



Play Up Player Application U14 Rookie Rugby Program

This application is to be used for male players in 6th grade to apply to be approved to play in the 7/8 grade full contact rugby program. Playing up is optional and should only be pursued by parents/guardians and coaches if the player expresses interest and meets the below criteria. Players who meet the criteria are NOT required to play up, they may continue to participate at their current grade level if desired or if deemed more appropriate by their coaches and/or parents.

Notes:

- Player should meet the guidelines below. If not, please provide justification.
- Meeting all the criteria does NOT automatically approve the request to play up. The Youth Coaches' Committee must review the application; consult with the current coach; and then determine if the request is approved or declined. All committee decisions are final.
- The player must complete the application process AND be approved by the committee **PRIOR to the applicant being involved in any full contact practice or games at the higher level.**
- If an application is approved, there may be additional fees and registration required to complete the process.

Guidelines:

- 1. Player should be in 6th grade for the current school year at the time of registration. (ex. must be in 6th grade for 2018/2019 school year for Spring 2019 rugby) a. 5th graders are not eligible.**
- 2. Player should meet a minimum weight requirement at the time of registration.**
 - a. Male player minimum is 110 lbs.**
- 3. Player should have prior rugby experience through participation in an organized youth rugby program through Rugby Idaho, another USA Rugby approved State Rugby Organization (SRO) or an equivalent international organization.**
 - a. Examples of adequate rugby experience:**
 - i. Previous years' experience with Rugby Idaho's youth rugby program**
 - ii. Another SRO's youth program, such as Utah Youth Rugby, Rugby Oregon etc.**
 - b. Free or 1-2 day rugby clinics DO NOT count as rugby experience**



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To Apply:

- Player submits the completed application (below) to their current coach.
- The coach will evaluate the player based on all the guidelines above and give the application to the Youth Coaches' Committee to review.

Application Date: _____

Player's Full Name: _____

Age (at time of registration): _____ Weight (at time of registration): _____

Current Grade: _____ Current School: _____

Spring Youth Team Playing for: _____

Prior Rugby Experience:

Dates of participation (month/year): _____

Name of the league: _____

Length of the season: _____
of weeks # matches

Approximate hours of practice/games: _____

Coaches' Name: _____

Was the rugby program run through Rugby Idaho? Yes No

If no, what was the organization running the program?

Justification if player does not fall within the guidelines above:

Please include a letter from the player's previous rugby program coach, recommending the player to be able to play up at the next level.



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Parent Waiver

6th grade youth players shall not engage in full contact training, practice or games with the 7/8 grade tackle rugby program without having first completed all the portions of this application with submission and approval. Completed applications must be submitted to player’s coach, submitted by the coach to the Youth Coaches Committee and approved by the committee. If the application is approved, the approved application must be available for review upon request of any match opponent or administrator.

The Undersigned consents to allow the player named below to play up in the 7/8th grade full contact rugby program, and also agrees to accept all responsibility and risk associated with playing up in the 7/8th grade tackle rugby program with other players who may be bigger, stronger and more physically developed than the applicant. The Undersigned confirms that the player has an appropriate understanding of the physical attributes required of, and the risks to players, playing 7/8th grade full contact rugby, and that the player has the requisite skills, experience and desire to play 7/8th grade tackle rugby

Player Name	Signature	Date
Parent/Legal Guardian Name	Signature	Date
Coach Name (current coach)	Signature	Date

Below is to be completed by the Coaches Committee ONLY:

Criteria & Application Checklist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Complete? • Is in 6th grade as of current school year? • Meets minimum weight requirement? • Prior rugby league experience with an SRO? • Letter included from prior league coach? • Completed Parent Waiver? • Input from current coach? 	Review Info: Date Reviewed: Names of Youth Coaches’ Committee members reviewing application: Approved or Declined?
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Note: The Youth Coaches Committee must consist of two registered Rugby Idaho coaches who are not coaches for the applicant’s team.