



**Welcome to the
NSCRO South Cup**

March 18 & 19, 2017

**Hosted by
Atlanta Old White RFC &
Atlanta Rugby Foundation, Inc.**

NATIONAL SMALL COLLEGE RUGBY ORGANIZATION



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Dear Competitor,

Congratulations on earning the right to participate in the 2017 NSCRO South Cup Championship. NSCRO, Atlanta Old White RFC and Atlanta Rugby Foundation, Inc. welcome you to this Event. The winner of the South Cup match qualifies for the Mid-Atlantic South Region Championship on April 1-2, 2017 in Aberdeen, Maryland at the home field of the North Bay RFC. The Region Champion will qualify for the National Championship to be held on April 29-30, 2017 at Infinity Park in Rugbytown USA – Glendale, Colorado.

The NSCRO Representative – in charge of this event for NSCRO - is Marqiece Cunningham. His phone number is 678-642-4606 and email is marqiece@hotmail.com. Be sure to coordinate with him ASAP the day, time and location for your Team Check-In.

Canopy/tents will be provided for each team.

We are all very fortunate for this competitive opportunity. Please be sure to keep our off-field standards at the same level as the on-field quality performance:

- o Teams should clean up their trash and kits after each match and at the end of the tournament.
- o With families present, athletes should monitor their language.
- o Portable restrooms are in the parking lot.
- o Teams are to bring their own water and ice.
- o Alcohol – absolutely no alcohol is allowed. **Be sure your fans know this.**
- o Pets are discouraged. If present, all pets must be leashed at all times.
- o No smoking on the grounds. Smoking is allowed only in the parking lots.
- o All players, coaches, and spectators shall abide by NSCRO Code of Conduct and Alcohol Policy.

NSCRO thanks the Southeast RRS for providing the match officials for this event.

Best of luck and have a great rugby experience!

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Event Location & Schedule

Name of Venue – Atlanta Old White Rugby Grounds

1035 Fairburn Road SW, Atlanta, GA 30301

Google Maps location: <https://goo.gl/maps/2QfUYqBf6Bm>

All times shown are Eastern Time Zone

Saturday, March 18 - Semifinals

11am

Eckerd College (Florida RU Champ)

vs.

University of North Alabama (Dixie Conference Champ)

1pm

Valdosta State University (Georgia RU Champ)

vs.

LSU Alexandria (Deep South Conference Champ)

3pm

Atlanta Old White vs. Atlanta Renegades

Sunday, March 19

10am - 3rd/4th Place Match

12pm - Championship Match

followed by the NSCRO Awards Ceremony. All teams will receive awards.



Medical Information

Emergency Action Plan NSCRO South Cup – March 18-19, 2017

Event Director: Charles Sherwood, President, Atlanta Rugby Foundation, Inc.

Medical Staff: ATCs – Brian Roberts and TBD

1. The Medical Staff on site will be responsible for treating minor injuries to players and for caring for more serious injuries until EMS personnel arrive. The Staff makes the decision and if an ambulance is not at the field, calls 911 to request EMS (ambulance).
2. Instruct EMS to report to the facility at 1035 Fairburn Road SW.
3. The Event Director delegates responsibility of flagging down the ambulance (flagger will stand at the facility entrance at Fairburn Road). The Event Director or his designee will be responsible for clearing space for the ambulance when it arrives at the field.
4. One ATC provides emergency care until EMS personnel arrive. Caregiver then provides pertinent info (cause of injury, vital signs, treatment rendered, and medical history) to EMS personnel and assists with emergency care as needed. If the match is on-going, the other ATC will pay attention to it.
5. The Event Director advises the Coach of the player's team to assign someone to accompany the athlete to the hospital as well as bring pertinent medical history of the player and their personal belongings, including medical insurance card and ID.
6. The injured player's club contacts parents/guardians/family as necessary.
7. The Coach is to complete the appropriate injury report as required by the player's school or organization.

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Emergency Action Plan (cont'd)

8. If a player is diagnosed by a qualified healthcare professional that they sustained a concussion, the Event Director reminds the player's coach of the USA Rugby Policy regarding Concussions which includes the 5 Rs shown below as well as compliance with the IRB Concussion Guidelines.

It is imperative that the athlete *does not return* to play until he or she is symptom-free and has been cleared for return to play by a qualified healthcare professional. USA Rugby strongly recommends that the player complete the GRTP (Graduated Return to Play) procedure prior to return to full play and competition.

USA Rugby's policy requires that ALL rugby players, staff, parents, referees, volunteers, and even fans follow these five basic steps when dealing with suspected concussions:

1. **Recognize** – Learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion so you understand when an athlete might have a suspected concussion.
2. **Remove** – If an athlete has a concussion or even a suspected concussion he or she must be removed from play immediately.
3. **Refer** – Once removed from play, the player should be referred immediately to a qualified healthcare professional who is trained in evaluating and treating concussions.
4. **Recover** – Full recovery from the concussion is required before return to play is authorized. This includes being *symptom-free*. Rest and some specific treatment options are critical for the health of the injured participant.
5. **Return** – In order for safe return to play in rugby, the athlete must be symptom-free and cleared in writing by a qualified healthcare professional who is trained in evaluating and treating concussions. USA Rugby strongly recommends that the athlete complete the GRTP (Graduated Return to Play) protocol.

Atlanta Medical Center – South Campus

This is a general medical and surgical hospital.

Address: 1170 Cleveland Avenue, East Point GA 30344

Website: www.atlantamedcenter.com



Accommodations

Hotels are approx. 15 min. from Atlanta Old White Rugby Grounds. To ensure special rates and conditions, call the property directly using **Atlanta Rugby Foundation** as the group name.

Hotel Indigo Atlanta Airport – College Park

1776 Harvard Avenue
College Park, GA 30337
Tel: (404) 767-8881
\$95.00 per room

Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Airport North

1380 Virginia Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30344
Tel: (404) 305-9990
\$99.00 per room
Free parking (\$12.00 fee waived)
Suite for Head Coach at regular room group rate

Meeting rooms can be arranged directly with the hotels.

Additional discounted hotels for this event are available.

Contact Charles Sherwood, Atlanta Rugby Foundation, 404-847-0060, csherwood@sherwoodmarketing.com



Alcohol Policy

Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed by anyone (players, coaches, spectators, etc.) in attendance at an NSCRO-sanctioned match or event. The onus of responsibility for compliance is on the individual club they are associated with. League matches played under the jurisdiction of a local Union or Conference are not considered sanctioned by NSCRO with regard to this policy.

If NSCRO enters into a written agreement that allows the facility owner to serve alcoholic beverages, the facility owner shall be required to enforce any and all applicable laws relating to the provision, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, including the prohibition of consumption of alcohol by minors.

Teams are requested to refrain from evening gatherings involving consumption of alcohol during attendance at an NSCRO playoff match or event.

Failure to comply with this Policy as well as applicable laws may result in team and/or player disqualification and/or enforcement by either college/university or city police. Any breach of this Policy at this event, as witnessed and reported by any individual will be forwarded to the appropriate disciplinary committee for action as well as possible disqualification from future NSCRO playoff matches

Conduct of Players, Coaches and Spectators

Collegiate rugby players and coaches represent their colleges and are ambassadors of collegiate rugby in the United States. As such, collegiate rugby players and coaches are expected to behave with dignity both on and off the field. Collegiate rugby players and coaches should not tolerate rude or anti-social behavior of any sort which would reflect negatively on the image of NSCRO, USA Rugby or the student athlete's college/university, or the image of collegiate rugby as a serious and disciplined athletic endeavor. Any breach of this Code of Conduct will be forwarded to the appropriate disciplinary committee for action.

Players, coaches and spectators are not to use foul language or make threatening remarks before, during or after the match. Such behavior whether directed at a teammates, opponents, match officials, spectator or even part of a pre-match "chant" or play call (such as for a line out) is unacceptable. Doing so will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct and disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate by the appropriate Organization.