



**Rocky Mountain Rugby  
2019-2020 Senior Club Participation Agreement**

The Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

The Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatory for the Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Position of the Signatory within the Team: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEAM**

As conditions for participation in a USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competition we affirm that:

1. The Team accepts the responsibility for participation in a USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competition in accordance with the rules, regulations, and guidelines of USA RUGBY. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Team acknowledges that it has read the USA RUGBY ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS and understands that all interpretations of the regulations must be provided by the USA Rugby Senior Club Eligibility Committee.  
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3. The Team understands that players must be registered, eligible, and appear on their roster prior to participation in competition with the Team. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Team understands that players who need a Waiver of Participation to compete with the Team must have received a waiver from the Club Eligibility Committee prior to participation, and that a waiver *request* is not the same thing as an actual waiver. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Team accepts that all eligibility matters are the jurisdiction of USA RUGBY, and that USA RUGBY operates its eligibility matters in accordance with the USA RUGBY ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS. The Team also accepts that all appeals of USA RUGBY eligibility decisions must be made in a timely manner in accordance with published regulations. Appeals of USA RUGBY eligibility decisions may be made to USA RUGBY under Section 13 of the USA RUGBY ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS and Article X of the USA RUGBY BYLAWS.  
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6. The Team acknowledges that no member club or player is permitted to advance its/their own interpretation to its/their advantage nor to the detriment of an opponent. It is the responsibility of a member club or player to seek resolution of an ambiguity where ambiguity arises and would be reasonably recognized as such by another reviewing the situation. That which is reasonably recognized is within the sole purview of the USA Rugby Eligibility Committee and any appeal board sanctioned by USA Rugby. \_\_\_\_\_



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7. The Team accepts that its competition structure is provided by Rocky Mountain Rugby, which works with the National Competitions Committee and/or the Competitive Region (CR) Committee that provides structure for its nationally-assigned region. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Team will participate in all assigned matches, and be at the pitch prepared to play no later than 30 minutes prior to kick off. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The Team accepts responsibility for ensuring all team members are in like uniforms, i.e. matching socks, shorts, jerseys numbered 1-23 with players wearing numbers appropriate to the position played, to include the wear of World Rugby-approved protective garments and boots. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The Team accepts responsibility for informing all team members and coaching staff of their responsibility to display sportsman-like conduct and appropriate behavior on or off the field, including – specifically – the proper respect to all match officials regardless of officiated calls on the field of play. \_\_\_\_\_
11. By virtue of its acceptance of the opportunity to play in this competition, the Team, and any and all clubs with which it is affiliated, affirm that all team members are CIPP registered, and have, through the execution of a CIPP registration form, confirmed that they will have a minimum of \$100,000 in medical coverage throughout the USA RUGBY season, including this competition, and that any member who does not have such coverage has an affirmative responsibility to withdraw from play. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The Team accepts responsibility for ensuring that all team members are eligible to participate in a USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competition and the USA RUGBY Playoffs and Championships in accordance with USA RUGBY's Eligibility Guidelines. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The Team accepts responsibility for ensuring to the best of its ability that all team members have accurately represented their citizenship, residency, resident alien and/or resident player status to USA RUGBY and have the appropriate documentation to verify such status. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. All team members have been informed that any member who does not meet the USA RUGBY requirements for citizenship, residency, and/or resident alien has an affirmative responsibility to withdraw from play. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The Team accepts that the failure of any player to honor this agreement may place the player(s) and/or their team, Local Area Union, Territorial Union, and/or Geographic Union in jeopardy of sanctions and disciplinary proceedings, including, but not limited to the potential for disqualification from this competition, fines to players, clubs or teams, and/or loss of a seed in future USA RUGBY-sanctioned events. \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CLUBS WITH MULTIPLE SIDES**

*You do not have a responsibility to initial in this section if you are not operating more than one side in a USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competition.*

14. The Team acknowledges that it has read Section 3.5 of the USA RUGBY ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS and understands restrictions on player movement for clubs with multiple sides. \_\_\_\_\_
15. The Team understands that operating a second or third side in a USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competition is a privilege – not a right – and that the USA RUGBY ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS are designed to protect clubs without multiple sides as well as encourage growth within clubs able to field multiple sides. \_\_\_\_\_
16. The Team acknowledges that only sides in contiguous divisions are eligible for USA RUGBY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, and that clubs must pursue all available efforts to them prior to the start of the competitive season if they wish to appeal their team's divisional status. Sides not in contiguous divisions must have explicit waivers from the USA RUGBY NATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE. \_\_\_\_\_



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**LOCAL UNION VARIATIONS**

As conditions for participation in a ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competition we affirm that:

17. The Team agrees that this agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the rules, regulations, and guidelines of ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY. \_\_\_\_\_
18. The Team acknowledges that it has read the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY Club Competition Manual for Senior Clubs and agrees to follow all local procedures established by its home union. \_\_\_\_\_
19. The Team acknowledges that it is responsible for all fines and penalties assessed by ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY, in accordance to published rates and timelines on the Rocky Mountain Rugby website. \_\_\_\_\_
20. The Team acknowledges that it must adhere to all local competition protocols as outlined in ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY Club Competition Manual for Senior Clubs, including but not limited to:
  - a. proper procedures for contacting opponents and match officials \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. use of the USA Rugby Technical Zone Guidelines at all matches \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. use of a RMR-approved scoreboard for all home matches \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. use of the Competition Management System (CMS), located at [usrugbystatas.com](http://usrugbystatas.com), in accordance to published timelines \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. use of CMS-printed rosters for all matches, including a copy of the roster for both the match official \*and\* each team \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. use of the RMR-approved Additional Player Form for any Men's D4 matches featuring players registered to clubs other than the one(s) playing \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. proper procedures regarding protests, forfeits, and discipline \_\_\_\_\_

The Team acknowledges it will attend the administration course on Sunday, August 4 to cover these rules. \_\_\_\_\_

21. The Team accepts that all disciplinary matters are the jurisdiction of ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY, and that ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY operates its disciplinary proceedings under the USA RUGBY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES. The Team also accepts that all appeals of RMR disciplinary decisions must be made in a timely manner in accordance with published guidelines. Appeals of ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY disciplinary decisions may be made to USA RUGBY under Article X of the USA RUGBY BYLAWS. \_\_\_\_\_
22. The Team acknowledges that ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY competitions are part of the FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION (FRONTIER CR) for playoff events, and that the FRONTIER CR possesses all powers and authorities afforded to CR COMMITTEES by the NATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE. \_\_\_\_\_
23. The Team acknowledges it may use the MEN'S DIVISION IV ADDITIONAL PLAYER FORM for Men's Division IV matches, but that all players listed on the form for each match must be a registered member of both USA Rugby and Rocky Mountain Rugby. \_\_\_\_\_



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**COMPETITIVE REGION (CR) VARIATIONS**

As conditions for participation in a FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION-sanctioned Senior Club Competition we affirm that:

24. The Team acknowledges that it may elect representatives to the FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION COMMITTEE at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY. \_\_\_\_\_
25. The Team acknowledges that the FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION may delegate the administration of certain competition authorities to ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY for the purpose of operating USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competitions. \_\_\_\_\_
26. The Team acknowledges that the FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION is responsible for the pathway to the USA RUGBY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES for all ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUGBY teams, including the location and seeding of all COMPETITIVE REGION playoff events. \_\_\_\_\_
27. The Team acknowledges that it must follow all FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION championship procedures at FRONTIER COMPETITIVE REGION playoff events, including rules and procedures regarding check-in, warm-up space, and any other matter related to the operation of playoff events. \_\_\_\_\_
28. The Team acknowledges that the NATIONAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE and CLUB ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE create guidelines and regulations for the conduct of USA RUGBY-sanctioned Senior Club Competitions, and that competitive regions (CRs), competitions, or teams that seek a waiver of those policies must do so prior to the start of the competitive season. All waivers must be provided in writing and must be available for review by each opponent. \_\_\_\_\_