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To the FYRU Board and General Members,

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As the Vice President of Youth for the Florida Youth Rugby Union (FYRU), I would like to announce the addition of an Under 14 League. This league is designed for 7th and 8th grade Middle School students. The League will consist of four teams who have committed to the 2014 season.

Boca Raton Junior Buccaneers
Key Biscayne Rugby Rats
Miami Youth Division
West Pines Rugby

The league will follow the Rugby Sevens format to allow for maximum Club participation. The schedule of games will start on the 11th of January and end on February 15th. A State Championship will be played at Ruggerfest, on Sunday, the 23rd of February 2014. There will be a game scheduled each weekend for the short 6-week season.

The U14 League will follow the rules and accept the sanctions set forth for the high school league stated in the 2014 FYRU Handbook. Because the main goal of this league is to aid in the development of Youth Rugby in Florida, the FYRU will allow some exceptions to exist with full transparency of all Coaches and Clubs to the FYRU.

1. Format Flexibility – If it is agreed upon by both coaches/managers ahead of time, a Rugby Sevens, X (tens), or XV (fifteens) game can be played. Rugby Sevens is only required if there is a team who prefers it or does not have the numbers to support a larger format.
2. Field Size and Match Duration – will follow the USAR rules dictated for each format.
3. Coaches can submit a request for any player who is in the 8th grade and is Under 15 to be granted an exception. Any player 15 years or older on September 1st, 2013 will not be eligible.

The FYRU is proud to support the Youth Coaches of Florida in the formation of this new league.

Thank you,

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