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Rugby in Alberta news....

Special points of interest:

- **Dates to Note**
- **RA Board Mtg**
- **Fundraisers**
- **IRB**
- **Photo Contest**
- **CIS Women**

Rugby Alberta held its April board meeting via conference call. Items of discussion were the rules and regulations that have now been adopted and placed on our website for review or for you to download. Other items discussed were a Rugby Alberta Communication Protocol which was distributed to all club Presidents. Discussion was also held regarding teams traveling to Toronto for National Festival—Rugby Alberta is right on pace with choosing teams and making all necessary arrangements. Dustin reported on the NCCP clinics that had been held. Rugby Alberta will continue to meet monthly and update you either through email or this newsletter.

RUGBY ALBERTA/RAMOA FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 30th the Rugby Alberta Match Officials Association (RAMOA) and Rugby Alberta will host a silent auction to raise funds that will amongst other things, help facilitate travel and education for referees throughout the province. The auction will take place at the **Shark Club** - 17328 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton. Some of the auction items that will be available are:

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- ⇒ Middle Beach Lodge Weekend Whale watching
- ⇒ Edmonton Oil Hockey Tickets
- ⇒ Tickets to RWC Qualifier—July 11
- ⇒ Signed Oilers Hockey stick
- ⇒ Wine Baskets
- ⇒ Westjet Voucher
- ⇒ Rugby Canada Gear
- ⇒ IRB Referee Shirt
- ⇒ Approx 20—30 other items.



ALSO Chance to purchase tickets on a raffle for "Langara Fishing Adventure"—Value \$3500+ Queen Charlotte Islands.

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10 of the 13 Experimental Law Variations Will Be Adopted as from May 23, 2009.



Many of you have placed orders for the new Law Book. These will be delivered by the IRB in the not too distant future. In the meantime a low resolution version of the new edition (both English and French language) is attached. This can also be located at:

<http://www.irb.com/lawregulations/laws/index.html>.

What does this mean for Rugby in Canada?

1. When Canada plays Ireland on May 23 it will be the first international played anywhere in the world where the game will be played under the new laws.
2. All future internationals (v Wales, May 30), the Churchill Cup and the Rugby World Cup Qualifiers that will be contested this year will be played under the new laws.
3. The IRB under 20 Rugby World Championships to be played in Japan this year will be played under the new laws.
4. The IRB Americas Rugby Championship will be played under the new laws.

5. The staff of the High Performance domain at Rugby Canada would like all of our High Performance athletes to participate under the new laws in 2009 as all of our high performance tournaments and competitions that are associated with our national high performance programs* are scheduled to be played after May 23 and will be in accordance with the new laws.

*Rugby Canada National Championships that precedes the Americas Rugby Championships

*Rugby Canada National Junior Championships (under 20)

*National Women's League

*National Championships (Age Grade – Toronto)

*Summer Games

6. The IRB has asked all National Unions to introduce the new laws on March 23 "or from the start of the next domestic season where competitions transcend the implementation date". This entitles Provincial Unions who are about to commence or have recently commenced their competitions to delay the introduction of the new laws. Rugby Canada acknowledges that provinces have the authority to make their own decision on the implementation date. However, given points 4 and 5 above, all Provincial Unions are **encouraged** to implement the new laws on May 23 if at all possible.



I am delighted to inform you of an exciting new IRB web based product which goes live today. The new site www.irblaws.com is an interactive website which teaches and tests the Laws of the game. We are convinced that this tool will revolutionize Rugby Law education.

The key features are:

- 7 language options: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese & Russian
- All compliant with 2009 Laws as approved by IRB Council on the 13th May.
- Hundreds of video clips to illustrate the laws
- Animations to support learning
- Videos to illustrate all Referee and Assistant Referee signals
- Self-test capability which covers:
 - o All 22 laws
 - o 7's and Under 19 variations
 - o Referee signals
 - o Video tests
 - o The test can be taken over multiple visits to the site
 - o On completion users can download an awareness certificate
 - o Access to the site is **free** to everyone

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 23—CANADA VS IRELAND
 May 23—U17 Women Tryout—Red Deer
 May 24—U16 Men Tryout —ERP
 May 24— U18 Men Tryout—ERP
 May 24—U19 Women Tryout—Red Deer
 May 25 —U18 Men Tryout—Lethbridge
 May 26—U16 Men Tryout—Lethbridge

May 29—Notre Dame Classic—Red Deer
 May 30—Notre Dame Classic
 May 30—CANADA VS WALES

May 30—RAMOA./RA Silent Auction— Edmonton—Shark Club

May 31—U19 Women Tryout—Red Deer
 May 31—U16 Men Tryout—Red Deer
 May 31—U23 Women's Tryouts—Red Deer

Golf Anyone?



The U18's are once again hosting a golf tournament in southern Alberta.

This year the team will travel to Canada Games in PEI in August.

WHEN: Sunday, July 19, 2009
TIME: 12:00 Noon
LOCATION: Speargrass Golf Club
 35 minutes SE of Calgary
COST: \$175.00 per team
 (tax receipt for fees over \$250.00)
INCLUDES: Golf, Power Cart, Meal and Prizes

Contact:

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CALL NOW FOR A TEE TIME!

Rugby Alberta Photo Contest



Rugby Alberta is kicking off its

"Summer Rugby Photo Contest"

Send us one of your best Rugby photos that depict the meaning of Rugby to you! Can be anything Rugby related that you think others would be interested in seeing. Sportsmanship, funny, amazing plays, general interest photos will be placed on our website. Each month (May — September) one lucky participant will receive a gift certificate for \$80.00 to be used at our sponsor— **Big Kahuna**. Watch the Rugby Alberta website for the photos. Photos must be Alberta based and taken by a member of Rugby Alberta. Please submit by email as a jpeg and include in your email your phone number and address.

Winning photos will be placed in this newsletter—so please, if you are capturing another individual be sure to get their permission!



WOMEN'S RUGBY HEADED TO CIS STATUS

Women's rugby will join Canada West in the fall of 2009, joining UBC, Victoria, Alberta, and Lethbridge in the varsity league. The Dinos rugby program has been a competitive club on campus since 1999, and head coach Jenny Vincent is eager to take her team to the next level.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to take this team into the CIS," said Vincent, a former Canadian national team member. "Canada West is a competitive conference having produced seven of the last 11 national champions and we look forward to making an impact on the league.

"The University of Calgary is an excellent school and many athletes have been waiting for the chance to play varsity rugby here. I am proud to be a part of it."



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U18 BOYS & GIRLS RUGBY SKILLS CAMP EDMONTON 2009



WED JUNE 17TH @ DRUIDS RFC 7PM-9PM

WED JUNE 24TH @ DRUIDS RFC 7PM-9PM

COACHES INCLUDE:

RIC SUGGITT – FORMER CANADA MENS & WOMENS COACH

JOE PANAPA – FORMER TONGA MENS BACKS COACH

AARON TAKEL – FORMER WALES U18 & UNIVERSITIES

FORREST GAINER – FORMER CANADA MENS PLAYER

MIKE HOANG – ALBERTA U18 BOYS HEAD COACH

MEL NGATAI – FORMER NEW ZEALAND WOMENS PLAYER

PLUS MORE...



FACEBOOK GROUP:

**Alberta Junior Rugby - U18
BOYS AND GIRLS RUGBY SKILLS CAMPS**

Rugby Alberta Casino



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. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



"The only trophy we won this day, was the blood and sweat we left on the pitch.... and it was enough"

U23 Women's Program introduced



Rugby Alberta is pleased to announce the creation of a new representative program – U23 Women

The program will be coached by Matthew Parrish, the coach of the University of Alberta Pandas, and Jenny Vincent, the coach of the University of Calgary, which recently acquired full CIS status.

The team will compete in the Rugby Canada National Women's League Tier 2 finals to be hosted at the Ellerslie Rugby Park, between Tuesday July 7th to Friday July 10th. This will be a "curtainraiser" for the weekend's Big Game – the Canada v USA Men's World Cup Qualifier.

"This program will be a great bridge between the U19 and the Sr. Women's program and will allow younger players to get noticed and hopefully develop into Sr. program over a season or two" stated Head Coach, Matt Parrish.

Tryouts for the team will begin on Sunday May 31 at 10am at the Red Deer Titans. Interested players are asked to contact Matt Parrish at rugbyab2@telus.net or check out the Rugby Alberta website at www.rugbyalberta.com for more information.

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o Registration is only required when users want to undertake the tests

o We can provide Unions with regular reports on who has passed the test and who has started

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Rugby Alberta Fundraiser

silent and live auction

25 dollars | tickets include food, Guinness, & wine

auction items include:
fishing trip
apparel from
Rugby Canada
and Big Kahuna

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