

**2015 USA Rugby Senior Club Survey  
Constituent Feedback Data**

**USA Rugby**

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## **Section 1. Introduction and survey design**

### ***1.1 Background***

Policies and procedures in American rugby are dependent upon governance models that rely on proper feedback from constituencies through various representatives at different levels. Often, perceptions are shaped by regional perspectives, peer groups, personal background, and/or the public perception of vocal constituents (whether in the minority or majority). To that end, thought leaders are generally able to make policy decisions that produce optimal outcomes. However, there are occasions where experience belies the ability to fully comprehend the gravity of existing opinion. This, in turn, can make policymaking difficult for those that are not equipped to attach significance to the feedback they receive.

To assist with these issues, and equip policymakers with data that can confirm opinion or expose trouble areas, the USA Rugby national office created a comprehensive survey to gather feedback from its senior clubs.

### ***1.2 Survey creation***

The 2015 USA Rugby Senior Club Survey was created by the USA Rugby national office's Club Department, with the opportunity for input from members of policymaking committees. Questions were solicited from the Club Strategic Committee and National Competitions Committee on multiple occasions, and the national office compiled these suggestions with its own informational needs to create a comprehensive form via the Google Forms platform.

The survey can be found in this location:

<https://goo.gl/forms/vHxNIHAXtnfne3Au2>

### ***1.3 Survey distribution***

The survey was distributed via direct email to registered coaches and administrators, pushed through USA Rugby's club-oriented social media platforms, direct email to union offices and competition administrators, and personal appeals to influencers within the rugby community to share the survey.

### ***1.4 Survey response***

At the time of survey distribution, there were 654 'active' senior clubs in USA Rugby (had at least 15 players as a XV's-based club or 7 players as a 7s-based club, and known to play at least socially). From those clubs, there were 529 teams that were considered competitive (playing in a recognized Men's D1, Women's D1, Men's D2, Women's D2, or Men's D3 competition), and another 196 teams that were considered semi-competitive (playing in a recognized Women's D3 or Men's D4 competition) or 'actively social' (had at least 15 players as a XV's-based club or 7 players as a 7s-based club, but not playing in a competitive structure).

Overall, the survey received 186 'refined' responses (removal of duplicates) from 654 'active' clubs. However, as many clubs run multiple sides, the responses represented 202 teams of the 529 known competitive sides, representing 38.19% of the competitive population, which provided a confidence interval of 5.4 percent at a confidence level of 95%. Additionally, the 186 responses overall represented 224 teams from a total active pool of 725, which also provided a confidence interval of 5.4 percent at a confidence level of 5.4 percent.

Notably, for divisional breakdowns, club responses were limited to a clubs' highest-competing side (e.g. a club that runs both a D1 and D2 team would only have its response categorized at the D1 level).

*Not all questions surveyed are included in this report.*

## 2. Demography of Survey Responses

### 2.1 Survey Response by Biological Sex of the Responding Club

	Unique Responses	Representative Responses	Weight of Response
Male	147	181	31.59%
Female	40	43	28.29%

### 2.2 Survey Response by Competitive Division

	Unique Responses	Representative Responses	Weight of Response
Men's Premier/D1	33	33	60.00%
Women's Premier/D1	16	16	53.33%
Men's D2	37	50	35.71%
Women's D2	19	23	26.74%
Men's D3	80	62	36.70%
Women's D3+Social	4	4	11.11%
Men's D4+Social	18	15	11.25%

### 2.3 Survey Response by Competitive Region

	Unique Responses	Weight of Response
Pacific North (ACR1)	16	20.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	8	11.11%
Frontier (ACR3)	11	18.64%
Red River (ACR4)	26	60.47%
Midwest (NCR1)	38	29.46%
Southern (NCR2)	31	34.44%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	32	32.32%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	22	26.51%

### 3. Venue-Specific Questions

#### 3.1 Is your primary practice/training venue natural grass or artificial turf?

1 – Natural Gras

2 – Artificial Turf

	Natural Grass
Men's Premier/D1	57.58%
Women's Premier/D1	62.50%
Men's D2	89.19%
Women's D2	94.74%
Men's D3	87.10%
Women's D3+Social	75.00%
Men's D4+Social	100.00%

	Natural Grass
Pacific North (ACR1)	75.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	62.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	63.64%
Red River (ACR4)	92.31%
Midwest (NCR1)	94.74%
Southern (NCR2)	96.77%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	56.25%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	86.36%

#### 3.2 Is your primary match venue natural grass or artificial turf?

1 – Natural Gras

2 – Artificial Turf

	Natural Grass
Men's Premier/D1	78.79%
Women's Premier/D1	87.50%
Men's D2	89.19%
Women's D2	94.74%
Men's D3	88.71%
Women's D3+Social	75.00%
Men's D4+Social	100.00%

	Natural Grass
Pacific North (ACR1)	87.50%
Pacific South (ACR2)	87.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	81.82%
Red River (ACR4)	88.46%
Midwest (NCR1)	97.37%
Southern (NCR2)	93.55%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	65.63%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	100.00%

### 3.3 Do you regularly use a scoreboard at your primary match venue?

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	57.58%
Women's Premier/D1	25.00%
Men's D2	18.92%
Women's D2	21.05%
Men's D3	16.13%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	13.33%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	31.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	50.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	63.64%
Red River (ACR4)	34.62%
Midwest (NCR1)	21.05%
Southern (NCR2)	25.81%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	12.50%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	4.55%

### 3.4 Who owns your primary match venue?

1 - The club and/or a rugby-based organization

2 - A local school district

3 - A college/university

4 - A city or county parks department

5 - Other

	The club and/or a rugby-based organization	A local school district	A college/university	A city or county parks department	Other
Men's Premier/D1	24.24%	12.02%	3.03%	39.39%	21.21%
Women's Premier/D1	18.75%	12.50%	0.00%	62.50%	6.25%
Men's D2	8.11%	5.41%	0.00%	78.38%	8.11%
Women's D2	15.79%	10.53%	0.00%	63.16%	10.53%
Men's D3	6.45%	4.84%	4.84%	70.97%	12.90%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	93.33%	6.67%

**3.5 Does your club enforce the use of technical zones at your primary home match venue?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	63.64%
Women's Premier/D1	56.25%
Men's D2	67.57%
Women's D2	42.11%
Men's D3	54.84%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	40.00%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	75.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	87.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	45.45%
Red River (ACR4)	84.62%
Midwest (NCR1)	39.47%
Southern (NCR2)	48.39%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	50.00%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	45.45%

**3.6 Does your club regularly film its home matches?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	90.91%
Women's Premier/D1	56.25%
Men's D2	72.97%
Women's D2	31.58%
Men's D3	37.10%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	20.00%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	68.75%
Pacific South (ACR2)	62.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	63.64%
Red River (ACR4)	73.08%
Midwest (NCR1)	42.11%
Southern (NCR2)	41.94%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	50.00%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	45.45%



**3.7 Does your club regularly have a photographer at its home matches?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	81.82%
Women's Premier/D1	50.00%
Men's D2	62.16%
Women's D2	52.63%
Men's D3	58.06%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	80.00%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	75.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	75.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	81.82%
Red River (ACR4)	57.69%
Midwest (NCR1)	57.89%
Southern (NCR2)	70.97%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	62.50%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	45.45%

**3.8 Does your club regularly have a certified trainer (ACT) at its home matches?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	81.82%
Women's Premier/D1	75.00%
Men's D2	56.76%
Women's D2	47.37%
Men's D3	48.39%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	26.67%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	75.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	50.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	63.64%
Red River (ACR4)	46.15%
Midwest (NCR1)	52.63%
Southern (NCR2)	61.29%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	53.13%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	59.09%

**3.9 Does your club regularly have a doctor, EMT, or ambulance at its home matches?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	51.52%
Women's Premier/D1	31.25%
Men's D2	18.92%
Women's D2	31.58%
Men's D3	25.81%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	46.67%

**3.10 Does your club have signage for its sponsors at its primary match venue during matches?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	66.67%
Women's Premier/D1	31.25%
Men's D2	54.05%
Women's D2	42.11%
Men's D3	40.32%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	53.33%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	62.50%
Pacific South (ACR2)	50.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	54.55%
Red River (ACR4)	84.62%
Midwest (NCR1)	39.47%
Southern (NCR2)	58.06%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	21.88%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	22.73%

**3.11 Does your club believe there is a relationship between the quality of your primary match venue and the quality of the sponsorship your club receives?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	90.91%
Women's Premier/D1	81.25%
Men's D2	62.16%
Women's D2	57.89%
Men's D3	67.74%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	33.33%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	75.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	62.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	81.82%
Red River (ACR4)	76.92%
Midwest (NCR1)	65.79%
Southern (NCR2)	70.97%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	56.25%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	59.09%

#### 4. Club Administration

##### 4.1 Who is the manufacturer of your primary match kit?

###### Top 5 Kit Manufacturers

1. Canterbury (45)
2. O'Neills (16)
3. BLK (12)
4. KooGa (9)
5. Gilbert/Zoti [tie] (8)

-Clubs get their kit from 38 manufacturers overall

-55% of clubs get their kit from the top 6 brands/manufacturers

##### 4.2 On average, how often does your club replace its kit?

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – About once per year
- 2 – About once every two years
- 3 – About once every three years
- 4 – Less Frequently than once every three years
- 5 – I don't know

	Once/Year	Every 2 Yrs	Every 3 Yrs	3+ Yrs	Don't Know
Men's Premier/D1	24.24%	42.42%	27.27%	6.06%	0.00%
Women's Premier/D1	12.50%	25.00%	31.25%	31.25%	0.00%
Men's D2	16.22%	45.95%	32.43%	2.70%	2.70%
Women's D2	5.26%	15.79%	36.84%	42.11%	0.00%
Men's D3	11.29%	38.71%	33.87%	12.90%	3.23%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	33.33%	6.67%

##### 4.3 What is your club's annual operating budget?

\*Non-mandatory question

	Amount
Men's Premier Only	\$126,167
Men's Premier/D1 (Combined)	\$59,242
Women's Premier/D1	\$34,750
Men's D2	\$31,089
Women's D2	\$11,942
Men's D3	\$16,478

**4.4 Please select all the ways your club \*currently\* produces revenue:**

Answer Options (Multiple Selections):

- 1 – Player dues
- 2 – Local sponsorship
- 3 – Admission/ticket sales for home matches
- 4 – Merchandise
- 5 – Food sales at home matches
- 6 – Alcohol sales at home matches
- 7 – Parking fees at home matches
- 8 – Fundraising activities (dinners, car washes, etc.)
- 9 – Distribution from a Foundation or Trust
- 10 – Other

	Player dues	Local sponsorship	Admission	Merchandise	Food Sales
Men's Premier/D1	93.94%	87.88%	15.15%	63.64%	36.36%
Women's Premier/D1	100.00%	93.75%	6.25%	75.00%	37.50%
Men's D2	97.30%	91.89%	2.70%	67.57%	24.32%
Women's D2	100.00%	68.42%	5.26%	47.37%	15.79%
Men's D3	96.77%	83.87%	0.00%	53.23%	14.52%
Women's D3+Social	75.00%	100.00%	0.00%	75.00%	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	93.33%	100.00%	0.00%	46.67%	6.67%

	Alcohol Sales	Parking Fees	Fundraising	Distribution from Trust	Other
Men's Premier/D1	15.15%	12.12%	84.85%	27.27%	30.30%
Women's Premier/D1	18.75%	12.50%	100.00%	12.50%	6.25%
Men's D2	10.81%	2.70%	86.49%	8.11%	18.92%
Women's D2	10.53%	0.00%	94.74%	10.53%	10.53%
Men's D3	4.84%	0.00%	62.90%	3.23%	6.45%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	6.67%	13.33%

Note: A large majority of 'other' responses was revenue from tournaments

**4.5 Does your club have a beer or liquor as one of its current sponsors?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	57.58%
Women's Premier/D1	25.00%
Men's D2	45.95%
Women's D2	36.84%
Men's D3	38.71%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	60.00%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	37.50%
Pacific South (ACR2)	37.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	45.45%
Red River (ACR4)	46.15%
Midwest (NCR1)	42.11%
Southern (NCR2)	38.71%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	56.25%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	31.82%

**4.6 For an entire competitive season (Fall & Spring), how much does your club charge its members in player dues?**

	Amount
Men's Premier/D1	\$278.00
Women's Premier/D1	\$276.00
Men's D2	\$228.00
Women's D2	\$173.00
Men's D3	\$190.00
Women's D3+Social	\$50.00
Men's D4+Social	\$154.00

**4.7 Does your club make a regular effort to connect with college clubs in its area?**

Regular effort is defined as contact with a college head coach at least once every three months and attendance during at least one collegiate practice per year

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	100.00%
Women's Premier/D1	100.00%
Men's D2	86.49%
Women's D2	78.95%
Men's D3	77.42%
Women's D3+Social	75.00%
Men's D4+Social	46.67%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	81.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	75.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	90.91%
Red River (ACR4)	76.92%
Midwest (NCR1)	84.21%
Southern (NCR2)	70.97%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	93.75%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	90.91%

**4.8 Does your club make a regular effort to connect with high school/youth clubs in its area?**

Regular effort is defined as contact with a high school/youth head coach at least once every three months and attendance during at least one high school/youth practice per year.

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	81.82%
Women's Premier/D1	56.25%
Men's D2	86.49%
Women's D2	52.63%
Men's D3	70.97%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%
Men's D4+Social	46.67%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	81.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	75.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	81.82%
Red River (ACR4)	65.38%
Midwest (NCR1)	76.32%
Southern (NCR2)	48.39%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	78.13%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	77.27%



**4.9 Regarding membership fees/dues (“CIPP”) for insurance and administration paid to USA Rugby, my club believes...**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – \$45 (the current level) is the appropriate number
- 2 – Registration fees should be raised to keep up with inflation
- 3 – Registration fees should be higher to increase support from USA Rugby
- 4 – Registration fees should be lower and support from USA Rugby should decrease

	Registration fees should be lower and support from USA Rugby should decrease
Men’s Premier/D1	18.18%
Women’s Premier/D1	12.50%
Men’s D2	16.22%
Women’s D2	10.53%
Men’s D3	19.35%
Women’s D3+Social	0.00%
Men’s D4+Social	26.67%

	Registration fees should be lower and support from USA Rugby should decrease
Pacific North (ACR1)	12.50%
Pacific South (ACR2)	0.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	9.09%
Red River (ACR4)	19.23%
Midwest (NCR1)	10.53%
Southern (NCR2)	32.26%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	18.75%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	18.18%

**4.10 Regarding GU/TU fees/dues for administration paid to your GU/TU, my club believes...**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – Our GU/TU fees are the appropriate number
- 2 – Our GU/TU fees should be raised to keep up with inflation
- 3 – Our GU/TU fees should be higher to increase administration and increase support from the GU/TU
- 4 – Our GU/TU fees are too high and support from our GU/TU should decrease

	Our GU/TU fees are too high and support from our GU/TU should decrease
Men's Premier/D1	30.30%
Women's Premier/D1	12.50%
Men's D2	29.73%
Women's D2	15.79%
Men's D3	30.65%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	33.33%

	Our GU/TU fees are too high and support from our GU/TU should decrease
Pacific North (ACR1)	31.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	25.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	36.36%
Red River (ACR4)	19.23%
Midwest (NCR1)	21.05%
Southern (NCR2)	22.58%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	46.88%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	18.18%

**4.11 Comparison: Perception of USA vs. Local Dues**

	USA Rugby Dues Too High	Local Dues Too High
Men's Premier/D1	18.18%	30.30%
Women's Premier/D1	12.50%	12.50%
Men's D2	16.22%	29.73%
Women's D2	10.53%	15.79%
Men's D3	19.35%	30.65%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	26.67%	33.33%

	USA Rugby Dues Too High	Local Dues Too High
Pacific North (ACR1)	12.50%	31.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	0.00%	25.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	9.09%	36.36%
Red River (ACR4)	19.23%	19.23%
Midwest (NCR1)	10.53%	21.05%
Southern (NCR2)	32.26%	22.58%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	18.75%	46.88%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	18.18%	18.18%

**4.12 Did your club enter all of its competitive matches into the USA Rugby Competition Management System ([usarugbystats.com](http://usarugbystats.com)) in a timely manner during the 2014-2015 competitive season?**

"Timely manner" is defined as entering at least 80% of your matches within 48 hours of your match concluding.

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	90.91%
Women's Premier/D1	93.75%
Men's D2	86.49%
Women's D2	94.74%
Men's D3	88.71%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	40.00%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	87.50%
Pacific South (ACR2)	62.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	90.91%
Red River (ACR4)	84.62%
Midwest (NCR1)	92.11%
Southern (NCR2)	77.42%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	84.38%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	90.91%

**4.13 Does your club have an active Facebook fan page account (\*not\* a group page or private, personal page) that it posts to at least once a week?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	96.97%
Women's Premier/D1	81.25%
Men's D2	81.08%
Women's D2	73.68%
Men's D3	82.26%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	93.33%

**4.14 Does your club have an active Twitter account that it posts to at least once a week?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	78.79%
Women's Premier/D1	75.00%
Men's D2	32.43%
Women's D2	26.32%
Men's D3	37.10%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	33.33%

**4.15 Does your club's bar/pub show professional and/or international rugby matches (on DirecTV, BeIn Sport, etc.)?**

Optional Question (Percentage may not add up to 100)

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

3 – My club does not have a bar/pub

	Yes	No	No Bar/Pub
Men's Premier/D1	57.58%	21.21%	18.18%
Women's Premier/D1	60.00%	13.33%	26.67%
Men's D2	45.95%	35.14%	16.22%
Women's D2	57.89%	21.05%	21.05%
Men's D3	43.55%	32.26%	20.97%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	33.33%	26.67%	33.33%

## 5. Competition

**5.1 My club believes its first team ("A side") should play \_\_ number of league/qualifying matches over the course of a competitive season (Fall & Spring):**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – 4 or less
- 2 – 5-6
- 3 – 7-8
- 4 – 9-10
- 5 – 11-12
- 6 – 12 or more

	4 or Less	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	12+
Men's Premier/D1	0.00%	3.03%	6.06%	27.27%	27.27%	36.36%
Women's Premier/D1	6.25%	31.25%	37.50%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D2	0.00%	0.00%	40.54%	32.43%	10.81%	10.81%
Women's D2	0.00%	36.84%	26.32%	26.32%	10.53%	0.00%
Men's D3	0.00%	6.45%	40.32%	30.65%	12.90%	9.68%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	0.00%	13.33%	40.00%	20.00%	20.00%	6.67%

**5.2 Overall, my club plays...**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – too many league/qualifying matches
- 2 – the appropriate amount of league/qualifying matches
- 3 – not enough league/qualifying matches

	Too Many Matches	Right # of Matches	Not Enough Matches
Men's Premier/D1	9.09%	63.64%	27.27%
Women's Premier/D1	6.25%	62.50%	31.25%
Men's D2	8.11%	72.97%	18.92%
Women's D2	26.32%	53.63%	21.05%
Men's D3	8.06%	77.42%	14.52%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	0.00%	86.67%	13.33%

### 5.3 Being able to play in a pathway that pursues a national championship is

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – very important to my club
- 2 – important to my club
- 3 – only important to my club's first team ("A side")
- 4 – not important to my club

	Important or Very Important to My Club	Very Important to My Club
Men's Premier/D1	96.67%	84.85%
Women's Premier/D1	100.00%	87.50%
Men's D2	97.30%	56.76%
Women's D2	84.21%	31.58%
Men's D3	79.03%	48.39%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	46.67%	13.33%

	Important or Very Important to My Club
Pacific North (ACR1)	81.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	87.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	90.91%
Red River (ACR4)	88.46%
Midwest (NCR1)	84.21%
Southern (NCR2)	70.97%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	93.75%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	90.91%

### 5.4 Consolation matches at playoff events are

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – Important only when seeding is affected by them
- 2 – Important to give my club guaranteed multiple matches in a weekend, regardless of whether seeding is affected
- 3 – Not important if seeding is not affected by them
- 4 – Not important due to risk of injury or other factors

	Important if seeding affected	Important to get matches played	Not important if seeding not affected	Not important due to injury factors, etc.
Men's Premier/D1	36.36%	27.27%	18.18%	18.18%
Women's Premier/D1	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Men's D2	18.92%	24.32%	37.84%	18.92%
Women's D2	21.05%	63.16%	15.79%	0.00%
Men's D3	24.19%	27.42%	30.65%	17.74%
Women's D3+Social	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	26.67%	53.33%	20.00%	0.00%

**5.5 Playing competitive 15s in organized local/regional leagues is**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – very important to my club
- 2 – important to my club
- 3 – not important to my club

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Men's Premier/D1	87.88%	9.09%	3.03%
Women's Premier/D1	87.50%	12.50%	0.00%
Men's D2	89.19%	8.11%	0.00%
Women's D2	68.42%	31.58%	0.00%
Men's D3	79.03%	17.74%	3.23%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	40.00%	46.67%	13.33%

**5.6 Playing competitive 7s in the qualifying bracket of 7s tournaments is**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – very important to my club
- 2 – important to my club
- 3 – not important to my club

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Men's Premier/D1	63.64%	27.27%	9.09%
Women's Premier/D1	37.50%	31.25%	12.50%
Men's D2	21.62%	32.43%	45.95%
Women's D2	0.00%	21.05%	78.95%
Men's D3	14.52%	16.13%	69.35%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%
Men's D4+Social	0.00%	26.67%	73.33%

**5.7 Playing social 7s is**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – very important to my club
- 2 – important to my club
- 3 – not important to my club

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Men's Premier/D1	30.30%	51.52%	18.18%
Women's Premier/D1	6.25%	87.50%	6.25%
Men's D2	24.32%	59.46%	16.22%
Women's D2	36.84%	47.37%	15.79%
Men's D3	30.65%	59.68%	9.68%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	6.67%	66.67%	26.67%

### 5.8 The competitive 7s season should be

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – only in the summer
- 2 – during a shorter window in the summer
- 3 – interspersed with 15s throughout the Fall/Winter/Spring seasons
- 4 – other

	Summer-Only	Shorter Summer	Interspersed
Men's Premier/D1	81.82% %	18.18%	0.00%
Women's Premier/D1	68.75%	25.00%	0.00%
Men's D2	83.78%	10.81%	2.70%
Women's D2	89.47%	5.26%	5.26%
Men's D3	79.03%	11.29%	9.68%
Women's D3+Social	75.00%	0.00%	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	93.33%	6.67%	0.00%

	Summer-Only	Shorter Summer	Interspersed
Competitive 7s Very Important to Club (45)	86.67%	8.89%	4.44%
Competitive 7s Important to Club (44)	77.27%	15.91%	6.82%
Competitive 7s Not Important to Club (97)	83.51%	12.37%	4.12%
Social 7s Very Important to Club (51)	84.31%	9.80%	5.88%
Social 7s Important to Club (109)	77.98%	15.60%	6.42%
Social 7s Not Important to Club (26)	92.31%	3.85%	3.85%



**5.9 I believe there should be a 15s national championship at the following levels**

Answer Options (Multiple Selections):

- 1 – Premier / Division I (1)
- 2 – Division I (1) - standalone from premier
- 3 – Division II (2)
- 4 – Division III (3)
- 5 – Division IV (4)

Division believes there should be a National Championship at	This Level				
	Premier-Only	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Men's Premier/D1	81.82%	87.88%	81.82%	60.61%	21.21%
Women's Premier/D1	87.50%	81.25%	81.25%	56.25%	--
Men's D2	97.30%	91.89%	91.89%	81.08%	32.43%
Women's D2	100.00%	100.00%	94.74%	68.42%	--
Men's D3	87.10%	87.10%	80.65%	77.42%	35.48%
Women's D3/Social	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	100.00%	--
Men's D4/Social	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	66.67%
All Men's Clubs	87.76%	87.76%	83.67%	74.83%	34.69%
All Women's Clubs	92.31%	89.74%	87.18%	66.67%	--
All Clubs	88.71%	88.17%	84.41%	73.12%	34.69%

**5.10 Should clubs eligible for the Division III (3) national championship be required to come from smaller metropolitan areas**

Smaller metropolitan areas would be defined by committee. One example of a 'small metropolitan area' definition would be a US Census-defined Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of less than 1 million residents.

- 1 – Yes, teams should only come from smaller metro areas
- 2 – No, teams should either be newer teams or come from smaller metro areas
- 3 – No, teams should be in the division best selected for them by their union/CR
- 4 – Other

	Yes, D3 should only be for small-town teams	No, but D3 teams in big areas should be new	No, let competition committees decide
Men's Premier/D1	3.13%	6.25%	90.63%
Women's Premier/D1	14.29%	7.14%	78.57%
Men's D2	14.29%	2.86%	82.86%
Women's D2	6.25%	25.00%	68.75%
Men's D3	21.43%	12.50%	66.07%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%
Men's D4+Social	35.71%	7.14%	57.14%

## 6. Eligibility

**6.1 If a college team's season is over, by either the playoffs concluding or that team not making the playoffs, my club believes the team's players...**

**Note: This allowance currently exists**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – Should be allowed to transfer to a senior club team
- 2 – Should not transfer to a senior club | My club believes this hurts college club growth

	Should be allowed
Men's Premier/D1	81.82%
Women's Premier/D1	75.00%
Men's D2	81.08%
Women's D2	63.16%
Men's D3	82.26%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%
Men's D4+Social	60.00%

**6.2 If a college team has players that only play in one part of the season (Fall or Spring), my club believes the team's players...**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – Should be allowed to be play for a senior club in the opposite part of the season (example: Club in Fall and College in Spring)
- 2 – Should not be allowed to play College and Club in the same season | My club believes this hurts college club growth

	Should be allowed
Men's Premier/D1	90.91%
Women's Premier/D1	87.50%
Men's D2	89.19%
Women's D2	78.95%
Men's D3	88.71%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%
Men's D4+Social	80.00%

**6.3 If a college team is willing to release players in-season to participate with a senior club (e.g. on a bye week during the college competitive season), my club believes the college team's players...**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Should be allowed to participate with a senior club team with a specific date-related release from the college team

2 – Should not be allowed to participate with a senior club team during the collegiate competitive season | My club believes this hurts college club growth or could be abused by schedulers in a way that favors my opponents

	Should be allowed	Should *not* be allowed
Men's Premier/D1	69.70%	30.30%
Women's Premier/D1	43.75%	56.25%
Men's D2	50.00%	50.00%
Women's D2	57.89%	42.11%
Men's D3	53.23%	46.77%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	20.00%	80.00%

**6.4 If a player on my club or an opposing club wants to play at a higher level for a \*different\* club, my club believes...**

Example: player "moves up" from D2 to D1 in the same competitive season.

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – That player should have the right to "move up" to a higher-level club but \*not\* be allowed to come "back down"

2 – That player should have the right to "move up" to a higher-level club but \*should\* be allowed to come "back down"

3 – That player should have the right to "move up" to a higher-level club only if that player is part of the higher level club's academy system. An academy system would be selected before the season starts and movement would be limited to a certain number; this would require a signed contract between clubs prior to the season starting and implies the allowance of movement back and forth.

4 – That player should have the right to "move up" to a higher-level club only if that player has a release from its parent club with specific limitations ("only allowed to play on March 15"; etc.). This implies the player would have the right to move "back down"

5 – No player has a right to "move up" mid-season, as this hurts my club's growth and/or distorts multiple league standings and competitions. My club also believes this could hurt a "lower" club's long-term health.

	Believes a player should be able to "move up" in some manner (1-4)	Believes a player should be able to "move up" but not come "back down" (1)	No player has a right to "move up" mid-season
Men's Premier/D1	78.79%	15.15%	21.21%
Women's Premier/D1	100.00%	56.25%	0.00%
Men's D2	78.38%	18.92%	21.62%
Women's D2	73.68%	21.05%	26.32%
Men's D3	72.58%	45.16%	27.42%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	73.33%	73.33%	26.67%

**6.5 Regarding clubs with multiple sides (example: first team in Men's Division 1; second team in Men's Division 2), my club believes:**

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – Clubs should be allowed to have their second/third sides in other divisions and compete towards lower division national championships (existing system)
- 2 – No club should be allowed to have its second/third side in another division
- 3 – Clubs should be allowed to have their second/third sides in other divisions, but their second/third sides should not be allowed to advance to that division's playoffs
- 4 – Clubs should be allowed to have their second/third sides in other divisions, but their second/third sides should only be eligible for a playoff also featuring second/third sides of other clubs

	Existing System	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sides	No 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sides in Lower Playoffs	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Side-only playoffs (new div.)
Men's Premier/D1	75.76%	3.03%	0.00%	21.21%
Women's Premier/D1	87.50%	6.25%	0.00%	6.25%
Men's D2	67.57%	5.41%	13.51%	13.51%
Women's D2	78.95%	10.53%	0.00%	10.53%
Men's D3	59.68%	4.84%	22.58%	12.90%
Women's D3+Social	75.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	46.67%	6.67%	13.33%	33.33%

**6.6 Currently, senior club teams are allowed to have up to five (5) non-resident players on a match roster. My club believes...**

Non-resident players are players that are neither a U.S. Citizen nor a Resident Alien (green card holder).

Answer Options (Pick One):

- 1 – 5 is the perfect number of non-resident players allowed for a roster
- 2 – more than 5 non-resident players should be allowed on a roster
- 3 – less than 5 non-resident players should be allowed on a roster

	5 is the perfect number of non-residents	Less than 5 non-residents should be allowed (i.e. 5 is too many)	More than 5 non-residents should be allowed (i.e. 5 is not enough)
Men's Premier/D1	72.73%	9.09%	18.18%
Women's Premier/D1	75.00%	12.50%	12.50%
Men's D2	62.16%	13.51%	24.32%
Women's D2	63.16%	0.00%	36.84%
Men's D3	61.29%	12.90%	25.81%
Women's D3+Social	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	46.67%	26.67%	26.67%

**6.7 Does your club believe different divisions should have different eligibility regulations?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

3 – My club doesn't have a strong opinion on this question

	Yes	No	No Strong Opinion
Men's Premier/D1	24.24%	54.55%	21.21%
Women's Premier/D1	18.75%	68.75%	12.50%
Men's D2	27.03%	48.65%	24.32%
Women's D2	10.53%	47.37%	42.11%
Men's D3	22.58%	54.84%	22.58%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	33.33%	26.67%	40.00%

## 7. Rugby Events

**7.1 My club, or several members of my club, makes a concentrated effort to attend at least one Eagles 15s match on an annual basis?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	90.91%
Women's Premier/D1	68.75%
Men's D2	78.38%
Women's D2	57.89%
Men's D3	75.81%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	80.00%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	75.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	75.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	90.91%
Red River (ACR4)	88.46%
Midwest (NCR1)	78.95%
Southern (NCR2)	77.42%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	62.50%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	68.18%

**7.2 My club, or several members of my club, makes a concentrated effort to attend the Las Vegas 7s (Men's 7s) tournament on an annual basis?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	87.88%
Women's Premier/D1	68.75%
Men's D2	70.27%
Women's D2	73.68%
Men's D3	67.74%
Women's D3+Social	50.00%
Men's D4+Social	66.67%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	100.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	100.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	90.91%
Red River (ACR4)	76.92%
Midwest (NCR1)	63.16%
Southern (NCR2)	74.19%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	56.25%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	68.18%

**7.3 My club, or several members of my club, makes a concentrated effort to attend the Atlanta 7s (Women's 7s) tournament on an annual basis?**

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

	Yes
Men's Premier/D1	9.09%
Women's Premier/D1	31.25%
Men's D2	8.11%
Women's D2	36.84%
Men's D3	11.29%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%
Men's D4+Social	6.67%

	Yes
Pacific North (ACR1)	0.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	0.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	9.09%
Red River (ACR4)	11.54%
Midwest (NCR1)	13.16%
Southern (NCR2)	45.16%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	9.38%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	4.55%

**7.4 I believe that rugby events in the United States sanctioned by, or affiliated with, USA Rugby are:**

Optional Question (Percentage may not add up to 100)

Answer Options (Pick One)

- 1 – more legitimate than events not sanctioned by, or affiliated with, USA Rugby
- 2 – as legitimate as events not sanctioned by, or affiliated with, USA Rugby
- 3 – less legitimate than events not sanctioned by, or affiliated with, USA Rugby

	More Legitimate	As Legitimate	Less Legitimate
Men's Premier/D1	45.45%	54.55%	0.00%
Women's Premier/D1	25.00%	37.50%	12.50%
Men's D2	56.76%	37.84%	0.00%
Women's D2	57.89%	36.84%	0.00%
Men's D3	40.32%	46.77%	3.23%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	53.33%	26.67%	13.33%

	More Legitimate	As Legitimate	Less Legitimate
Pacific North (ACR1)	50.00%	43.75%	0.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	45.45%	54.55%	0.00%
Red River (ACR4)	30.77%	69.23%	0.00%
Midwest (NCR1)**	47.37%	39.47%	7.89%
Southern (NCR2)	45.16%	35.48%	0.00%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	43.75%	37.50%	6.25%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	59.09%	31.82%	4.55%



## 8. Governance / Administrative Participation

### 8.1 Did your club participate in the vote to elect the President of its GU/TU?

If your union has not had a vote since January 2014 or earlier (2013-), please select 'No'

Answer Options (Pick One):

1 – Yes

2 – No

3 – I don't know

	Yes	No	I don't know
Men's Premier/D1	75.76%	6.06%	18.18%
Women's Premier/D1	62.50%	18.75%	18.75%
Men's D2	81.08%	10.81%	8.11%
Women's D2	42.11%	31.58%	26.32%
Men's D3	70.97%	16.13%	12.90%
Women's D3+Social	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Men's D4+Social	26.67%	33.33%	40.00%

	Yes	No	I don't know
Pacific North (ACR1)	93.75%	0.00%	6.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	62.50%	0.00%	37.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	72.73%	27.27%	0.00%
Red River (ACR4)	92.31%	3.85%	3.85%
Midwest (NCR1)**	44.74%	42.11%	13.16%
Southern (NCR2)	64.52%	19.35%	16.13%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	84.38%	9.38%	6.25%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	31.82%	18.18%	50.00%

\*\*For the Midwest, this question combined the GU 'yes' vote with a separate vote asking if participants voted for their local LAU officer ("THIS QUESTION FOR MIDWEST CLUBS ONLY: Did your club participate in the vote to elect the officers of its LAU?").

### 8.2 Did your club participate in an election to nominate candidates for its local Competitive Region Committee?

CR Committees organize the competition structure for each Competitive Region. There are 8 CR Committees. Examples of candidates on a CR Committee include the Men's Division 2 representative for your entire CR, or the Women's Division 1 representative, etc.

1 – Yes

2 – No

3 – I don't know

	Yes	No	I don't know
Pacific North (ACR1)	56.25%	18.75%	25.00%
Pacific South (ACR2)	37.50%	12.50%	50.00%
Frontier (ACR3)	36.36%	54.55%	9.09%
Red River (ACR4)	73.08%	15.38%	11.54%
Midwest (NCR1)	21.05%	52.63%	26.32%
Southern (NCR2)	38.71%	25.81%	35.48%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	50.00%	28.13%	21.88%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	31.82%	18.18%	50.00%

**8.3 Did your club participate in the vote to elect its CR's representative(s) to the USA Rugby Congress?**

The USA Rugby Congress has 16 senior club members. 8 members are elected annually, and members of Congress are selected based on the 8 USA Rugby Competitive Regions (CRs). If you allowed someone from outside your club to vote on your club's behalf, please select 'Yes.'

1 – Yes

2 – No

3 – I don't know

	Yes	No	I don't know
Pacific North (ACR1)	50.00%	18.75%	31.25%
Pacific South (ACR2)	25.00%	37.50%	37.50%
Frontier (ACR3)	27.27%	45.45%	27.27%
Red River (ACR4)	73.08%	11.54%	15.38%
Midwest (NCR1)	21.05%	50.00%	28.95%
Southern (NCR2)	29.03%	29.03%	41.94%
Atlantic North (NCR3)	28.13%	34.38%	37.50%
Mid-Atlantic (NCR4)	27.27%	18.18%	54.55%