

2020 President's Report

Who we are:

The club rugby playing community in Raleigh, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Pittsburgh. The membership of the Capital Rugby Union represent nearly 9% of the adult rugby playing community in the United States.

Who we are *not*:

The Capital is not the MAC (Mid-Atlantic Competition). While we work together to ensure competitions and championships are produced we are separate bodies.

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What the Capital Rugby Union does:

The CGU organizes, administers, controls, regulates, improves, teaches and fosters the growth and maintains the standards of the game of Rugby Union Football for the clubs that are its members within the geographic area. It represents its members before other official administrative bodies of rugby on a regional, national or international level (including, the International Rugby Board [the "IRB"] and USA Rugby ["USAR"]), and shall organize, control and administer rugby games between regional bodies and visiting clubs as necessary.

What we really do:

Before COVID – grow the game by creating and supporting adult rugby clubs and rugby opportunities for our members.

After COVID – doing our best to keep the sport alive and to ensure there is a future for club rugby in the United States.

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Value proposition:

Advocacy – ensuring our members have a voice at the national and international administrative levels

Communication – facilitate the dissemination of important local, regional, national, and international adult club rugby information

Education – Produce certification opportunities for coaches, create training webinars for members, and help train boards and presidents in best practices.

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Value proposition:

High-Performance – Provide opportunity for coaches and players to compete at the highest level available. Reduce player and coach expenses as much as possible. Equally support and fund women's HP programs. Build relationships with Old Glory. Create a seamless, professional experience for our athletes and coaches

Administration – Ensure member interests are protected in terms of eligibility, competition, insurance, and budget

Discipline – Enforce the Laws of the Game and protect our teams, coaches, athletes, referees, and fans

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2020 Highlights:

Coaching Certification Clinics:

In January 2020 the Capital Rugby Union produced three concurrent Level 200 & Level 300 USA Rugby Coaching Certification Clinics throughout the Union.

The clinics were held in Maryland, Charlottesville, VA, and Virginia Beach, VA.

Each course 'sold out'

Participating coaches paid \$0

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2020 Highlights:

COVID19:

Capital Rugby Union was the first Union to suspend play

Capital Rugby Union is not sanctioning rugby activities as of August 7, 2020

Capital Rugby Union is monitoring jurisdiction health and government policy to ensure return to play as soon as possible

Capital Rugby Union wants to return to play as soon as government & health officials allow

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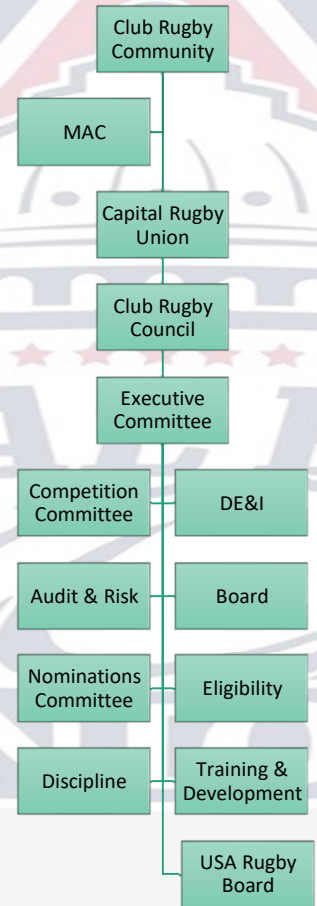
2020 Highlights:

USA Rugby bankruptcy & re-structure:

USA Rugby declared Ch. 11 bankruptcy. A requirement from the bankruptcy court forced USA Rugby to restructure how they managed the national office and the sport. The new USA Rugby structure gives much more input from community rugby. Community rugby is segmented into Club, College, and Youth.

The Capital Rugby Union has a seat on the Club Council

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Current state of the Club Rugby Council: Simon Smith

The logo for Capital Rugby Union is centered in the background. It features a stylized white dome of the US Capitol building at the top, set against a red and white triangular background. Below the dome is a banner with the words "CAPITAL RUGBY" in a bold, blue, serif font, flanked by two rows of small red stars. At the bottom is a blue banner with the word "UNION" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A white oval containing a stylized blue and white rugby ball is positioned between the two banners.

CAPITAL RUGBY

UNION

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Conclusion:

Wait for COVID

Get playing as soon as possible

Produce coaching clinics

Maintain/Expand our relationship with Old Glory

Produce club board education content

Invest in high-performance

Increase DE&I efforts

