



U19 Men Panthers

U19 North America Caribbean Rugby Association (NACRA) 2014 Championships

For HIGH SCHOOL AND U19 Rugby Players across the Southeast;

We are organizing the first ever South U19 Men's All-Star Team. We are recruiting players that want to compete at a higher level against International competition. Below is some general information and instructions for players interested to begin the application process to join this program. This will provide you with an overview and there will be a lot more information to come in the near future. Please help communicate this opportunity to ALL potential players.



The U19 Men Panthers All-star Team will compete for the first time ever in the U19 North America Caribbean Rugby Association (NACRA) Championships -- July 12-19th in the Caribbean island of Trinidad. This is an official IRB sanctioned event with possible games against Mexico, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Bahamas and other Caribbean Island Nations.

<http://www.nacrugby.com/>

Last Year the USA Rugby South Panthers men's team won the NACRA Men's Championship with a win over Bermuda. For more information on the South Panthers go to <http://www.usarugbysouthpanthers.com/>

Schedule of Events

- April 19th Camp (Atlanta, GA)
- May 17th – Camp at MTSU – Murfreesboro, TN
- June 7th – TBD
- June 21st – RAST Tournament at Life. Meeting and walk-thru.
- June 28th -- Final Camp TBD.
- July 12-19th -- U19 Championships North America Caribbean Rugby Association - NACRA Men's U19 Tournament. Hasely Crawford Stadium (TBC), Port of Spain, Trinidad

IRB Player Eligibility

All players must be born between January 1st 1995 and December 31st 1997.

IRB U19 Laws will be applied. Normal IRB Regulation 8 applies to all players in the national U19 teams i.e. born in the country, parents or grandparents born in the country or player resident for previous 36 months. For more information on the IRB go to <http://www.irb.com/index.html>



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Player Requirements

This Program is a Travel All-Star Team and all players need to have a minimum standard of athletic ability and rugby experience. We hope to attract players with experience on Travel Teams or All-Star programs. Applications must include a Coaches letter. We also require:

- Dedication to Travel & Participation in all Camps & Events
- Commitment to a personal Fitness, Strength and Conditioning Program
- Ability to meet budget requirements through current funds & *fundraising* efforts
- Rugby Experience & Athletic Ability
- Willingness to do Hard Work
- Ability to follow directions as a player and with Team Management

Player Application Process

1. Please read and understand Player eligibility and requirements.
2. Make sure you can meet the Schedule & Budgeted Expenses for Camps, Events and Tours
3. Complete Player Application on line
4. Contact your Coach and request a Letter of recommendation.
5. Send in your team fees
6. Make Plans to attend Camp I.
7. Communicate with Team Management

Team/Rugby fees

The team has a \$100 fee to register for any and all Camps. You can pay all or a minimum of \$25 upon submitting your application. Additional fees for Tours and other Events will also apply. This is non-refundable as we are immediately using the funds for camp expenses and team development.

All Players must also be USAR CIPP compliant so there will be a \$30 fee to sign up for USA rugby if you have not already done so. All Travel, Hotel, logistics to ALL Camps and Events must be covered by the Players. Management will always work to obtain organized rates but all expenses must be incurred by the Coaches, players and all supporters. Review the schedule and budget accordingly. Additional events may be added to the schedule requiring additional funds.



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Trinidad Tour



Final Team roster will be selected for this event. At this time we are still obtaining Tournament Rules and IRB support guidelines. It is likely there will be a limited roster requirement which means not all players that participate in the Camps and Events will be selected for this roster.

We do plan to organize Team Travel & Lodging for this event. We shall also establish Guardian protocol if needed. Parents are encouraged to help in this role. A supporter Travel Package shall also be organized. More information to come. At this time many details remain so we can only **budget expenses at approximately \$950/player.**

Supervision

At all Camps and Events players are expected to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You may make arrangements for another Adult / Parent to supervise. You will be asked to sign a waiver if you send your player with another parent, even if they are 18. The U19 Staff shall provide full attention during scheduled events but all time outside Team events require proper supervision by others. This remains the parent's responsibility.

A specific Guardian protocol will apply if Parents cannot travel with Player to Trinidad.

Fundraising

If you are going to need assistance in fundraising for your trip, please let Management know. We are currently organizing several fund raising opportunities.

Coaches & Managers

Head Coach – Mark Williams

Volunteer Coaches, Trainers and Managers will be added. If you are interested in volunteering please send you information to Gary Kent - gkrugby@gmail.com