



Battleship Rugby Football Club, Inc.

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*The 30th Annual
Battleship Rugby Tournament
November 8-9, 2008
USS Alabama Memorial Park
Mobile, Alabama*

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From: Michele Yarbrough, President
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To: All entrants in the 30th Annual Battleship Rugby Tournament

Welcome to the Deep South's Premier Rugby Tournament,

The Battleship Rugby Club is proud to host the 30th Annual Battleship Rugby Tournament. We are expecting 40 teams this year; our largest ever.

As always, we remain dedicated to creating two days of athletic competition and excellent officiating that has become an annual tradition at "The Ship". Our goal is to afford your club the opportunity to compete in competitive brackets and against opponents you would not play during your regular season. With the dedicated assistance of Mr. Stephen Parrill, we have, once again, assembled an outstanding group of referees from across the country to assure top-notch officiating.

Balls Out Rugby Supply will again be selling an appealing array of rugby merchandise to fulfill your last minute game-day needs. Additionally the Ship will have medical trainers to attend to minor injuries. Contained in this packet are many of the details you will want to know about this year's tournament. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with it.

Have a wonderful time at this year's tournament. Enjoy our spectacular venue, the City of Mobile, the competition and camaraderie that makes rugby a truly unique sport

Battleship Tournament Guidelines – 2008

1. Battleship Tournament Roster and Wavier of Liability:

A maximum of 24-man tournament roster must be turned in to the Tournament Chairman during the Captain's Meeting (to be held 11/7/08 - see #2 below). Also, the Waiver of Liability form which must be signed by all of the Club Members and Players who attend this year's events. This must be turned in to us before your Club can participate. You can turn this form in at the meeting or at the Administration Tent prior to your Team's first match. Both forms are available on the Tournament Web page. (www.battleshiprugby.com)

2. Captain's Meeting:

This meeting will be held at 9:00 P.M. on November 7, 2008, at the Garage located at 9 South Washington Street, Mobile, Alabama. During the Captain's Meeting (which should last no more than 30 minutes), only one representative per team please.

3. Tournament Reception:

This reception will be held at The Garage, 9 South Washington Street, Mobile, Alabama, starting at 9:30 P.M. on November 7, 2008. This will be an opportunity for your club members to meet the referees, etc.

4. Injury:

IRB rules will apply to injury. It is our understanding that this is limited to four substitutions per match, for injury only.

5. Disciplinary Committee:

This committee will review all contested decisions at the request of the offending players' captain. This committee will be composed of the "Referee Chairman" and two other qualified persons. If a player is ejected from a game, they are out of the tournament.

6. Park Rules (U.S.S. Alabama Memorial Park):

Due to the fact that the U.S.S. Alabama Memorial Park is a State Park and a Veteran's Memorial, it is hollowed ground to many veterans of which there will be many over the Veteran's Day Weekend. Please treat the premises with respect.

Alcoholic beverages cannot legally be dispensed or consumed on the premises. Discretion must be used so that there will be no problems with the Park Officials. Also, some events normally associated with rugby must be controlled to save conflict with State Park.

Finally, since the tournament party is to be held in a public venue, it is expected that all attending will act in a proper manner. We want everyone to enjoy themselves, but not at the expense of others. **Underage drinking will not be allowed nor tolerated!**

7. Parking:

All parking at the U.S.S. Alabama Memorial Park must be in their parking lot. Please do not park at the Battleship Best Western Motel unless you are registered there. Do not park on the grassed sections of the Battleship Park. A \$2.00 (two dollar) fee will be assessed EACH TIME YOU PARK, ONCE YOU ARE IN YOU CANNOT LEAVE WITHOUT PAYING FOR REENTRY.

8. Fields and Facilities:

Five regulation fields are used during the Tournament. Each is 75 yards in width by 110 yards in length, plus 20-yard end zones. Five, fifteen, and ten-yard markings are used for lineouts and kickoffs, respectively. Goal posts are regulation length and width. Due to the absence of rain this year, the fields are sparsely grassed. They are however sand based. Portable units (6) are provided at the Park. **Please make sure that your players use their rooms to change in and not the Gift Shop bathroom, of the USS Alabama.**

9. Tie Game:

In case of a tie game, we will follow the format of having:

- (A) One five minute 'Sudden Death' overtime.
- (B) A second five minute 'Sudden Death' overtime, if necessary.
- (C) If necessary, and at the discretion of the referee, a kicking contest will be implemented.

10. Game Time Limits:

All Battleship Tournament games will have 22-minute halves, except for the championship games, which will be 30-minute halves.

11. Medical Facilities:

An ambulance will be stationed at the Park at all times. A nearby emergency room, at Mobile Infirmary, will be ready with their FastTrac services for all rugby players attending the tournament so that injury treatment will be expedited.

12. Concessions:

The Battleship Rugby Club operates a concession stand where fresh fruit, water and

sports drinks and bars are available. The Battleship Park will also have a booth that will sell sandwiches and soft drinks.

13. Rugby Equipment Sales:

For your convenience, Balls Out is scheduled to attend and will have numerous rugby items available for sale at the Park: cleats, shorts, mouthpieces, jerseys, etc. will be available.

14. T-Shirt Sales:

We will have available approximately 300 commemorative tournament T-Shirts for sale at \$15 each. In addition we will bring back some of the past favorite Tournament T-Shirts for this historic event. Please help us continue our tournament by purchasing these shirts.

15. Tournament Trophies:

Trophies and plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

Men's Club Division 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Men's Collegiate Division 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Women's Division 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Masters Division 1st and 2nd Place

Most Valuable Player (decided by the referees' Committee)

"Sartorial Elegance" Award*

The name of the Tournament Champion will be added to our Perennial Championship Trophy. This trophy is displayed in the Ward Room of the U.S.S. Alabama.

*This award will be presented to the Club whose KIT is the neatest, most complete, and uniform.