AGE-GRADE TEAMS

High School All-Americans – under-18 players in high school

High School All-Americans (HSAA) are rugby players in 7s or 15s who fit within the ages of 17-18 years old and currently participate in a high school rugby program. Selections for USA Rugby’s High School All-American assemblies and competitions are primarily made from Regional Cup Tournaments across the nation. All camps and competitions are focused on long-term player development.

For questions regarding High School All-American selections and upcoming assemblies, please contact:

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Registered USA Rugby members who have competed in Regional Cup Tournaments and feel they have been overlooked for an All-American assembly may submit their information through a nomination form at hiperforms.com.

USA U20s

Under-20s or U20s (formerly known as Junior All-Americans) are athletes ages 19-20 years old who participate in a club or collegiate level rugby program. Unlike the High School and Collegiate All-American programs, there is no requirement for U20s to be attached to a scholastic program; athletes can compete with a senior club, professional team or university program. The U20s participate in formal international competitions such as the U20 Women’s Tri-Nations Cup and U20 Men’s World Rugby Trophy. The U20 program is primarily 15s, but expected to expand in to 7s as World Rugby offers additional opportunity for competition.

If you are an athlete who currently competes in a club or collegiate level rugby program and have questions regarding selections and upcoming assemblies for USA U20s, please contact:
**Collegiate All-Americans – players in college (19+)**

Collegiate All-Americans are athletes in 15s or 7s who primarily fit between the ages of 19-23 and participate in an official collegiate rugby program. Athletes must be enrolled in a college institution and be currently participating in that institution’s club or varsity rugby program. Collegiate All-Americans assemble at various points through the year for talent identification and development camps which can lead to domestic or international games to begin or continue their development through the high performance program. Players are identified for the Collegiate All-Americans through All-Conference or All-American honors lists, scouting and nomination. Players should be advised, however, that earning a place on a Collegiate All-American honors list does not guarantee a place in Collegiate All-American assemblies or competitions.

For questions regarding selections and upcoming assemblies for the Collegiate All-American program, please contact:

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**DEVELOPMENTAL TEAMS**

**USA Selects (15s)**

The USA Selects are the developmental teams for the senior men’s and women’s national fifteen teams. Selects teams are not specific to a certain age-group and games are not considered test matches, thus do not count for international caps or rankings points. However, players who compete for a Selects team are considered committed to the United States and may not represent any other nation in international rugby. Selects competitions also provide more playing time for current national team players; streamlining the transition of new players to the senior programs with interaction between both experience levels.

*The USA Selects are equivalent in competition level to the USA Falcons in 7s, as well as the XV, Academy or A sides of other national rugby unions.*
**USA Falcons (7s)**
The USA Falcons are the developmental teams for the senior men’s and women’s sevens programs who compete in tournaments outside of the mainstream HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series. Like the USA Selects in fifteens, Falcons teams are not specific to a certain age group and neither caps nor rankings points are delivered for competing. The teams serve as a support to the senior Women’s and Men’s Eagles Sevens by building depth in the player pools for both programs and exposing new waves of athletes to international competition. Falcons competitions also provide more playing time for current national team players; streamlining the transition of new players to the senior programs with interaction between various experience levels.

*The USA Falcons are equivalent in competition level to the USA Selects in 15s.*