



October 30, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Indiana Sports Corp, I am happy to lend our support to the bid to host the 2025 Collegiate Rugby Association of America National Championships in Indianapolis.

Since 1979, Indiana Sports Corp, the City of Indianapolis, and the State of Indiana have hosted hundreds of national and international amateur sporting events, which helped make us one of the world's premier sites for hosting amateur sporting events. This over 40-year record of hosting events, such as the 1987 Pan American Games, 1991 FIG World Gymnastics Championships, 2002 FIBA World Basketball Championship, 2004 FINA World Swimming Championships, Super Bowl XLVI in 2012, 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship, and 11 NCAA Men's and Women's Final Fours, has provided the opportunity for our state to gain invaluable experience and a reputation for high quality sports programming.

Within our state is an active and successful rugby community. Over 1,300 boys and girls play middle school and high school rugby. The North Central High School women's rugby team has won 11 state-championships since its inception in 2001. 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. The vibrant Indiana rugby community has many additional high school national contenders in Mishawaka, Fort Wayne and Pendleton and has USA Rugby national women's team members who grew up in Carmel.

This bid is part of a wider project to bring world class rugby to Indianapolis through a purpose-built facility leading into the 2031 Rugby World Cup. Your tournament will find eager fans, great venues, and a community ready to support the tournament's success.

I am honored to lend Indiana Sports Corp's name in this effort to host the 2025 Collegiate Rugby Association of America National Championships. We look forward to growing the sport of Rugby in Indiana and working with your organization.

Sincerely,

Patrick Talty

President, Indiana Sports Corp