

Welcome to the Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club

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U16/HS Facebook Coordinator	Position open		

Club Dues

Dues includes play from October to April.

All players must be registered and pay dues on an annual basis.

Dues payment includes a training t-shirt, shorts, socks and a tackle jersey (if registered for tackle rugby).

If more than one sibling registered, each additional child will each receive a \$20 discount. Email Yvette for discount details: yspeers@hotmail.com

Register online: <http://www.phoenixrugby.com/firebirdsregistration>

Payments

Payments can be made by check made out to Phoenix Firebirds, cash, the online store or Square transaction in person.

USA Rugby Registration (CIPP)

It is a requirement that every player is registered (CIPP) with USA Rugby on an annual basis. CIPP membership is September to August the following year, regardless of when you register.

A player cannot play in any scrimmage or competitive game without an active CIPP on file.

A player may attend practice without a CIPP during the time they are assessing to see if the game is a fit for them.

Be sure to select the correct group for your child. The four Phoenix Firebirds divisions are:

- High School Boys (for U16 and HS boys) - \$75
- High School Girls (for U16 and HS girls) - \$75
- Youth Tackle (for U10, U12, U14) - \$65
- Youth Non-Contact – Rookie Rugby (for U8, U10, U12, U14) - \$20

Ages are determined as of Sept 1st, the season start date.

Note that in the early part of the season, your child's group may be shown on the USA Rugby website as a "pending" club due to lower enrollment numbers, but that is not an issue.

Enrollment website: <https://webpoint.usarugby.org/Welcome.wp>

Sport Engine Website Platform

Our website is hosted on the Sport Engine platform. An app for your smartphone is available where you can favorite your team and get news and event updates.

Please note:

When creating an account, please **create the account for the parent/guardian**.

You must be at least 13 years old to create an account. Players of this age who have their own email/cell phones should also create an account.

If you are creating a SportsEngine Account to register your child, you must still create the account in your name and with your own information first. Once you register the child, their information will be added as a sub-profile on your account and will be located in the Household section of your Account Settings.

Player Uniform/Protective Gear

- Uniforms are issued upon full remittance of club dues, completion of 2 Firebirds hard copy signed waivers, creation of a Sport Engine account and online player's registration. The player uniform consists of socks, shorts, warmup shirt and tackle jersey (for tackle players). U10 to U 14 players are required to bring their issued tackle jersey to every competitive game.
- It is highly recommended that players practice in the same gear that they play their match in to learn their equipment. Additional uniform pieces may be available for free through our uniform and cleat exchange or may be purchased through our online store.
- U8, U10, U12 and U14 players are required to bring their personal tackle match jersey to every game.
- U16 and High School players will use the Club's tackle jerseys for matches and return the jersey after the match. An alternate tackle jersey is issued in the uniform kit. This jersey will serve as your practice jersey and an away jersey if needed.
- Mouthguards are required for tackle games or tackle practice. No mouthguard = no tackle play or practice. The player is required to provide their own mouthguard. Mouthguards are also sold by the Club. Mouthguards will not be issued without payment in full. Payment may be made by cash, check made to Phoenix Rugby or Square credit card transaction at the field.
- Information on protective gear you may wear per USA Rugby guideline:
<http://usarugby.org/documentation/refereeing/protective-equipment-clothing-guidelines.pdf>

Registration requirements

All registration items must be completed before the first game on 11/3/18. If all the registration items are not completed by this time, the player may come to practice but is not allowed to participate in weekend game play. Registration is currently open and may be completed at any time. Two registration /uniform pick up days are scheduled. These dates will be the last opportunity to complete the required items before the first game. See our registration tab for required items and a registration completion checklist.

<https://www.phoenixrugby.com/firebirdsregistration>

Player Absence Expectations

All players must contact their coach via email or text if they will not be attending practice or a game. Be sure to have your coach's texting number in your cell phone. Contact information may be found at

<https://www.phoenixrugby.com/firebirdscontactus>

Player Game Day Expectations

All tackle players are expected to play contact and touch games. Touch rugby is where the player improves their ball handling skills and develops their rugby IQ. Players are expected to notify the coach the day before or immediately upon arrival on game day if they cannot play in both games.

Game Locations

Games can be hosted throughout the Phoenix area. Most of our games in the Fall will be in Tempe. Spring league matches will be at the Westside Sports Complex. Westside Sports Complex charges \$5/carload for entry. The fields are well maintained and have nice grass – definitely worth the cost of admission.

Westside Sports Complex

2209 N. 99th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85037

<http://www.phoenixsportscomplex.com/>

Video Games

Use of electronics at games is not permitted. We encourage the kids to watch their team members for support or to get out and play.

Recruiting

Recruits are welcome to come to practice for free to check out rugby and to see if it is a fit for them. Players are accepted throughout the entire season. Free off-season clinics are offered in the summer/fall. Please view our recruiting flyers at <http://www.phoenixrugby.com/firebirdsrecruiting>.

Online learning

New to rugby or want to expand your knowledge? Check out the Rugby 101 section of our website. Learn more about the basics of tackle and touch rugby, as well as 7s rugby and 15s rugby.

<http://www.phoenixrugby.com/firebirdsrugby101>

<http://usarugby.org/youth-resources>

Online Store

Dues, supporter wear, balls and extra uniforms are for sale through our online store.

A large variety of Firebirds supporter wear in unisex, womens and youth sizes are available for sale.

<https://squareup.com/market/phoenixfirebirdsyouthrugbyclub>

Facebook

Be sure to follow us on Facebook. Search for Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby. Do not select Phoenix Rugby as this is the men's team page and you will not receive Firebirds information.

<https://www.facebook.com/phoenixfirebirdsrugby/>

Cleat and Uniform Exchange

If your child has outgrown their cleats and/or uniforms and they are in good condition, please consider donating them back to the team. You may contact our Cleat Exchange Coordinator and request a pair of cleats for your child. Please email Yvette Speers at yspeers@hotmail.com to donate or request a pair of cleats.

Lost and Found

Items lost and found will be stored in the equipment closet at rugby practice. Items not claimed by the end of the season (April) will be donated to charity.

Fall Season Pot Luck

During the Fall season, we have a potluck at the games. A SignUp Genius link will be sent out for you to list your contribution. You may also find the sign-up form on www.signupgenius.com and search by email yspeers@hotmail.com. We are always in need of extra tables and empty coolers filled with ice. Please consider bring one of these items in addition to your food contribution.

Pot Luck Dishes

If you do not bring your pot luck items in a disposable container and it is left behind at the field, the container will be placed in the lost and found box located in the equipment closet at the practice field. Items not picked up at the end of the season (April) will be donated to charity.

End of the Year Celebration

At the end of the season, two parties are scheduled, one at the end of the competitive season for U8/10/12/14 divisions and one for U16 and High School divisions. The club pays for the player and there is a minimal charge for family/non-players.

Tax Deductible Donations

Our club is a charitable 501(c)3 organization. You will receive a tax deduction receipt for your contribution. Donations may be made electronically through our online store or by check made out to Phoenix Firebirds Rugby and delivered to Rob or Yvette Speers.

Sponsorships

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please ask Rob Speers about opportunities available to advertise your business with the Club.

Calendar of major events 2018-2019 Season

Date	Item	Location
9/22/18 8:00-9:30 am	Firebirds Pre-season Skills Camp	Royal Palm Park 8405 N 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021
9/22/18 8:00 am-5:00 pm	USA Rugby Level 200 Coach Certification	ASU Tempe Campus 400 E Apache Blvd Tempe, AZ 85281
9/29/18 8:00-9:30 am	Firebirds Pre-season Skills Camp	Royal Palm Park 8405 N 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021
9/30/18 2:00 -3:30 pm	Annual Parent Meeting	Coach Rob's house 13210 North 11 th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85029
10/6/18 8:00-9:30 am	Firebirds Pre-season Skills Camp	Royal Palm Park 8405 N 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85021
10/12 and 10/13	USA Rugby Referee Level 1 Clinic	Flagstaff AZ
10/15 and 10/18/ 2018	Firebirds Practice resumes Mondays and Thursdays Youth 6:00 -7:30 pm U16/HS 6:00-8:00 pm	Biltmore Prep Academy 4601 N 34 th Street Phoenix, AZ 85018
10/27/18 Time TBD: morning event	ASU Kickoff Day for Youth/HS- hosted by ASU Womens team	ASU Tempe Campus 400 E Apache Blvd Tempe, AZ 85281
10/28/18 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Firebirds registration completion and uniform pick up	Coach Rob's house 13210 N 11 th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85029
11/2/18 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Firebirds registration completion and uniform pick up	Coach Rob's house 13210 N 11 th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85029
11/3/18 Youth 4:00-6:00 pm U16/HS 6:00-10:00 pm	Fall 7s	Tempe Sports Complex 8403 S Hardy Dr, Tempe, AZ 85284
11/10/18 Exact start time TBD, probably 8:00 am start for all	Fall 7s	Rillito Regional Park 600 E Bromley St Tucson, AZ 85704
11/17/18 Youth 4:00-6:00 pm U16/HS 6:00-10:00 pm	Fall 7s	Tempe Sports Complex 8403 S Hardy Dr, Tempe, AZ 85284
11/20/18	Deadline: Last day to ordered personalized rugby kit bags	
11/20/18 6:00-8:00 pm	Men's/HS/Alumni Touch Tournament	Biltmore Prep
11/21/18 6:00-7:30	Annual Kick, Punt and Pass Event	Madison Park 1440 E Glenrosa Avenue
11/21/18 7:30-9:45 pm	Dinner and Drinks at The Attic Ale House	The Attic Ale House, 4247, E Indian School Rd
11/23/18 1:00-5:00 pm	Annual Fightertown Paintball Fundraiser	Fightertown Paintball Park, 9825 N 121st Ave, El Mirage, AZ 85335
11/30 and 12/1 2018	USA Rugby Referee Level 1 Clinic	Phoenix/Scottsdale AZ

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12/1/18 Time TBD, morning event	Arizona Rugby Festival for Youth and High School	Scottsdale Sports Complex 8081 E Princess Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85255
12/8/18	Roadrunner 7s (U16/HS only)	Pioneer Community Park. 8755 N 83rd Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345
12/10/18 – 1/2/19	Winter Break No practice	
1/5/18	Atavus Player Skills Camp for U16/HS	TBD
1/6/18 Time TBD	Phoenix Club BBQ for Youth, HS & Men & Alumni	TBD
1/7/19 and 1/9/19	Rugby practice resumes	Biltmore Prep
1/12/18 to 2/23/19 Every Saturday	Spring 7s Youth and Girls HS	Westside Complex 2209 N. 99th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85037
1/26/18 – 4/27/19 Every Saturday except when noted	Spring 15s Boys U16/HS	Westside Complex 2209 N. 99th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85037 May be some away games
2/16/19	Youth Semi Finals	
2/20/18	Last practice for Youth players	
2/23/19	Youth Finals	
2/24/19	Youth End-of-the-Season Party	TBD
2/28/19 – 3/2/19	Bobcats LVIs (U16/HS)	Las Vegas, NV
3/2/18	BYE – Vegas 7s	
3/16/19	Fullerton Rugby High School International Invitational Tournament	Ladera Vista School 1700 E. Wilshire Fullerton. California
4/13/19	U16 Finals HS Semi Finals	
4/20/19	BYE	
4/27/19	HS Finals	
5/4/19	HS All Stars Game	Phoenix, AZ
5/25/19	HS End-of-the-Season Party	TBD

Volunteering

Volunteers are needed for each age division. The Club has many volunteer opportunities which do not take up much of your time.

Please see Yvette Speers for Divisions U8 to U14

Please see Suzi Grube for Divisions U16 and HS

Task	U8	U10	U12	U14	U16	HS BOYS	HS GIRLS
Recruiting e.g flyers at schools							
Youth Facebook Coordinator							
U16/HS Facebook Coordinator							
Practices							
Assisting Coach							
Game Day – All Grades							
Shade tent							
6 pack squirt water bottles in carry case			Catchpole				
2-5 gal water							
First-aid kit & ice w/ ziplock baggies: bring provided items to and from practice			Colao				
Photographer							
Videographer							
Assist Coach with player warmup							
Field setup & breakdown							
Game Day – U16/HS							
High School Field Equipment <i>2 volunteers from U16 and Boys HS divisions</i>							
Match jerseys – wash & bring to game						Grube	Cooper
Score recorder							