

USA Rugby Policy for Under 18s and Under 19s Playing Community Adult (College or Adult) Rugby (Effective May 2010)

Within this policy the following phrases have the following meaning:

Community Adult Rugby: Rugby other than Elite Rugby played by teams comprising players normally of 18 years of age and older. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes games played at the U20 level and rugby sevens.

College Rugby: Rugby played by players who are in college.

Elite Rugby: Rugby played between representative teams of unions, cross border rugby played between the senior clubs, provinces, states and other sub-unions or associations of unions.

Elite Adult Rugby: Elite Rugby played by teams comprising players normally of 18 years of age and older.

Under 18: Being under 18 years of age.

Under 19: Being under 19 years of age.

Introduction: Under 18 players should not normally play Adult Rugby. This Guideline relates to players who are Under 18 who wish to play in, or be involved in training for, all College or Adult Rugby matches.

Front Row Players: Because of the particular nature of the front row from other positions different criteria apply before an Under 19 player may play in the front row in College or Adult Rugby. This specific requirement does not apply to players that may play in the front row in rugby sevens. An Under 19 player should not play in any College or Adult Rugby match in the front row unless the following are obtained:

- written agreement from the player in writing to play College or Adult Rugby in the front row and acceptance of any associated risk of playing with Adults who may be stronger and more physically developed than the player;
- if the player is Under 18, written parental or guardian's consent;
- written confirmation from a coach with an appropriate understanding of the physical attributes required of and the risks to players in the front row in Community Adult Rugby and to whom the player is known that the player has the requisite skills and experience to play College or Adult Rugby in the front row; and
- such other consents or confirmations (if any) as may be required by the player's Local Area Union or Territorial Union, or to comply with the local jurisdiction.

Positions other than front row (but including all positions in rugby sevens) : An Under 18 player should not play in any College or Adult Rugby match unless the following are obtained:

- written agreement from the Under 18 player to play College or Adult Rugby and acceptance of any associated risk with playing with Adults who may be stronger and more physically developed than the player;
- written parental or legal guardian's consent;
- written confirmation from a coach with an appropriate understanding of the physical attributes required of and the risks to players in College or Adult Rugby and to whom the player is known that the player has the requisite skills and experience to play College or Adult; and
- such other consents agreements or confirmations (if any) as may be required by the player's Local Area Union or Territorial Union, or to comply with the local jurisdiction.

Records: The Club for whom the player wishes to play must:

- keep a full and permanent record of the process undertaken and the consents, confirmations and agreements sought and obtained in relation to each Under 18 player or Under 19 Front Row player who plays in any in College or Adult Rugby match; and
- if so reasonably required by the player's Local area Territorial Union or by USA Rugby, provide certification or evidence of the process that has been undertaken and the consents, agreements and confirmations obtained in accordance with the paragraphs above.

WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR U18/19 PLAYER TO PLAY COLLEGE OR ADULT RUGBY

No player, who according to the USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations is required to complete this written agreement; shall train, practice, play, nor be eligible to play, college or adult/club rugby without having first completed all applicable portions of the written agreement below. Completed written agreements shall be kept in the records of the player's club and available for review upon request of any match opponent or administrator.

As per USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations, the Undersigned consent to allow the player listed below to play "College" or "Adult Rugby", including front row positions; and also agree to accept all responsibility and risks associated with playing "College" or "Adult Rugby", including front row positions; and accept any and all associated risks of playing with adults, who may be stronger and more physically developed than the player. The Undersigned confirm that the player has an appropriate understanding of the physical attributes required of, and the risks to players, playing "College" or "Adult Rugby", including front row positions, and that the player has the requisite skills and experience to play "College" or "Adult Rugby", including front row positions.

We, the undersigned player, parent or guardian, and coach, by signing this written agreement, agree that this document constitutes the required written agreements and consents required by the USA Rugby Policy for Under 18s and Under 19s Playing Community Adult (College or Adult) Rugby, thereby allowing the following player to play Community Adult Rugby.

Player Name	CIPP#	Signature	Date
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Coach Name	CIPP#	Signature	Date
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Parent or Legal Guardian Name (For players that are Under 18 only)	Signature	Date
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