

To all GU member's,

As we start the summer I wanted to give an update as the the state of the GU and USA Rugby.

We continue to be effected by Covid-19. I am sure you have all seen the World Rugby And USA Rugby "Return to Play Guidelines". Please make sure your admin and coaches read through these and take the World Rugby Covid -19 course.

https://playerwelfare.worldrugby.org/covid-19-courses?fbclid=IwAR1fqSCof8sXfJSxGbGQ4Fc7nJoXm8EdB_be29kHMOc4qeW1T4vVI4I3Tf4

Step 1 of the " Return To Play" is to check your State and Local Health Guidelines to ensure your are within their guidelines. If you have any questions please contact the Women's or Men's GU Directors, Jody Lawrence or Alex Antal. (Emails were sent out by each of them at the end of May)

USA Rugby is still in the midst of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, and all indications are that this will be concluded in July. The new USAR By-laws are in place and procedures are going well with the Councils being formed. The College and Youth Councils are still finalizing their Terms of Reference (TOR's). The Senior Club Rugby Council is in place and has finalized their TOR's.

2020 Senior Club Council

Chair- Kirk Tate (Texas)
Vice Chair - Ken Pape (Empire)
Secretary- Rick Humm (N. California)
Treasurer - Jill Williamson (Pacific Northwest)

The Council is currently working on guidelines for the Executive Committees. These committees will have a Committee Chair and then will be made of a diverse equity representation of 5-9 members.

The Committees are:

- 1) Governance and Operations (chaired by Vice-Chair according to TOR's - Ken Pape)
- 2) Audit and Risk (chaired by Treasurer according to TOR's - Jill Williamson)
- 3) Diversity and Inclusion
- 4) Competitions
- 5) Eligibility
- 6) Discipline
- 7) Training and Development

If you, or if you know of someone from Mid-America, who would be a good nominee for Committee Chair or member of a committee please let me know. It is the Club Councils plan to have these in place by the end of June but nominations for Chairperson will start this week.

Please continue to be safe.

Cheers,
Sean Cox
President Mid-America GU