

CGRU General Meeting

February 2022





Meeting Agenda

- Match Reporting Process
- Fine Structure
- Union Vote
- Playoff Update



Meeting Agenda (continued)

- **Match Reporting Process**
 - Team sheets must be completed prior to the start of the match
 - No printout required, no signature required, no scan needed for submittal
 - Scores **MUST** be email in to the appropriate email address per division
 - Must include score, tries, conversions, penalties
 - Must include any yellow/red cards including player name, number, and infringement
 - Must include any gametime changes to the team sheet
 - Must be submitted by Sunday (or day following match)



Meeting Agenda (continued)

Fine Structure - Due to widespread non-compliance, a fine structure is being implemented to encourage action that will create efficiencies and resource stress. In other words, get a responsible match secretary that will report scores so that the Division Directors aren't chasing you down on a Sunday night.

Other key points: Get your pitch set up correctly, and make sure there is always medical on the sidelines for matches.

The rest involve forfeits. They happen - Do it correctly so there is no financial penalty.



Meeting Agenda (continued)

- **Fine Structure Details**

- No attendance at a mandatory union meeting: \$100
- No approved medical staff on the sidelines for the entirety of a match: \$100 and forfeit
- Field improperly marked, no goal post padding, no restraining ropes, improper kit: \$25 each
- Game-related improper CIPP/Team sheet: First offense, \$50, Additional offenses, \$100
- Incorrect match report by Sunday: First offense, \$50, Additional offenses, \$100
- League match forfeit with notice and game played: No fine, loss of one point
- League match forfeit with notice and no game: No fine, loss of two points
- League match forfeit with no notice and no game: \$200 fine and loss of three points
- Forfeiting a playoff match: \$300 and ineligible for playoffs the following year
- Referee expenses to be paid for any cancellations without notice.
- Cancellations may be forced by referee for non-compliance relating to pitch or medical.



Union Vote Procedures

- All clubs in good standing will have one vote
 - Men's and women's teams within the same club will each have a vote
 - Clubs with teams in multiple divisions will only receive one vote
 - The president of each club will be emailed a link for the vote.
 - Any member club may be represented by a proxy. However, only one proxy may be held per club in attendance at the meeting.
- Issues to be voted upon:
 - Addition of Women's Collegiate Division 1
 - Date of the AGM (S3.02)
 - Length of Officer Term (S4.01 & S4.02)
 - Length of Union Officials Terms (No precedent in the bylaws)
 - Executive Director of Referees (S4.01 & S6.01)
 - Alignment of Officer Titles (S4.01)
- The "Yes" option on the following slides is the recommendation of the Executive Committee



Women's Collegiate D1

The Blue Ridge Conference is CRAA Division 1, comprised of:

- University of North Carolina
- NC State University
- East Carolina
- James Madison
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Tech

The conference has been administered primarily by one person over the last 20 years. There is a need for assistance in areas of technology, finance, communication, & administration.

Vote Options (simple majority vote) - Add the Blue Ridge Conference teams as members in a new women's collegiate division 1 of the CGRU, effective Aug 1, 2022

- ✓ Vote Yes - Add the Blue Ridge Conference teams
- ✓ Vote No - The Blue Ridge Conference and CGRU will remain separate



Annual General Meeting Date

Our bylaws state that the Annual General Meeting will be held on a Saturday or a Sunday during the last weekend of the month of September each year, and will include elections.

This date has a negative impact on the transition of union officials as it occurs midseason. September is also ineffective to address issues/concerns of the fall season (i.e. process, registration, etc.).

Vote Options (2/3 majority vote) - Update the bylaws to move the AGM date to occur annually on the last weekend of January, effective 2023.

- ✓ Vote Yes - Update the bylaws to move the AGM date
- ✓ Vote No - Keep the bylaw as is with the AGM date in September annually



Length of Term for Officers

Section 4.01:

“Officers, other than the Executive Director-Referees, shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors are elected.”

Section 4.02:

“The terms of the officers will be for two years”

There is conflicting information in our bylaws, necessitating a change. Officers include: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, USAR Rep.

Vote Options (2/3 majority vote) - Update the bylaws to include two year terms for officers, effective the next Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- ✓ Vote Yes - Update the bylaws to two year terms for officers
- ✓ Vote No - Update the bylaws to one year terms for officers



Length of Term for Union Officials

There currently is no verbiage in our bylaws stipulating the terms for all non-officer positions. These include:

- Executive Director of Men's Rugby
- Executive Director of Women's Rugby
- Directors of each respective competitive division across men's, women's and collegiate rugby
- Director of 7s rugby

Vote Options (2/3 majority vote) - Update the bylaws to include two year terms for union officials (Officers not included), effective the next Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- ✓ Vote Yes - Update the bylaws to two year terms for union officials (Officers not included)
- ✓ Vote No - Update the bylaws to one year terms for union officials (Officers not included)



Executive Director of Referees

The Executive Director-Referees represents the interest of the Referees Society on the Executive Committee. He/she is the president of the Referees Society, as such president is elected or appointed in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof. A member of the Referee Society may be appointed to this position by the president of said society.

There is conflicting information in our bylaws, necessitating a change. Certain sections include the ED of Referees as a CGRU Officer while other sections note this position as part of the Executive Committee.

Vote Options (2/3 majority vote) - Update the bylaws to include the Executive Director of Referees as a member of the Executive Committee

- ✓ Vote Yes - Update the bylaws to include the ED of Referees on the Executive Committee
- ✓ Vote No - Update the bylaws to include the ED of Referees as an Officer of the CGRU



Officer Titles

The purpose of this vote is to align the officer titles across all documentation

Bylaws:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Proposed:

- President
- VP of Rugby Operations
- VP of Finance
- VP of Communications

Vote Options (2/3 majority vote) - Update the bylaws to reflect to naming structure used across the CGRU documentation

- ✓ Vote Yes - Change the titles in the bylaws to those in column two
- ✓ Vote No - Keep the titles in the bylaws, and change in all other places



Playoff Update

Division	What	Who	Date	Time	Location	Winner goes to:
Men D3	Semi-Final	#1N v #2S	Sat, 4/9	1:00 PM	#1 hosts	D3 Championship
Men D3	Semi-Final	#1S v #2N	Sat, 4/9	1:00 PM	#1 hosts	D3 Championship
Men D3	Championship	1N/2S v 1S/2N	Sat, 4/16	1:00 PM	Gastonia	4/23, GA or TN, South Playoffs
Women D2	Championship	#1 v #2	Sat, 4/23	7:00 PM	Columbia, SC	TBD
Men D2	Semi-Final	#1 v #4	Sat, 4/23	3:00 PM	Columbia, SC	D2 Championship
Men D2	Semi-Final	#3 v #4	Sat, 4/23	5:00 PM	Columbia, SC	D2 Championship
Men D4	Championship	#1 v #2	Sun, 4/24	11:00 AM	Columbia, SC	TBD
Men D2	Championship	1/4 v 2/3	Sun, 4/24	1:00 PM	Columbia, SC	TBD





Results of the vote

	Yes	No	Abstain	Percent	Pass?	Type
Blue Ridge Inclusion	27	3	0	90.00%	PASSED	simple majority
AGM Date	26	4	0	86.67%	PASSED	2/3 majority
Officer Terms	25	5	0	83.33%	PASSED	2/3 majority
Union Official Terms	24	6	0	80.00%	PASSED	2/3 majority
Referee Category	28	1	1	96.55%	PASSED	2/3 majority
Officer Titles	29	0	1	100.00%	PASSED	2/3 majority