

Summer Rugby

A GLOBAL GAME IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks in cooperation with Anne Arundel Youth Rugby is pleased to introduce **Non-Contact (two hand tag) Rugby** to our Youth Sports Program.

Non-Contact Rugby is for boys and girls, ages 6 thru 14.

Some programs will have in-house clinics for ages 4 & 5.

Rugby is an exciting fun summer sport, which includes running, passing, and kicking.

When: Summer time, June, July, and early August. Practices are weekday evenings and matches are Saturdays.

Where: Andover Apaches, Arden, Cape St. Clair, Edgewater, Green Hornets, and South Bowie

What is Non-Contact Rugby (Youth Rugby)?

Non-Contact Rugby is the **two-hand tag** version of tackle rugby. Since it is a running game involving two opposing teams, there is incidental contact (like youth soccer). Most of the other rules of rugby are included, so the players will learn the game of rugby while playing this fast paced sport.

Since Youth Rugby is **non-tackle**, teams can include large and small, male and female players.



Youth Rugby involves running, passing, kicking, offense, defense, scrums, lineouts, mauls, and scoring – *lots* of scoring opportunities for everyone on the team! Everyone gets to run with the ball, make passes, and make decisions.

But my kids and I don't know anything about Rugby....

No experience is necessary to play, coach, or help out! County clinics will be available. Rugby is a sport where it's easy to learn the basics and start enjoying the game from the very first practice.

How many kids can play on a team?

There are 7 players on the field at a time. Since Youth Rugby is a summer program, (vacations, travel, etc.) squads of 10 to 14 work well. A game has 4 ten-minute quarters and substitutions occur at the beginning of each quarter.

When is the Youth Rugby Season?

Youth Rugby is played in the summer and is a great transition between the spring and fall sports.

What age groups are playing?

U9, U11, U13, U15. Typically the age groups are scheduled at the same site on a given Saturday, allowing families to travel together.

What equipment is required & what is the cost?

It's an inexpensive sport and dues are similar to soccer. The kids need cleats, shorts and a team shirt.

Are there programs for my child in high school?

Yes. The Andover Apaches and the Severn River U19s are high school rugby clubs and Archbishop Spalding and Mt. St. Joe has rugby at this time. Also, Anne Arundel Rec and Parks will support a high school league for this coming spring.

Is there a program this summer for high school age athletes?

Yes. You can contact the individuals at the bottom of this page for information.

How do we contact a program?

Andover Apaches - walshpj@erols.com; Arden - ArdenRugby@gmail.com; Cape St. Clair - kemptonric@hotmail.com; Edgewater - Edgewateryouthrugby@gmail.com; Green Hornets - Scottie417@aol.com; South Bowie - robwld@verizon.net. These programs are founding members of Anne Arundel Youth Rugby (AAYR).

What if we're not sure which program is close to us?

Call or e-mail one of these contacts: Donna Liberto, Anne Arundel County Rec & Parks, RPLIBE01@aacounty.org, 410-222-7865; Patrick Walsh, Andover Apaches Rugby, walshpj@erols.com, 410-691-9970; Mike O'Brien, Arden Rugby, ArdenRugby@gmail.com, 443-468-5782



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