



Palatine Area Boy's Middle School Rugby Club

Safety is our highest Priority – for players, coaches & spectators

- Rugby is a tackling sport and some injuries may occur. However, safety is a high priority and the following policies are intended to help provide a safe learning experience for our players, coaches and spectators:
 - An Athletico trainer will be present at all matches
 - All players will wear padded “Scrum Caps” provided by the club
 - All players must wear a formed mouth guard
 - Matches will only be played on a USA Rugby approved pitch that complies with all Illinois Youth Rugby Association and Chicago Area Rugby Football Union (CARFU) requirements including, but not limited to,
 - Clear field markings
 - Padded Goal Posts
 - 5 meter spectator barriers running the length of the pitch
 - A CARFU Referee Society supplied referee
 - 2 Touch Judges (i.e. sideline officials to call out of bounds)
- The goal for providing a rugby club to Middle School Boys is introduce this exciting sport in such a way as to develop a lifelong love of the sport that may be played in a club setting by players well into the 40's & 50's. Sportsmanship and safe, skillful play are more important than the win-loss record.
- There are 17 Men's Rugby Clubs in the Chicago Area Rugby Football Union (CARFU)
 - We are sponsored by the Northwest Woodsmen Rugby Football Club
 - We will not play or practice against the adults
 - The Northwest Woodsmen will assist at some of our practices
- The Illinois Youth Rugby Association (www.iyra.org) administers youth rugby in Illinois
 - There are 33 Boy's High School Clubs and 6 Girl's High School Clubs
 - There are 3 Boy's Middle School Clubs, but no Girl's Middle School Clubs
 - The Palatine Pioneers are one of three new clubs forming this year
 - The other two are Naperville & Western Springs – both for Boy's only
- Youth Rugby is exclusively a Spring Sport
- The Palatine Pioneers are **not** part of the Palatine Park District. Coach Burton
 - ran a Non-Contact Rugby Camp last Summer for the Palatine & Hoffman Estates Park Districts
 - ran a Non-Contact Rugby Clinic for the Northbrook Park District in September '08
 - will run the Winter 2009 Non-Contact Rugby Camp for the Palatine Park District

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