



RUGBY INDIANA ADVISORY

2021 SPRING SEASON AFTER-MATCH SOCIALS

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Indianapolis, IN – The World Rugby Charter and its values are important to the game of rugby, and to all of us in Rugby Indiana. Integrity, Passion, Solidarity, Discipline, and Respect are not just words, they are the values that make our sport special. The after-match social is a long-standing tradition in rugby. After a hard-fought match on the field there is nothing better than both teams sitting down and sharing a meal together. A time to celebrate the fun, the game and each other. This simple action results in the establishing of life-long friendships.

The Global COVID-19 Pandemic has changed how we do everything. After no matches in 2020, we are focused on providing rugby matches to our community as safely as we can. The after-match social poses a significant COVID transmission risk between players and adults staffing the food area. Additionally, there is increased costs of ensure foods are “Single-serve” to prevent cross exposure.

Indiana is one of the few states that can play rugby currently. The coaches, match officials, administrators, and volunteers are focused on the balance of the many benefits that playing sports provides children against the risks and restrictions related to COVID.

Due to COVID-19, After-Match Socials have been suspended for the duration of the 2021 Spring Season

While we are disappointed this special part of our game must be paused, we are excited that children will again get to play rugby this spring.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to phase in rugby as safely as we can for the players, coaches, match officials, administrators, families, and fans.