming on as Girls Liaison

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Terry Matthews will be attempting to recruit for his position.

Dr. Caitlyn Boyko – Strength and Conditioning. She has an online program for conditioning which she would allow the players to access. She would be considered a consultant on a free basis.

Development - Chris & Curt There are rugby players playing in the football program in Washington Township. The rugby players will be recruiting players for spring season!

Junior Achievement / AGM Chris Parone, Bridgewater coach, is involved in Junior Achievement programs. There is programming at facility in Edison which includes companies who teach the students budgeting. The students are in middle and high school. NJ Rugby is looking for students and sponsors. We will try and work with them and obtain sponsorship. They have offered their facility for any meeting. The AGM will be held there for free. Proposed is October 30 or Thursday night October 28.