



Risk Management Plan

Activity

U19 Rugby Texas State Championship

Venue

The tournament will be held at Alden Bridge Sports Park on TX242 utilizing 1 IRB Approved field and an additional Turf field for play with grass fields available for additional uses.

Event Managers

Merrina Wedewer- Woodlands Youth Rugby Club
Lance Raper- Woodlands Youth Rugby Club
Rick Marshall- Katy Barbarians

Date

May 5th and 6th 2018

Group

U19 State Rugby Tournament

Location

Alden Bridge Sports Park-
4751 TX 242, The Woodlands,
TX 77382

Risk (Potential Losses)

1. Loss of life	3. Extreme Weather (lightening/rain)
2. Serious Injury	4. Hurricane/Earthquake
<p>The U19 Rugby Texas State Championship is run in partnership with Woodlands Youth Rugby Club (WYRC), Rugby Texas and Katy Barbarians Rugby Club. This event is sanctioned by USA Rugby. Matches are played under the Rugby Texas and USA Rugby Safety and By-laws for Division 1 competitions. The tournament is also supported by the Texas Rugby Referee Association (TRRA), who will provide appropriately accredited officials for all games. In the event of any decision, action, or situation that impacts on the health and safety of those involved, the event managers are required to be informed. The Risk Management Plan is available to all involved in this event.</p>	



Casual Factors	Risk Reduction Strategies
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<p>(people) Sideline expectations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fields will be roped off to ensure a clear playing field for players. • Technical boxes will be marked and enforced for coaches/reserves. These will be positioned on the sideline between fields. Team coaches and reserves will be required to stay within these during their games. • Expectations around coach movement will be discussed at team briefing before competition begins. • Referees will be briefed prior to the event reinforcing the expectations on the coaches/reserves and that at any time referees can stop play until a safe environment is restored.
<p>Players</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic First Aid will be provided by Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH). Teams will be notified of this to ensure preparedness. • Ice will be made available via TCH trainers and medical tent. • TCH EMS will be onsite or within 10min arrival time for the duration of games played at Alden Bridge Sports Park, to provide immediate response as required. • In the event that the TCH EMS is not present, team management and/or TCH onsite trainer should be advised to call 911 immediately, additionally, the tournament director/TCH trainer should be advised to liaise with Ambulance Staff to establish most appropriate response- if required. (See Emergency Action Plan!!) • Any serious injuries sustained on artificial turf surfaces will be documented according to Texas Rugby’s policies.
<p>Officials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero tolerance to foul play has been adopted on field behavior. This will be communicated to team management and to the referees to support a positive and safe environment for players and spectators. • Given the level of play expected from such an event, referee appointments will be made by Rugby Texas and TRRA to ensure referees appointed meet the technical and physical demands of the game. • Event Management will follow appropriate Rugby Texas judicial protocols to deal with players who receive red and yellow cards. • Front row waivers to be sign and submitted to referees as stated in TRRA’s guidelines.



<p>(Equipment)</p> <p>Game Equipment</p> <p>Fields</p> <p>Facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipment is checked as per IRB domestic safety laws; the referee in charge of the match is responsible for mouth guard, boot and other safety protocol checks. An inappropriate equipment will be asked to be removed/replaced before players are allowed to play.• Pre-Game inspections are run by referees and any issues are remedied at the time or games will be postponed or cancelled.• Regulation field markings, flags and bolsters are all provided. In the event of this not being met the event organizers should be informed immediately and games should not proceed until remedied.• Artificial surfaces during this tournament are prepared with regulation IRB field marking, should any issues arise, event management should be notified immediately.• Facilities at Alden Bridge are limited to basic restrooms in for of Port-A-Jons, Medical Tents, Referee tents, HQ tents, and area to be available for teams to set up a pre game HQ.• Practice fields will be available for all teams as determined in the tournament schedule.• Water Areas will be available for all teams as well as concessions for additional sustenance.
<p>(Environment)</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the event of extreme weather conditions the tournament organizers will make a decision as to reducing play or the cancellation of the event. This will be based on current conditions and forecasts by local authorities. In the event of any change to the scheduled program, event organizers will communicate to all participating teams via their team management.• In the event of extreme weather impacting during a completion game, the referee will decide if health and safety is a concern, pause game play and evaluate with RT and Host event management, and make a decision on calling the match off.• This event will adopt the lightening and rain policies created by USA Rugby. More information can be found at https://assets.usarugby.org/docs/youth/usar-lightning-policy.pdf.• Any team transport requirements to/from the venue are the responsibility of individual team. Should any incident occur then event management must be informed



Critical Incident Management

Emergency procedures to manage each identified risk – emergency gear required.

1. Loss of life

Procedures to manage identified risks	Emergency gear required
<p>Team Managers to manage student/players and their own team/club responsibilities.</p> <p>Event managers to be notified immediately.</p> <p>Any media liaison shall only be through Tournament Director.</p> <p>Referee to provide immediate verbal report followed by written report.</p> <p>Event staff to notify all teams involved and all teams to notify their own club/school director of the situation to avoid miss communication.</p> <p>Texas Rugby Chairman as well as USA Rugby Chairman informed immediately.</p> <p>Emotional support service will be made available via/club and hospitals.</p> <p>Event meeting called to discuss options moving forward and circumstances surrounding event</p>	<p>Accessible cell phone for all team management.</p> <p>Cell Phone numbers of each team manager.</p> <p>List of all onsite key personnel with RT, Woodlands Rugby and Katy Barbarians.</p> <p>TCH sideline medic</p> <p>Sideline Orthopedic</p>

2. Serious Injury to Player

Procedures to manage identified risks	Emergency gear required
<p>Team management to manage students and their own club/school responsibilities, Teams should liaise with TCH ambulance who will be onsite, in the unlikely event on one is present, 911 should be called immediately.</p> <p>Event Managers to be notified immediately</p> <p>Serious Injury report completed.</p> <p>TCH consent to treat forms to be confirmed from team check in.</p>	<p>Accessible cell phone for all team management.</p> <p>Cell Phone numbers of each team manager.</p> <p>List of all onsite key personnel with RT, Woodlands Rugby and Katy Barbarians.</p> <p>TCH sideline medic</p> <p>Sideline Orthopedic</p>



3. Extreme Weather

Procedures to manage identified risks	Emergency gear required
<p>Local weather service reports to be reviewed daily.</p> <p>Review of venues to be done daily and transfers made accordingly.</p> <p>Team management informed when any significant weather may impact and teams informed of cancellations and transfers accordingly.</p> <p>In the event of extreme weather the event may, in consultation with team's management, be shortened or cancelled at any time, by the event organisers and then communicated directly to the team management.</p>	<p>Local Weather service reports.</p> <p>Accessible cell phone for all team management.</p> <p>Cell phone numbers of each team manager.</p> <p>List of all onsite key personnel with RT, Woodlands Rugby and Katy Barbarians.</p>

4. Hurricane/Earthquake

Procedures to manage identified risks	Emergency gear required
<p>Event Managers to assess scale of emergency Then at the earliest convenience thereafter using the identified calling tree will primarily communicate by group text to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All team managers/coaches • TR/WYRC/KB staff as identified • Local county and commissioner's office • Any other persons deemed appropriate <p>Such information will be placed on the tournament website section and Facebook site Schools/Coaches should as a matter of best practice carry their own calling trees to be able to disseminate appropriate information accordingly. Any TR/WYRC/KB determination – cancellation, postponement, suspension or proceed as scheduled – will then be the basis for any outcomes/results of any competitions effected.</p>	<p>Mobile Phone</p> <p>Phone Tree of all associated parties</p>