

Division III Collegiate Men Competitions Structure

Requirements:

1. All members must be registered CIPP with USA Rugby.
2. Teams **MUST** have a minimum of 15 student-members to compete.
 - a. Student members must meet eligibility criteria outlined for student organizations at their respective college and/or university.
3. Teams **MUST** have an Academic Advisor, and be recognized as a student organization with their respective college and/or university.
4. Teams shall be members-in-good standing with the Ohio Rugby Union.
 - a. Membership/participation in the Midwest Rugby Football Union is not required. However, non-MW members will not be eligible to advance beyond ORU competitions (no Territorial or National title competitions).
 - b. Individual players who wish to play/compete for MW select-side teams shall be afforded the opportunity through the ORU.
5. Teams shall be members-in-good standing with the Ohio Rugby Referee Society.
 - a. ORRS dues include an annual referee stipend (currently \$75.00) and pay-to-play referee fee (currently \$50.00 per match). The pay-to-play fee is paid directly to the referee assigned to the match.
6. The ORU coordinator will schedule fall fixtures for Division III Collegiate Clubs.
Only A-side matches will be scheduled.
 - a. Because of the developmental nature of Division III rugby, teams are required to play an A-side match only.

Competitions Structure:

1. Division III Collegiate Clubs will be divided into at least two geographic conferences. Currently, the structure is:
 - a. Northeast Clubs:
 - i. Ashland University
 - ii. Denison University
 - iii. John Carroll University
 - iv. Kent State University
 - v. Kenyon College
 - b. Southwest Clubs:
 - i. Eastern Kentucky University
 - ii. Ohio Wesleyan University
 - iii. Wittenberg University
 - iv. Xavier University
 - v. Currently Open
2. This structure would facilitate a 6-8 game fall league season, playing each opponent twice – one home & one away.
3. Open weekends for social matches are available and are strongly encouraged. Teams are encouraged to schedule games with teams outside their Division, or outside the ORU.
4. One weekend during the fall season will be reserved to facilitate an ORU select-side camp. This weekend would be chosen in advance, and incorporated into the league season structure.

5. Spring fixtures would include two weekends for ORU Division III playoffs and championships.
 - a. Semi-final Weekend:
 - i. #1 seed in each conference will host #2 seed.
 - ii. Single game elimination. Winner advances.
 - b. Finals Weekend:
 - i. All four teams attend finals venue. Winners play in Championship Match. Losers play in consolation match.
 - ii. Venue to be determined by ORU.
6. A third spring weekend will be established in the future, to facilitate promotion/relegation between divisions. The top Division III team may opt to advance to Division II. In this case, the Division II team will host a promotion/relegation match. The winner of this match will be a Division II team; the loser will be a Division III team.

Division II Collegiate Men Competitions Structure

Requirements:

1. All members must be registered CIPP with USA Rugby.
2. Teams **MUST** have a minimum of 25 student-members to compete in Division II.
 - a. Student members must meet eligibility criteria outlined for student organizations at their respective college and/or university.
3. Teams **MUST** have an Academic Advisor, and be recognized as a student organization with their respective college and/or university.
4. Teams **SHOULD** have a Coach. Exceptions for highly competitive teams or teams in transition periods can be afforded. However, the success of a competitive rugby program is dependent upon a solid infrastructure and stable leadership.
5. Teams shall be members-in-good standing with the Ohio Rugby Union.
 - a. Membership/participation in the Midwest Rugby Football Union is required. Non-MW members may not advance to pursue a National title. Teams must be in compliance with MW standards **PRIOR** to the first weekend of competition. Teams not in compliance with MW standards are not eligible to advance beyond ORU competitions.
6. Teams shall be members-in-good standing with the Ohio Rugby Referee Society.
 - a. ORRS dues include an annual referee stipend (currently \$75.00) and pay-to-play referee fee (currently \$50.00 per match). The pay-to-play fee is paid directly to the referee assigned to the match.
7. The ORU coordinator will schedule fall fixtures for Division II Collegiate Clubs. **Only A-side matches will be scheduled. B-side matches are required.**
 - a. The B-side match **MUST** be 15's; however, it is not a requirement for the B-side match to be regulation length. Teams must play at least two 25-minute halves.

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