

## **Sport for All Policy**

The TTRFU will continue to strive to increase the level and quality of active participation in the sport of rugby through the 3 various levels of sport participation.- community, school and sport (rugby) organizations. This policy was developed to be consistent with the “sport for all” theme which seeks to foster full participation of athletes/participants, coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers at any age level.

Rugby in Trinidad and Tobago is welcoming and inclusive, offering nationals an opportunity to participate without regard to age, gender, race, language, sexual orientation, disability, geography or economic circumstances. Participants have access to affordable sport opportunities that are appropriate to the level of activity chosen and provide opportunities for personal achievement.

### **Goals:**

- Enhanced participation
- Enhanced excellence
- Enhanced capacity
- Enhanced interaction

### **Principles:**

- The sport is athlete/participant oriented.
- Promotes leadership.
- Is based on equity and access.
- Focused on development.
- Serves the public interest.

### **Policy Objective:**

- Promote the personal and social benefits associated with participation in Rugby at all levels and in all forms.
- Support all rugby organizations, at all levels to increase greater participation, by recruiting new participants and reducing drop out rates, in collaboration with current and potential partners such as municipalities, educational institutions and national and regional sport centers.
- Increase the exposure of children and youth to the sport of rugby from a school setting.
- Increase access and equity in rugby for under-represented groups.
- Develop a long term strategic approach to the hosting of national and regional rugby events to stimulate interest in the sport at a national level as well as maximize their contribution to sport and community objectives.
- Encourage communities to increase individual and family-based participation.

### **Responsibilities of the TTRFU:**

- To promote safety, fairness in play and decision making, and ethical behavior for all levels of rugby.
- To increase the value of participation.
- Develop a sustainable and diversified public and private resource base for the ongoing development of the sport of rugby domestically at all of the various levels.
- Establishing performance targets for major national tournaments that guide expectations and assist in evaluating performances and the effectiveness of the system.

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- Identify and recruit talented athletes into the national rugby system and provide for their systematic and holistic developments towards regional competitive levels.
- Ensure that the essential components of the system required to achieve the participation required and excellence goals of this policy - such as coach/instructor education facilities, sport medicine, sport science, research and the use of technology, meet the needs of athletes/ participants in an ever changing sport environment.