

# Zionsville Rugby Club



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Dear Sir/ Madam:

The Zionsville Rugby Club has been in operation for more than 20 years, starting in 2003. We are celebrating our 20th playing anniversary, with one year removed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Being a community-based club, we can now offer student-athletes an avenue to try out rugby as another option in addition to the traditional sports offered to high schoolers in Boone County and the surrounding area. We opened our doors wide for school-aged students.

In 2021 we added another option to play rugby from kindergarten through eighth grade. This is when the Zionsville Wallabies were formed and have been thriving as another great opportunity for kids to get involved in the sport of rugby from an early age.

Through Rugby Indiana, we have been informed that the SOK Global Group is investigating the potential for forming a Major League Rugby team in Indianapolis. This would be a fantastic opportunity for the state to channel its rugby talent, learn from the professional game, watch club rugby, and provide an opportunity for international teams to come and play as well as for us to watch. Such a venture would place Indiana on the national, and possibly international, rugby stages, and that level of visibility will only bring greater awareness to the game and grow its support from the grassroots level upwards. We see this venture as a great opportunity to grow the game and shed light on this great game on a larger stage.

Zionsville Rugby Club and Zionsville Wallabies Club fully support the opportunity for a Major League Rugby team to be based in Indianapolis, recognizing the knock-on effects would only enhance the game for school-aged players too.

If you have any questions related to our programs or about this letter of support, then please feel free to reach out and contact us.

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