



Rugby Illinois Members,

The Chicago Hounds is committed to the growth of youth rugby in the Midwest and are thrilled to introduce to you the appointment of 2 new members of staff who we hope will be able to assist you in growing rugby in your local community and your clubs.

Janet Kean is the Imagine Rugby Coordinator. [Imagine Rugby](#) is a national MLR/USA Rugby initiative to increase youth participation in rugby leading up to the USA hosted World Cups of 2031 and 2033. The main avenue of this initiative is through schools, community organizations and youth rugby clubs wishing to add rugby to their programming.

For your clubs this could be adding Rookie Rugby to your middle school program or looking to add a middle school feeder program to your high school team. Adding rugby to park district programs or in your local schools can also help boost your club numbers.

If this is something that you think your club or community will benefit from, please feel free to contact Janet through email or phone.

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Ron Estrada is the Director of Outreach and Development. Ron will be able to provide support for club and community events involving the Hounds, helping organize group outings to matches, player visits to your club, and other connecting activities that brings your squad closer to the Hounds organization.

If this is something that you think your club or community will benefit from, please feel free to contact Ron through email or phone.

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Another exciting program we have launched is the Chicago Hounds U19 Academy. We are currently holding talent identification camps around the Midwest with the Chicago camp being held at SeatGeek Stadium on February 18th. Please share this information with high school boys players you think would be a good fit. Further information can be found [here](#).

Everyone here at the Chicago Hounds wishes you and your team all the best for the upcoming season and we hope you can join us for our season home game opener on March 24th when we take on the current MLR Champions, the New England Free Jacks at 1pm.

Yours in rugby,

James English  
CEO, Chicago Hounds



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