

BITTERROOT VALLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

2021 Season Information

Welcome to our 2021 Spring season. The following is important club and season information. **Please take note!**

Important Dates: (information on specific events coming soon)

PRACTICES: Mon, Tues and Thursday @ Corvallis Sports Complex (5-7pm)

April 3- <u>Ice Breaker: Bitterroot</u> (ALL Teams)

April 10- <u>Bitterroot at Helena:</u> (ALL Teams)

April 17- <u>Missoula at Bitterroot</u> (HS Boys)

Helena 7s (HS Girls and Juniors)

April 24- Bitterroot at Kalispell (HS Boys)

Kalispell 7s (HS Girls and Juniors)

May 1- <u>Helena at Bitterroot</u> (HS Boys)

<u>Bitterroot 7s</u> (HS Girls and Juniors)

May 8 - <u>Bitterroot at Missoula</u> (HS Boys)

Missoula 7s (HS Girls and Juniors)

May 15- Kalispell at Bitterroot: (ALL Teams)

May 21- <u>State in Helena:</u> Semi Finals

May 22- Finals Matches

Dear BVRFC Parents, Players and Supporters

Welcome to Bitterroot Rugby 2021. With 2020 behind us we look forward to rebuilding the BVRFC program so that we can serve valley kids for years to come.

This season Dana Cather will continue as head Girls Coach, Neil Johns will fill the role as Boys Head Coach, and John Poulsen has agreed to act as our primary Juniors Coach. However, we continue to need coaching staff volunteers, both men and women, willing to come work with the kids at practice, assist at matches, and learn the game along the way. You DO NOT need to know how to play rugby, but you will need to be registered with USA Rugby. We'll show you how to do both.

We will also again try to institute our own referee internship program, where we'll train and pay individuals willing to learn and assist in supporting our program at matches each weekend. Both College and non-player High School students are encouraged to apply. Please contact Dana or myself if you're willing. This is an immediate need.

Other Volunteer opportunities are: Field set-up, Meal Hosting (host a team meal before a home match), Match Feed (provide food for after-match feeds) and other match support. Please check our website and Facebook posts for opportunities as they arise.

Our biggest challenge this year, as usual, will be our numbers of players. Each returning player needs to bring one friend to an upcoming workout, social or practice. We'll teach them just like we taught you!

Our Fees for the year are as follows:

- -\$32 State and USA Rugby registration fee (will be paid online at registration). These fees cover the USA Rugby insurance premium and state operation fee.
- **-\$50 Team registration fee** (will be paid with other fees at online registration) This fee covers shorts, socks and a t-shirt.
- **-\$100 club fundraising commitment** (should be paid completely by fundraising and/or sponsorship activities). This will need to be earned or paid by our first Home match. This total amount will cover most travel costs and club operating costs. Players may be asked to buy some meals while traveling.

On behalf of our board, coaches and administration, we excited welcome you to Warrior and Wahine Rugby 2021.

Boyd Kanenwisher, President BVRFC