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## Rugby in Alberta news....

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Nothing brings out the masses like controversy and the Rugby Alberta AGM did that...We had a great turnout for the meeting and some very positive outcomes as well.

Rugby Alberta's President, Mr. Bert Radford, has stepped aside leaving a gap in the Board of Directors. Bert had been part of Rugby Alberta's board for the past six years in various positions. He felt it was time to move on and allow Rugby to forge forward - hopefully in a more positive direction. In his absence the Board of Directors appointed Jo Reinbold and Colin Ogilvy (representatives from ERU and CRU) as interim co presidents. They have been tasked with bringing forth any and all

interested individuals to take the helm of this ship. To date they have indicated that John Seaman, currently VP Competitions with Rugby Alberta, has accepted a nomination and will let his name stand at an upcoming meeting.

Other outcomes from the January 2009 AGM were the formation of a Finance Committee consisting of: Sean Hoffstetter (CRU), Jim Martin (ERU), Dave Robinson (RAMOA) and Sylvia Farrant (AJRA) and chaired by Rugby Alberta Treasurer Sandy Nesbitt. This committee has had the opportunity to meet once to review the 2009 budget which will also come to the membership at the March 28, 2009 meeting. A



Rules and Regulations committee was also initiated with the final draft to be approved also the end of March. ITSportsNet and Big Kahuna two of our larger supporters were on hand to showcase their products.

Alberta Junior Rugby Association also hosted their meeting on the same weekend.

## ITSportsnet unveils version 2.1

Over the past year several individuals have been involved with assisting Rugby Canada, Rugby Alberta and ITSportsNet put together version 2.1—an updated version of the Official Registration software for Rugby Canada. The old version although useful was outdated with an unyielding amount of prob-

lems. With the help of Rob Hetherington and Judy Seddon the new version has been unveiled and is being used by every club within Alberta. Recently, a conference call was held with the PSO's and Rugby Canada to discuss how the transition was going. Alberta and Nova Scotia are the

only two provinces totally integrated into version 2.1 and well on our way to smoother registration processes. Thanks again to Rob and Judy for their countless hours in assisting us with this new software. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your appropriate sub union or Matt Parrish in the

## Matt Parrish joins Rugby Alberta .....again!

In 2007 the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation made an offer to associations with only one staff member for an Administrative Support Grant. The Grant was to assist those smaller organizations with a financial subsidy for a part time support person. Rugby Alberta applied for and was accepted to receive this grant and until now was unable to fill the position with someone qualified. That waiting period is over! Matt Parrish who once worked in the RA office will return on a part time basis to

assist Rugby Alberta and its sub-unions and associations with some administrative support. Matt's focus from a Rugby Alberta perspective will be to become the Rugby Alberta Registrar as well as assist with the day to day operation of the Rugby Alberta office. Rugby Alberta is very pleased that Matt has decided to assist us and I am sure we will all find him a great asset to our current structure. Matt will be available to assist you Monday's (8:30—4:30), Wednesday's 9:30—4:30 and Friday's (8:30—4:30).

## Special Meeting to be hosted by Rugby Alberta

Rugby Alberta will be hosting a Special Meeting in Red Deer, at the Red Deer Lodge, Pine Lake Room on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and finish by 12:00 noon. Items on the agenda are: Finance Committee Report, Elections for President, Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors is looking forward to seeing all clubs, and sub unions in attendance.

## Rules & Regulations

For well over a year now Rugby Alberta's Rugby Development Manager has been working on a set of Rules and Regulations acceptable by the IRB, Rugby Canada as well as those on the field in Alberta. Its close....very close to being completed. During the Special Meeting to be held in Red Deer on March 28, Dustin will unveil the completed document and begin to put into practice rules and regulations that will become the Official Rules and Regulations of Rugby in Alberta. Please watch our website for a copy and educate yourself, your referees, your coaches and players. A huge thank you to members of the Rules and Regulation committee:

Mike Dowell (ERU), Mike Laporte (ERURS), Rob Hetherington (CRU), Cam Wilton (Rugby Alberta), Laura Stoughton (Calgary Irish). Dustin Hopkins chaired the meetings.



## Fundraiser



Rugby Alberta has received notification of their upcoming Casino. The date will be August 13 & 14, 2009 and the venue will be Century Casino in Edmonton. As many of you know we will need numerous volunteers to assist us. As this is taking place in the summer months it may be especially difficult to find those people. If you can donate some time, please call Debby and/or Matt at the Rugby Alberta office to receive a volunteer application form.

## ASRPWF Funding Eligibility Criteria

Rugby Alberta is largely funded through an Annual Grant from The Alberta, Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation. It is often asked of us why we are the ones that receive the money instead of a sub union or other rugby organization. The answer that the foun-

datation gave is a simple one but the criteria as to who and how much funding organizations get is quite complex. Rugby Alberta receives the funding on behalf of the province and must adhere to the following criteria. Con't page 3...



## RAMOA MEETING TO BE HELD IN RED DEER

The meeting that had been set for March 22 was postponed due to weather conditions and is rescheduled for March 28, at the Red Deer Lodge from 1:00—3:00 p.m.

It is through Rugby Alberta's budget process that funds are distributed and accounted for.

The following is a statement from ASRPWF in regards to funding eligibility which is adhered to by Rugby Alberta in order to secure funding each year.

"In order for Provincial Associations to be eligible for funding through the Association Development Program of the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation (Foundation), the following minimum criteria must be met:

1. The Association must be incorporated under appropriate Alberta Legislation for a minimum of three (3) years prior to seeking financial support through the Foundation's Association Development Program.

2. The Association must acknowledge in its business plan and demonstrate that its activity in the province of Alberta recognizes and contributes to the mission, goals and principles of the Foundation.

3. The Association must declare in its bylaws, and demonstrate through its activities, that its services are provin-

cial in nature and scope without duplication in services; that it provides participant and leadership opportunities for all Albertans.

4. The Association must have a minimum of 500 individual members or have 5 member-clubs with a minimum total membership of 500 individuals within those clubs.

Note: Associations that are excluded from this criterion are provincial sport or recreation

associations for Albertans with disabilities. Con't page 4

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## 2009 Rep Team Coaching Staff Announced

Rugby Alberta is pleased to announce the 2009 Coaching staff for Team Alberta Rep Program.

### Alberta Under 18 Boys Head Coach – Mike Hoang

Mike was given the post of Alberta U16s Head coach back in 2007 for the National Festival in Newfoundland. Mike as proved to be a strong age grade coach which has seen him being retained at Under 18s Alberta Coach to take the team to the 2009 Canada Games in PEI

Assistant Coach – Jason Isaacs  
Manager - Jim Brophy

### Alberta Under 16 Boys Head Coach - Dan Meikle

Dan who is originally from New Zealand and has strong background in Rugby and is now a Canadian resident basted in Red Deer Alberta. He had been retained as Alberta Under 16 Coach for 2009 after his great efforts and leadership at the 2008 National Festival in Ottawa.

Assistant Coach - Preston Wiley  
Manager – Rob Andrews

### Alberta Under 14 boys Head Coach - Cam Wilton

Cam has been involved in coaching a number of Alberta programs over the last 10 years. In 2008 Cam was named as head coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> ever U14 Alberta Tour team that traveled to Victoria and Vancouver. Cam has been retained for 2009 for the teams tour to Toronto to take on BC, Ontario and possibly Newfoundland.

Assistant Coach – TBA  
Manager - TBA

### Alberta Under 19 Girls Head Coach - Bill Bowd

Bill Bowd comes with extensive knowledge of rugby in Alberta both as a player and a coach. He has been with the Alberta U17s program as head coach since Newfoundland in 2007 and now progresses to the Under 19 program for the 2009 National Festival.

Assistant Coach – TBA  
Manager: TBA

### Alberta Under 17 Girls Head Coach - Liam Hutchinson

Liam entered the Alberta representative program in 2008 as the assistant coach with Bill Bowd and showed great coaching skills and leadership qualities. With Bill moving up to the Under 19 program Liam has been elevated to Head Coach for this age group for 2009 for the National Festival.

Assistant Coach – Aaron Takel  
Manager - Deb Orr

## REP TEAM TRYOUTS ON THE HORIZON

### Alberta Under 19 Girls

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
2009

(1.00pm Start – 4.00pm), Lethbridge-TBA

### Alberta Under 17 Girls

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (10.00pm 1.00pm)  
Location: Lethbridge—TBA

### Alberta Under 18 Boys

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (2.30pm – 5.30pm)  
Field 2, Calgary Rugby Union

### Alberta Under 16 Boys

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (2.30pm Start – 5.30pm) Field 3—Calgary Rugby Union

## Upcoming Coaching Clinics

For information on fees and how to register please refer to [www.rugbyab.com](http://www.rugbyab.com)

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March	NCCP Comp Intro Course (Modules 6) Safe Rugby	Calgary Rugby Union	6pm-9.30pm
			9am-5pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> March	NCCP Comp Intro Course (Modules 1/2/3)	Edmonton (Ellerslie)	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> April	NCCP Comp Intro Course (Modules 4)	Edmonton (Ellerslie)	6pm-9.30pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	NCCP Comp Intro Course (Modules 5)	Edmonton (Ellerslie)	6pm-9.30pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	NCCP Comp Intro Course (Modules 6) Safe Rugby	Edmonton (Ellerslie)	6pm-9.30pm
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> April	ELV Training Workshops for Referees & HS Coaches	Edm / Red Deer (TBC)	6pm-9pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> April	ELV Training Workshops for Referees & HS Coaches	Calgary & Leth (TBC)	6pm-9pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April	NCCP Community Coach Course	Calgary Rugby Union	9pm-5pm
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> April	RC Safe Rugby (New Coaches Referees)	Calgary Rugby Union	6pm-9pm
Friday April 17	NCCP Competition Introduction / Contact Course. <i>This Friday session will only take place if participants are greater than 12 people.</i>	Edmonton (TBC)	6:30pm-9pm
Saturday April 18	NCCP Competition Introduction / Contact Course	Edmonton (TBC)	9am-5pm
Sunday April 19	NCCP Competition Introduction / Contact Course	Edmonton (TBC)	9am-5pm
Saturday April 26	NCCP Community Course Under 12 AND Flag Rugby	Edmonton (TBC)	9am-5:30pm

## ASRPWF

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5. The Association must be volunteer driven.
6. Foundation assistance shall not exceed 50% of the Association's overall operating budget (total operating expenses) with the intent of the association moving toward self-sufficiency.
7. The Association must submit (for review purposes only) a 1-year Business Plan that demonstrates that it has an ongoing planning and evaluation process in place. The Association must also submit (for review purposes only) a post program analysis that measures the results, achievements and financial impact of the previous year's operations.
8. On an annual basis the Association must submit for the Foundation's records:
  - The Foundation's form of application for funding, and
  - Financial statements indicative of the Association activities, as endorsed by the general membership of the Association (as required by the Alberta Societies Act), and as

- prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
9. The Association must demonstrate how it will communicate regularly with its membership.
  10. The Association must demonstrate equitable access for all Albertans.
  11. The Association must comply with all regulations and any applicable Alberta Legislation.
  12. The Association must demonstrate that it complies with the National Leadership Standards such as those exemplified in the National Coaching Certification Program.
- Important Note: Meeting all the above Funding Eligibility Criteria does not guarantee funding. The final decision is held by ASRPWF**

## RFU Requests a Ruling

Team A moves the ball from right to left when the final pass to a colleague close to the touchline is knocked on with the ball crossing the touchline. The non offending side immediately take a quick throw. Please can you confirm the following two options can take place:

1. Can a quick throw take place by the non offending team?
2. Has the non offending side the option of a throw in from the touch or scrum as a means of restarting the match

**Ruling 1.** The Designated Members confirm that the quick throw **cannot** be taken as advantage cannot be played after the ball is dead.

The Definition of *dead* on page (viii) of the IRB Law Book 2008 is *The ball is out of play.*

2. The referee will award a scrum at the place of infringement in accordance with Law 12.1 (a).