



## **Four Points High School Rugby 2019 – 2020 Season**

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# **Rugby Club Player Registration Packet**

Welcome to Four Points Rugby Club. We are excited about your child's desire to play the fastest growing sport in America, and the greatest game on the planet.

To become a member please review, complete and submit following documents:

1. Registration Form
2. Release of Liability
3. Player Responsibilities
4. Club Rules and Policies
5. Volunteer Form
6. Travel Release Waiver
7. USA Rugby Medical Questionnaire

### **Four Points Rugby Mission Statement**

Four Points Youth Rugby Club is committed to playing, promoting, and honoring the game of rugby in the Four Points Area, and throughout the surrounding community. Pursuant to the tradition of the sport of Rugby, our goal is to cultivate confident young men & women to possess strong ethical character in pursuit of their individual goals.

### **Four Points Youth Rugby Core Values**

1. Good Sportsmanship
2. Accountability
3. Respect for Self and Others

### **Texas Rugby History**

In 1823, during a game of football (soccer) at Rugby School in England, legend has it that 16 year-old student William Webb Ellis, "with fine disregard for the rules of football" picked up the ball & began to run with it. Thus the game of Rugby was born. Story has it Youth Rugby began in Texas when in 1993 two middle schools in Houston, St. Ambrose & St. Anne's, played the first organized Youth Rugby game. In 1998 Texas first High School aged teams began playing. This created a need for a formal ruling body TYRA (Texas Youth Rugby Association) which was formed in 2007 to govern high school and youth rugby throughout the state of Texas and is a part of the TRU (Texas Rugby Union). High Schools currently compete in the THRC (Texas High School Rugby Conference) and the High School age teams compete for the TYRA championship.



To find more information about Rugby in Texas or TYRA ([www.rugbytexas.org](http://www.rugbytexas.org))

### **USA Rugby**

USA Rugby is the national governing body for the sport of rugby union in the United States, and has over 150,000+ members. ([www.usarugby.org](http://www.usarugby.org))

USA Rugby strives to provide a safe environment for everyone. In keeping with the standards of many sports organizations in America today, USA Rugby has implemented a policy and background screening process that helps ensure that the environment in its athletic programs (Including Youth Rugby) at every level is as safe as possible. To this end, the organization preforms criminal background screenings on coaches, executive administrators, volunteers and referees registered to all rugby teams and referee societies.

USA Rugby is aligned the USOC SafeSport Program requirements and the Minimum Standards Policy for Athlete Safety Programs. Required of all USOC member organizations, the SafeSport program allows USA Rugby members to report instances of abuse and misconduct, occurrences which happen both on and off of the field.

### **Viper Rugby Coaching Staff**

All coaches associated with Four Points Rugby are registered with USA Rugby. The coaches have undergone the required training and certifications, as well as national background checks in accordance with SafeSport. [www.usarugbysafesport.com](http://www.usarugbysafesport.com)

### **Coaching Staff**

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| Head Coach:  | Eric Reed     | <a href="mailto:fourpointsrugbyclub@gmail.com">fourpointsrugbyclub@gmail.com</a> |
| Asst. Coach: | Mike Gaub     | <a href="mailto:fourpointsrugbyclub@gmail.com">fourpointsrugbyclub@gmail.com</a> |
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### **Bio for Eric Reed (Founder and Head Coach)**

Eric grew up in Rockville, MD and excelled in High School as an All-Conference & All Metropolitan player of the year as a goalie in soccer. Eric also participated on the Olympic Development Team for the State of Maryland his Junior & Senior years of High School.

Eric went on to play Division 1 Soccer at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) his Freshman & Sophomore years. It was his Junior year that he discovered and took on his passion for rugby.

He played his Junior year as a neophyte to the game of rugby but quickly grew his skill sets to place him on the Midwest All Star Team to compete for ITT Collegiate All Star



Series. That Senior Year the Midwest Team lost a close match to the Pacific Team to place second amongst the best Collegiate Players in the Country. Eric was named to the Collegiate All- American Team in June of 1996.

After graduation in December of 1997 Eric moved to San Diego, CA where he played with OMBAC (Old Mission Beach Athletic Club) and played with the US National Team as an upcoming Player within the Development Side. He quickly played his way to a contract offer for a club in Edinburgh, Scotland called the Watsonian's RFC.

He played with that club from July of 1998 to February of 1999 before coming back home to San Diego to play out his contract with OMBAC. In the summer of 1999, Eric was named to the World Cup Squad for the US National Team. He participated with the team in Ireland where they faced Ireland, Romania & Australia in the 1999 campaign.

After finalizing the World Cup, Eric moved back to Chicago to play with the Chicago Lions from 1999 to 2007. While playing with the Chicago Lions he played for a National Championship in 2007 for the Super League Title and also managed to play 7 International games with the US Team. He played South Africa in 2001 when they visited Houston, TX. He also played England, Scotland, Uruguay, Canada, Australia (in the 1999 WC), Wales, and participated as a player for the 2003 World Cup Qualifier team.

After taking several years off from rugby Eric returned to the game in 2014 & 2015 while he helped coach the Lake Travis High School Rugby Team. In 2015, Eric returned to the competition side of the game with the Austin Black's Men's Rugby Club and participated in taking second place in the D1 National Championship game. In 2016 & 2018 Eric played for his 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> National Championship opportunity. It wasn't until the 2018 season where Eric could be awarded a National Championship.

Eric along with other former rugby players started the Four Points Youth Viper Rugby Club a few years ago as an informal group of youth learning the sport of rugby. The club has grown enormously since its inception and Eric is looking forward to leading the club to a highly successful organization which promotes Good Sportsmanship, Accountability, and Respect for self and others.

Eric also started the Four Points High School Viper Rugby Club associated mostly with Vandegrift and Leander High Schools. His high school team has developed into high power team that expects to win state championships in the near future.



### **Registration and Membership**

All players **and coaches** associated with Four Points Rugby Club must be registered with USA Rugby. USA Rugby provides its members with a number of benefits including liability insurance and accident insurance, providing peace of mind so that they can enjoy the sport, and know that they are covered. For more information on Insurance Coverage go to <http://usarugby.org/insurance>

USA Rugby Registration must be completed before players are allowed to participate in any form of physical rugby contact.

Upon sign-up with Four Points Youth Rugby you will receive your Certificate of Insurance including your official USA Rugby CIPP #. This must be done before you will be eligible to participate in any contact or represent the club in games.

Once a player has been issued a CIPP #, a print off of the USA Rugby (Minor) Medical Insurance Agreement and USA Rugby Rules Acknowledgement form will need to be signed. Once signed it must be turned in to The Four Points Rugby Club Administration/Coaches.

All Youth, High School, and Adult Rugby Clubs are required to maintain the signed waivers & releases in their possession to provide to USA Rugby upon request.

### **Four Points Rugby Club Website and Social Media**

The official website for the Four Points Rugby Club (To be launched later this Fall), will contain the most up-to-date information from coaches and club administrators. It will have the game schedule, field directions, game pictures etc.

Until then updates can be received by signing up for email, text updates, or friending us on Facebook at "Four Points Rugby Club".

Our email is [fourpointsrugbyclub@gmail.com](mailto:fourpointsrugbyclub@gmail.com) if you would like to communicate directly with our administrator or coaching staff.

### **Four Point Rugby Dues for the 2019 - 2020 Season**

In the State of Texas youth and high school rugby is a private club sport. It is not governed by UIL and it is not funded publicly by the school districts. As such, each club is responsible for ALL of its own expenses. See the list below for what the season dues money is used for.



### **Seasonal Expenses:**

- Team and individual dues to USA Rugby and TYRA
- Officials (Referees)
- Professional Trainor's for home games and tournaments
- Player Kit (Warm-up Top, Shorts, Socks).
  - Does Not Include Player Mouth Guard (Gum Shield)
- Tournaments (Fees and Travel)
- Practice equipment (Balls, Tackle Pads, Cones, etc.)
- Coaching Shirts
- New Game Balls
- Field Paint
- Awards
- Miscellaneous- ice, tape, cups, first aid supplies, copying

### **Additional Equipment Expenses** (We hope to pay for through sponsorships)

- Uniforms (Upgraded Player Kit)-Optional Purchase for practice
- Field strippers (Machines to stripe fields)
- Water Jugs, Bottles and coolers
- Balls and Cones
- Banner
- Scrum sled and Pads
- First-Aid kit (Certified Advanced Airway) and an AED

### **Full-Contact Player Dues:**

Upon registration: \$500.00

Payment goes toward USA Rugby CIPP registration, as well as the issuance of an official Four Points Vipers Rugby Kit. Rugby Players cannot participate in contact practices before paying these dues.

\*\*\* Discount for two players or more in the same family: \$50 per player



**Scholarship Info:**

Scholarships may be available for reduced or sponsored dues. You must contact the Coaches or Parent Club President to request an application and it must be filled out before consideration of a scholarship. If approved the parents and/or guardians are required to participate in volunteering for the club. Scholarships are awarded on a case by case basis which is dependent on actual need.



**VIPER Rugby Program - 2019 - 2020 REGISTRATION FORM**

Player's Full Name\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

Player's Email\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Parents cell/phone no.\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number Email Parent/Guardian Name\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number Email\_\_\_\_\_

Player Shirt Size\_\_\_\_\_

Player Waist Size\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number (only to be used with Consent prior to running)

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Sizes (If they want to purchase team clothing)\_\_\_\_\_

**Player cannot participate in any contact activities if their CIPP registration is not complete. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Please return the signed waiver from USA Rugby with your registration packet.**



## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

### **Player and Parent/guardian are required to sign and return**

I, for myself, and my parent or guardian, assigns, heirs, next of kin acknowledge and agree that I understand the nature of rugby activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe these conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in these activities. I fully understand that rugby involves risks and dangers of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death. I understand that these risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others and/or the condition in which the activities take place. I understand that there may be risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time and I fully accept and assume all such risks and responsibility for losses, costs and damages that I may incur as a result of the participation the activities. I hereby release, discharge and hold harmless Four Points Rugby Club, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and coaches, other participants, sponsors and advertisers from all liability, claims, demands, losses and/or damages caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part by me or by my assigns, heirs, next of kin, and those under my guardianship. Furthermore, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless Four Points Rugby Club from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or costs which may be incurred as the result of such a claim. I understand that this form does not serve as a medical release. Furthermore, I also agree that participation grants Four Points Rugby Club and its agents the right to take and utilize photographs without any legal or financial obligation. I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms and have signed it freely and without inducement. Shall any portion of this agreement be held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

I also accept full responsibility for equipment, uniforms etc. issued to me by Four Points Rugby Club for use in these athletic activities. I assume liability for any damage/loss of these items in excess of that incurred by normal use and will see to the return of or reimbursement for such items.

Player Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_





## **PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Player and Parent/guardian are required to sign and return**

### **1. Attendance**

Player will notify the coaching staff about all missed practices or games one day prior to the practice or game (unless an emergency occurs.)

For all practices missed (Doctors, Tutoring etc.) player will provide a note from respective doctor or teacher.

Injured players are expected to continue to attend practice and participate within the limits of the written limitations from their physician.

Unexcused absences can result in a loss of playing time. If you don't practice you **DON'T PLAY**.

Academically ineligible players are expected to attend practice throughout the ineligible period.

### **2. Ineligibility**

Should a player become ineligible for any portion of the season, the player will notify the coach immediately upon knowledge of ineligibility. It is the player's responsibility to monitor his academic progress and notify his coach on the last day of the marking period if he has become academically ineligible.

### **4. Pick Up/Drop Off**

Players and parents will make the best effort to drop off and pick up players at scheduled times. Coaches cannot leave the site until all players have been picked up. This requires all players to coordinate their rides accordingly. Players should not wait until practice concludes to call their ride. Practice times are scheduled and should rarely run late. Please have rides ready at end of practice.

Player\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_



## **CLUB RULES AND POLICY FOR PARTICIPATION**

### **Player and Parent/guardian are required to sign and return**

- All club members must be active in club and organization activities.
- Parents and players are expected to actively be involved in the Rugby Club.
- A player must practice to be able to play.
- Family emergencies or an academic obligation will take priority over rugby games or practices but you must notify the coaches.

### **Parent/Coach Relationship**

Parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to our student-athletes. As parents, when your child becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on them. This begins with clear communication from the coach of the team.

### **Communication you should expect from the coach**

- Coaching philosophy
- Expectations the coach has for all players on his team.
- Locations and times of all practices and contests/travel information
- Communication coaches expect from parents
- Advance notification of any schedule conflict
- Specific concerns in regard to coaches' expectations or philosophy

As your child becomes involved in the athletic program at Four Points Viper Rugby, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his life. However, there will be times when they may encounter adverse situations that may affect their attitude. It is at these times that we encourage you to speak with the coach.

### **Appropriate concerns to discuss with the coaches**

- Ways to help your child improve
- Concerns about your child's behavior or academic progress
- The mental or physical treatment of your child

It is extremely difficult to accept that your child is not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals; they make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be in the best interest for the team and your child. The coaches request that if you need to talk with them to wait 24 hours after a game before meeting with them.



**Concerns not appropriate to discuss with coaches**

- Playing Time
- Team Strategy
- Play Calling
- Other Student-Athletes

There may be situations that require a conference between the coach and parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's positions. When these conferences are necessary, the procedures listed below should be followed to help promote a resolution of the issue or concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedure listed below should be followed:

- First, have the player speak with the coach.
- If the issue has not been resolved, make an appointment to meet with the coach.
- Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach.

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- Call and set up an appointment with the Parent Club officers to discuss the situation.

Since research indicates a student involved in athletics has a greater chance for success during adulthood, Four Point Rugby strongly supports the athletic program. Many of the character traits required to be a successful student-athlete are exactly those that will promote a rewarding life after high school. We trust the information provided within this manual makes both your child's, and your experience with the Rugby program more enjoyable and less stressful.

Player\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_



## **VOLUNTEER FORM**

### **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH FOUR POINTS RUGBY CLUB?**

The club operates solely because of volunteers. The coaching staff donates 100% of their time. We cannot function without volunteers. There is a wide variety of tasks that need to be accomplished for a successful season each year.

Please read the descriptions for each type of volunteer. Please put an X by each area you would be available to assist with. This form is required for registration.

**Field Crew:** Need 2-3 people. Responsible for staking out and lining the practice and competition fields at the beginning of the season and as needed throughout the season.

**Medical Staff:** You attend home games to assess any injuries for both Four Points Viper Rugby and the visiting team. Need to be CPR, AED and emergency first aid certified. (Every home game)

**Fundraising:** It is mandatory for all players to participate in fall and spring fundraising events. In an effort to be sensitive to the financial burden that dues can place on some families there are opportunities to “buy down” dues by participating in designated fundraisers. While dues finance the majority of the budget they do not cover it 100%. Fundraising is necessary to meet all the financial obligations of the program and to keep the dues down. Sponsorship brochures are also available if your company would like to participate.

**Photography/ Video:** Need 2-3 people. Take player and game photos for website and distribution to media, film game for coaches.

**Game Announcer:** Energetic personality and knowledge of rugby (or willing to learn).

**Merchandise / Concessions:** 3 – 5 volunteers needed to sell merchandise, concessions and assist with preparing home game meals.

\*We will make every effort to ensure that you are not working while your child is playing. We understand the importance of cheering in the stands.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Travel Release Waiver**

**Player and Parent/guardian are required to sign and return**

FOR:\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_\_

(Print student name)\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian:\_\_\_\_\_

I give my consent for my son to compete in the 4 Points Rugby Program, and as a participant, to travel with the coach or other club representatives to an athletic rugby match or practice. I release the coach, administration, and the school from any liability resulting from injury suffered by him during an athletic rugby match or practice. It is understood that the parent/guardian's private insurance will cover any charges incurred.

Insurance Company\_\_\_\_\_

Policy #\_\_\_\_\_

Group #\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the insurance card.

I also give my consent that my son may travel on team trips if and when necessary, driven by coaches and/or parents. I understand that Four Points Rugby provides supervision for this activity but does not assume responsibility for accidents or injuries which might be sustained while traveling to, from or during activity.

**By signing, I agree to all statements on this document.**

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_