



EJR-UKR
Volunteer Coaches
In Support to
Rugby Union Kyiv

The Initiative

The start of this project

► It all started as a personal initiative, we are Stefano Ciolli and Jacopo Veronelli with over 10 years' experience in coaching Junior Rugby. We contacted the Ukrainian federation through its representative in Kyiv to provide coaching support, show them they're not alone in these critical times, working jointly unified by our passion. We are bonded by the strong belief of the positive impact of sports and education volunteering, this solid value led to sending an email to Rugby Union Kyiv and it all lighted up; turning an idea into a concrete opportunity of providing relief to the many children under the non stopping sound of the air raid sirens crying in the night to this very day.



Rugby Boots On The Ground

Training sessions

► From October 12 throughout the 15. We have actively coached children of different clubs within the region, boys and girls age 8 thru 17, 160 children and teenagers altogether all eager to play rugby !

What happened next ?

► We understood that was not it, we could have provided these same kids some real relief and continuous support jointly with Rugby Union Kyiv initiating this project to bring together the different Rugby Clubs within Lombardy to have Ukranian Junior Rugby players in our homes and on our fields. Edoardo Poiani experienced Junior Rugby Coach and close friend has joined us and strengthened the links, ensuring this project makes steady and great progress.



The Project

Hospitality in the month of June 2024

- ▶ Seeking to host 100 Ukrainian players, age 12 thru 17 years (total figure remains to be determined, currently discussing it with Rugby union Kyiv)
- ▶ When ? Tentatively between the 10 and 23 June 2024
- ▶ Coordinating with FIR thru its local representatives in Lombardy
- ▶ 9 Clubs actively engaged:
 - ▶ Amatori Union Rugby
 - ▶ ASR Milano
 - ▶ Cernusco Rugby
 - ▶ Cus Milano Rugby
 - ▶ Parcosempione Rugby
 - ▶ Parabiago Rugby
 - ▶ Rugby Rho
 - ▶ Rugby Varese
 - ▶ Rugby Lainate



Our Request to the Rugby Clubs

What do we ask to the different clubs involved?

- ▶ Share this project within their member families
 - ▶ Every club is requested to provide 15/18 families willing to host a child or Ukrainian coach for two weeks in the period 10-23 June
 - ▶ To welcome the guest and making him/her feel welcomed
 - ▶ To take him/her to the training sessions, matches
- ▶ to schedule training sessions, tournaments, having them attend summer camps in the period shown above
- ▶ To support our initiative by identifying and contacting prospective sponsors which may lessen the financial burden of the many Ukrainian families in these times of war.



Intial Focus

As of 24 January 2024

Initial number of participants broken down by category

▶ Athletes - males U16 (2008-09)	30
▶ Athletes - males U14 (2010-11)	30
▶ Athletes - females U16 (2008-09)	15
▶ Athletes - females U13 (2011-12)	15
▶ Coaches/Assistant C.- males	6
▶ Coaches/Assistant C.- females	4
Total no. of participants	100





Thank you for your attention !

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