



## SFGG Youth Newsletter | July 2022

We hope you are having an enjoyable summer! We would like to build on the great momentum from the Spring Season and grow our Youth Club heading into the new Fall season, which kicks off with a free 4-week Flag Rugby Series in September at the Polo Fields (first clinic is Sunday, 9/12/21).

To help grow the Youth Club we do need your help to **recruit** new players to this strange and wonderful game. The easiest way to bring in new kids is for existing players and parents to be ambassadors for the club, signing up their friends and passing on the Open House flyer to their schools and other associations (i.e., expat community).

This season, we are looking to:

- Boost our **Under 8s** numbers with new kids aged 5 and up.
- Recruit and retain more **girls** to the program.
- Work with other local clubs to have **all girl games** at the multi club Bay Area Tournaments (BAT)
- Add more **Social Events** (i.e., Parents night, and some road trips like the LA 7s)
- Possibly add Parent Touch rugby games at practices, preparing for the always epic **Parents v Kids** game!
- Bring back the post-game **BBQs**
- Also, the overall SFGG Club has submitted plans to build a **new club house** on Treasure Island in 2022.

### Scheduling

In October we open registration for the Fall/Winter season and move back to Treasure Island with practices continuing on Sundays as we prepare for games / tournaments with local clubs in January to March. We may add a couple more games after Spring break, in April or May. Home games are generally Sunday, away games could be Saturday or Sunday. We will also schedule plenty of breaks across the season and share season specific details over TeamSnap.

### As a Parent, how can I help?

1. **Sign up** for September Clinics: <https://tinyurl.com/9k85yww> so we can plan (coaches, ratios, limits, space)
2. Reach out to your friends as well as your school / expat / community networks
3. Join some Information Zoom **calls** in August, send [email](#) to be added.
4. **Watch** some 7s rugby at the **Olympics Tokyo Schedule** Men's 7/26 -28, Women's 7/29-31 (on NBC/Peacock). A good documentary on rugby is [Beyond the Try Line](#).
5. Sign up to **volunteer** or **coach**, starting with this [survey](#) , most roles are less than a 10-hour commitment across the full season, see Volunteer section and table below.

Regards  
SFGG Youth

<https://www.sfggrugby.com/junior-youth.html>

## **Volunteering Overview**

Help us continue our tradition of running the Youth Club as an all-volunteer program and keep our registration fees low. We welcome any support that busy parents can contribute no matter how small during the pre-season planning or on game day. Please review the table below and fill out this Volunteer [survey](#).

We also will have some short preseason informational and planning drop in Zoom calls in August (30 mins or less), if you want to find out more on the overall program. Please email [terryshire2020@gmail.com](mailto:terryshire2020@gmail.com) or [junioryouth@sfggrugby.com](mailto:junioryouth@sfggrugby.com) to be added to the calls (we are targeting Wednesdays at 5.30pm)

### **Level & Roles**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Rugby Experience</b>	<b>Time Commitment Per Season</b>
<b>Base</b>	Watch games, Update availability on TeamSnap, Help with Car Pooling, Recruitment, participate in at least one social event (i.e., Parent Night, Parent Touch, Parents v Kids)	n/a	in line with players
<b>Volunteer</b>	Help before/during/after home games or some practices i.e., cone setup, BBQ, jersey/kit distribution, open/close gates, leave the field like we found it, u8 kid wrangling etc.	n/a	Up to 10 hours across season
<b>Team Manager/s</b>	TeamSnap, Communications, Car Pooling, Kits, help with registration of specific team (i.e., u8, u10s, u12 or u14s)	n/a	Maybe 1 hour a week when games start.
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Our senior coaches are happy to train up the next generation of coaches. Trust us, it is a lot of fun!	None or a little	Supports 8~ games, 15+ practices
<b>Head Coach, Refs</b>	Can run a practice or manage a game solo	Rugby experience required	Supports 8~ games, 15+ practices (attends a few Coaches Calls)
<b>Volunteer Leaders</b>	Plan & lead one of these five teams: <i>Communications, Facilities, Social, Recruitment and Finance</i>	none	10 hours preseason, 10 hours during season
<b>Advisors, Officers, Youth Board</b>	Oversee and manages programs and SFGG Youth Club. Delegate / Representative with Rugby North Cal and the broader SFGG club (+High School, +Mens, +Senors)	Organizational, Club / Non-Profit Experience, rugby experience not required, but helpful	Part time role, Attend AGMs, Quarterly Club calls/meetings.

**2021/2022 Scheduling [Draft]**

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Planning	Recruitment Drives	Open Houses @Polo	Pre-Season @Treasure Island	Pre-Season @TI	Pre-Season @TI + City mid-week practices, First Game @ Marin	<b>Games</b> Home, San Jose	<b>Games</b> Home, Fresno	<b>Games</b> Home, LA, Union City

**Club House [planned for 2022]**



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