

Chicago Blaze Rugby Club Orientation

Blaze Coaches and Trainer:

- D1 Coach: Chris Folland (847-651-7032 and cfollan1@yahoo.com)
- D3 Coach: currently vacant
- D1 Captain: Brian Szwed (708-224-7399 and shwedy8@yahoo.com)
Kevin Garbis (630-388-8342 and kevinjgarbis@yahoo.com)
- D3 Captain: currently vacant
- Trainer: Rob Wassilak (708-415-2405 and robwassilak@hotmail.com)

Blaze Executives:

- President: Scott Smith (773-875-6844 and scotty.a.smith@gmail.com)
- Vice President: Bryant Scharenbroch (608-213-7233 and bryantcscharenbroch@yahoo.com)
- Treasurer: Matt Kittridge (708-557-3142 and mjkittridge@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Roman Carney (708-250-0259 and rcarney1124@yahoo.com)
- Match: Bill Weckstein (630-857-6402 and bweckstein1@aol.com)
- Social: Graham Johnson (612-730-8188 and graham.johnson85@gmail.com)
- Bar Manager: Eric Fleet (630-956-0704 and sentinfury06@yahoo.com)
- Recruitment: Jeff Friends (773-899-5970 and jeffreyfriends@yahoo.com)

Blaze Building Corporation and Fossils:

The Blaze Building Corporation runs and owns our facility. The current Building Corporation board is comprised of: Pete Thornley, Walt Rebenson, Chris Cobb, Al Klemp, and Mike Kanzler. The Fossils are the Blaze old boys. Norm Smyth (normsmyth@yahoo.com and 708-308-8997) is the current Fossil contact.

Blaze Website:

See www.chicagoblazerugby.com for links to our calendar, match schedule, merchandise store, eligibility, facebook page, twitter feed, sponsorship details, and all other information about the club.



What is required of me as a Chicago Blaze Player?

1. Attend practices, games, and events. All home games and practices are at the Blaze Complex. Carpooling is most-commonly used for travel to away games. Condition your body and mind on your off days. Fitness and practice attendance weighs heavily in D1 and D3 player selections. If you are unavailable for a practice or game, please inform your captains and, or coaches. Lastly, we more than a sport's team and we hope to build brotherhood amongst our members. We ask that you participate in other team activities, such as, fundraisers and social gatherings.
2. Pay player dues. Dues are collected each season (twice annually). We are a not-for-profit organization and player dues are a major portion of our budget. We have many fees including: coach's fees, bar licensing, union dues, referees fees, etc. The current Blaze dues are as follows:
 - New player - \$100
 - Military - \$100
 - Student - \$100
 - Returning Active Player - \$200
 - Fossil - please see Norm Smyth (normsmyth@yahoo.com and 708-308-8997)

Player dues can be paid one of three ways:

- On-line using paypal. See www.chicagoblazerugby.com (eligibility tab).
 - In person with cash or check (address checks to Chicago Blaze Rugby). Please place in an envelope with your name and amount of dues being paid and hand to Jeff Friends, Scott Smith, Bryant Scharenbroch, or Matt Kittridge.
 - Send via postal to: Matt Kittridge at 12468 Province Drive, Lemont, IL 60439.
3. Register with USA rugby CIPP. This is an annual fee of \$45. Each player must complete this on-line. See <https://membership.usarugby.org/default.aspx> or www.chicagoblazerugby.com (eligibility tab). Please print and turn in completed registration form to Erik Otten.

Other Questions and Information:

1. Blaze Kit Items. All players must purchase shorts and socks. Other items are also available for purchase. See www.chicagoblazerugby.com (store tab). Please direct all kit and merchandise questions to Bryant Scharenbroch.
2. Blaze Email Server. To become a member of the Blaze email server, please send email address and phone number to Jeff Friends.
3. Blaze Number 1s. Following matches the Blaze required uniform is a Blue Blazer with a Blaze Patch, and a Blaze Tie. Patches are available at the Bar for \$10. Blaze ties can be purchased from Bryant Scharenbroch for \$25. Khakis and a collared shirt are recommended.

