



To the Leadership of World Rugby and USA Rugby:

Indianapolis has a forty-year history of driving community and economic development through sport. As a result, Indianapolis is home to national sport governing bodies like the NCAA and USA Track and Field. The city has hosted some of the largest national and international events including the Super Bowl, the PanAm Games, and multiple NCAA finals. In 2023, Indianapolis will host the Big Ten Championship Football Game, and in 2024 the NBA All-Star Game and U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials.

Within our robust sporting city is an active and successful rugby community. Over 1,100 boys and girls play high school rugby. The North Central High School women's rugby team has won 11 state championships since 2000. The Royal Irish Rugby Club, comprised of students from multiple high schools, has won four national high school boys' championships and produced USA 15's Men's Captain, Bryce Campbell, and USA 7's Men's player and Olympian Joe Schroeder. At the collegiate level in 2019, Marian University established rugby as a varsity sport and currently has 27 scholarship athletes.

This vibrant Indianapolis rugby community is complemented by a Greater Indianapolis metropolitan rugby community with high school national contenders in Brownsburg and USA national women's team members from Carmel.

Professional international rugby will find eager fans, great venues, and a community ready to support its success. The city of Indianapolis and my administration are excited to welcome you to Indianapolis.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Hogsett
Mayor
City of Indianapolis

