

Welcome Letter 2019-2020

Welcome to the **Tucson Blackbirds High School Rugby Club!** Below is some information you will find useful in knowing what to expect when you sign up for Blackbird Rugby.

1. Safety

My coaches and I will take every precaution to ensure that your son or daughter learns to play rugby in a safe environment. Every participant will be required to have health insurance. If you do not have health insurance, USA RUGBY provides you with an accident policy as part of your CIPP registration. This is meant to be used as a supplemental insurance and should not take the place of your regular health insurance policy! Please inform us of any medical condition your child may have prior to the start of the first practice.

2. Education

Your son/daughter will be expected to keep their grades up during the season or they will not be allowed to participate in games or practice. Parents, it will be up to you to report to our coaching staff if your son or daughter's grades drop below an acceptable level and work with them to remove your child from participation until their grades come back up. We recommend a 2.5 or better GPA

3. Attendance

Your son/daughter is expected to attend practice regularly and on time! If they do not attend at least one practice during the week of a game they will **not be allowed to play in that game!**

4. Attitude

We expect your son/daughter to have a positive attitude and respect themselves and their teammates and the game of rugby. We have a **no swearing policy** here on the Blackbirds which is enforced by the players with a penalty of extra conditioning at the end of practice. I am not against swearing; I know it's an everyday part of life for most people, but I believe if we can show the discipline in practice and games to refrain from it that discipline will spill over into everything we do.

5. Fees

Registration for the 2019-2020 season will be split into three sections: **FALL SEVENS = \$40, SPRING 15s = \$80, USA RUGBY CIPP REGISTRATION = \$100 (REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY RUGBY EVENT AND CARRIES THROUGH BOTH SEASONS)** These fees pay for hosting visiting teams, practice and game fields and equipment, uniforms and an end of the year banquet. CIPP fees allow you to take part in all rugby activities and provides liability and a limited health insurance policy. **Players who have not been CIPP registered will not be allowed to take part in any contact practices or play in a game until their registration has been completed.** Team fees (\$40 or \$80) are fully refundable up until your son/daughter plays in their first game. CIPP is paid directly to USA RUGBY through their website at usarugby.org and is not refundable.

6. Sports Physical

Although not required by USA Rugby, it is always a good idea to have your child get a physical before playing a sport.

I look forward to a successful season!

Sincerely,
Tim Pappas
Head Coach

