

Entries, Matches Set for USA Rugby Atlantic Super Regional Club Playoffs

HENRICO COUNTY, VA – Twenty-six senior men’s and women’s club rugby teams representing ten states from Vermont to North Carolina will meet on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at Glover Park in Glen Allen, Henrico County, VA for the 2023 Atlantic Super Regional club playoffs.

The annual competition is one of four such regional events nationwide and is officially sanctioned by USA Rugby, the governing body for the sport in the United States.

After a reorganization of the senior club level infrastructure within USA Rugby at the national level, four regional qualifier tournaments were initiated starting in the 2021-2022 season where each regions’ champions earned an invitation to their respective division’s national ‘final four’ which was held in Atlanta last May.

The first Atlantic Super Regional (ASR) was held in Buffalo in April 2022 and was supported by the Empire Geographic Union conference and hosted by Buffalo Rugby Club.

This year’s event will be supported by Capitol Rugby Union in conjunction with Richmond’s James River Rugby Football Club.

The twenty-six qualified teams will represent four primary administrative conferences that are organized by geographic region; the Empire GU, Capital RU, New England Rugby Football Union, and Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union.

The 2023 field features nine total returning ASR competitors, four returning champions, and two returning national champions in NOVA (Northern Virginia) Women’s Rugby Club and Providence Women’s Rugby.

NOVA captured its second straight Division I national crown last May while Providence won gold in Division II. Providence moved up to Div. I for the 2022-2023 season and will meet NOVA in the ASR semifinals at 2pm on Sat. 4/29.

Buffalo Rugby men’s Div. II team and Rappahannock Womxn’s Rugby in Div. III also return to the Atlantic Regional as the defending champions in their respective divisions while Buffalo returns after having competed in the 2022 national ‘final four.’

Other returning ASR competitors are Raleigh Venom (women’s D1), New Haven Women’s Rugby (D2), Severn River Women’s Rugby (D2), Phoenixville White Horse Women’s Rugby Club (D2), and Lehigh Valley Hooligans (men’s D3).

Additionally, Saturday's Div. I men's final between New York Old Blue Rugby and Rocky Gorge Rugby Club will put two of the country's top men's teams against one another in a high level battle of past national champion programs. Kickoff is slated for 4pm.

Atlantic Regional Division I, II, and III men's team champions and Division I and II women's team champions will advance to the USA Club Rugby XV's National Championships in St. Louis, Missouri in June.

Full match schedule:

***Glover Park** is located at 11217 Greenwood Rd, Glen Allen, VA, 23059

Saturday, April 29

Field 4

D4 Men semifinal – 10am

South Buffalo Rugby (NY) vs. Happy Valley Barbarians (PA)

D2 Women Semifinal – 12pm

Severn River (MD) vs. New Haven (CT)

D1 Women Semifinal – 2pm

Providence (RI) vs. NOVA (VA)

D1 Men Championship final – 4pm

New York Old Blue Rugby Football Club (NY) vs. Rocky Gorge Rugby Club (MD)

Field 2

D3 Women semifinal – 10am

Rappahannock (VA) vs. Union County Women's Rugby (NJ)

D3 Men semifinal – 12pm

Monmouth Rugby Football Club (NJ) vs. Lehigh Valley (PA)

D2 Men semifinal – 2pm

Buffalo RC (NY) vs. Boston Irish Wolfhounds Rugby Football Club (MA)

Field 3

D4 Men semifinal – 10am

Burlington Rugby Club (VT) vs. Prince William County Owls Rugby Football Club (VA)

D2 Women semifinal – 12pm

Worcester Shamrocks Rugby Club (MA) vs. Phoenixville (PA)

D1 Women semifinal – 2pm
Boston Women’s Rugby Club (MA) vs. Raleigh Venom (NC)

Field 5

D3 Women semifinal – 10am
South Shore Sirens Rugby (MA) vs. South Jersey Women’s Rugby (NJ)

D3 Men semifinal – 12pm
Providence Rugby (RI) vs. North Bay Rugby (MD)

D2 Men Semifinal – 2pm
Philadelphia Whitemarsh Rugby Club (PA) vs. James River RFC (VA)

Sunday, April 30

Field 4

D4 Men championship – 9am

D3 Men championship – 11am

D2 Women championship – 1pm

D1 Women championship – 3pm

Field 2

D4 Men consolation – 9am

D3 Women championship – 11am

D1 Women consolation – 1pm

D2 Men championship – 3pm

Field 3

D3 Women consolation – 9am

D2 Women consolation – 11am

D2 Men consolation – 1pm

Field 5

D3 Men Consolation – 11am

Media, Social Media, and Streaming

For **media requests** please contact ASR communications manager Matt O'Rourke (email: morourke7@yahoo.com).

The ASR can be found on Instagram (@atlanticsuperregionalrugby) and Facebook (Atlantic Super Regional Rugby).

USA Club Rugby can be found on Instagram (@usaclubrugby), Facebook (USA Club Rugby), and Twitter (@usaclubrugby).

USA Rugby can be found on Instagram (@usarugby), Facebook (USA Rugby) and Twitter (@usarugby).

Capital Rugby Union can be found on Instagram (@capitalrugbyunion), Facebook (Capital Rugby Union), and Twitter (@capitalrugby).

Select matches may be live streamed. Please visit the social media accounts or the tournament's home page (<https://rugby.org/2023-atlantic-super-regional/>) to find live streaming events & services.

Tournament officials would also like to thank **Henrico County Sports & Entertainment Authority, VisitRichmondVa.com, Starr Hill Brewery, and Sheehy Auto Stores** for sponsoring the 2023 Atlantic Super Regional.