

USA Rugby Policy for Under 18s and Under 19s Playing College Rugby

Within this policy the following phrases have the following meaning:

College Rugby: Rugby played by players who are in college for a team registered with USA Rugby as a Collegiate Team.

Under 18: Being under 18 years of age.

Under 19: Being under 19 years of age.

Introduction:

This Policy pertains to players who are **Under 18** who wish to play in, or be involved in training for, all College Rugby matches or who are Under 19 and may play front row for College Rugby.

Records:

The College 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 Rugby match; and
- if so reasonably required by the player's Local Governing Union, College Conference 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.

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 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 Rugby match in the front row unless the following are obtained:

- written agreement from the player in writing to play College 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; and - if the player is **Under 18**, written parental or guardian's consent; and
- 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 College Rugby and to whom the player is known that the player has the requisite skills and experience to play College Rugby in the front row; and
- such other consents or confirmations (if any) as may be required by the player's College Conference or Local Governing Union 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 Rugby match unless the following are obtained:

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

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