



Youth Report  
2010 FRU Winter AGM  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, UCF Orlando

A busy year with positive achievements in meeting our goals of growing the game and moving to retain HS players when they graduate.

#### NON CONTACT

We have supported Rookie Rugby and have had success targeting this at the school PE curriculum. Main success has been in Hillsboro County with all their Middle and High Schools introducing Rookie Rugby, and elementary schools this spring semester. We will have exposed some 86,000 kids to rugby. Vote of thanks for Mark Van Trees who has spear headed this.

We also have a program running in Broward County through Parks and Recreation and a home school organization which provides the PE content. We are in the process of launching a school PE program in Sebastien River school district this spring and are laying the ground work for Miami Dade and Ft Lauderdale/Broward in 2010.

We have this set up as a cash neutral/positive program going forward so future funding by the FRU is set to reduce to zero, the return on our investment is already huge, we have some 100,000 kids involved in rugby of some type.

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##### U19 Girls

Sebastien river HS has the first 'Girls' varsity rugby program in the nation, we need to leverage that to expand to ALL Florida schools.

U19 boys has grown in some areas but due to no coaches we lost the two Orlando teams for this season. There are now 3 youth clubs in Miami which was a major target for us, hats off to MIA Old Boys for getting this going and being very active, they have there U16 teams in the Florida youth DII competition this year.

#### ALL STARS

The FRU supported sending a Boys and Girls team to the South All Star tournament in Charlotte and followed this with 3 age grade teams in the Cape Fear 7's. positive results and great feed back. Thanks to Tom Grey and Dave McFadden for supporting this. Again FRU investment has built a solid base and we are starting to see these HS players certainly in the college system, but now also starting to transition to the senior clubs.

#### SBRO

The FRU was elected as a level 3 State Based (youth) Rugby organization and we do need to make a motion and vote on a name change and a By Law change.



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We had voted that the Florida Youth Rugby Association (FYRA) be a member of the FRU, we would like to change that to, "The Florida Youth Rugby Union (FYRU) be accepted as the replacement for the FYRA and to be elected by the members as an associate member with voting rights".

The By Law change, as previously posted is to then make my position elected by the HS/Youth members of the FYRU.

#### SOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Florida championship was a narrow one point win for Naples over NE Broward HS, who then represented Florida at the South Championships at MTSU, Tennessee.

NE placed third in the single school division after a nail biting semi final against Charlotte Catholic HS in the semi final (who went on to win), and NE rallied to win the 3/4th play off on the Sunday. Naples did one better in the U19 division placing second, again to a NC team.

The Florida girls were not represented this year.

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