



# Royal Irish Rugby Society

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To whom it may concern,

Over the past few weeks, we as an organization, Royal Irish Rugby have been in contact with SOK Global Sports regarding bringing Professional Rugby to Indianapolis and working with the City of Indianapolis Parks and Recreation department to rehabilitate the Kuntz Sports Complex on West 16<sup>th</sup> Street as a home facility.

- Royal Irish Rugby was established in 2000 as a high school rugby team serving the north side of Indianapolis. However, any player who does not have a high school team is welcome to play with us. In fact, the name Royal Irish is a combination of the HSE Royals and the Cathedral Irish. We were able to inspire enough players from HSE to start their own team. The Royal Irish have consistently won the State Championship, appeared in eight and won four National Championships. The Royal Irish have produced National Players including Captain Bryce Campbell and Olympian Joe Schroeder. However, our greatest success has been our motto of, "Teaching boys to become Gentlemen through the sport of Rugby. We continue to grow at the middle school age and are actively recruiting to have a Girls high school rugby team as well.
- A professional team would aid in growing the sport of Rugby for all genders and younger student athletes. Professional team brings more visibility of our sport in the community, coaches coming out to practice, and giving kids rugby tangible heroes and role models to look up too for inspiration.
- Subject to the proposed plans becoming a reality, and the facility operating with world class facilities we would love to program matches and tournaments at the Kuntz Sports Complex in 2023/24 subject to the costs associated with rental.

We offer our full support to SOK Global and the City of Indianapolis in bringing this project to life.

Kind regards,

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President

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