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## DC MLR Weekly Newsletter

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As we recently announced, DC MLR will be joining Major League Rugby as a full participant for the 2020 season, which will commence in early February 2020. That does not mean, however, that we're laying idle in the meantime. In fact, 2019 will be a huge year for our team, our fans, and our many partners throughout the Mid-Atlantic rugby community – with an exhibition schedule, player combines, and much more planned. Here are some of the milestones you can expect from DC MLR as we lead Mid-Atlantic rugby into the professional era in the coming months:

- ) We are planning to release our 2019 exhibition schedule in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to this newsletter and our [website](#) for all the details.
- ) This schedule will focus on spending the first half of 2019 (concurrent with the MLR season) building the foundations of our team and emphasizing the recruitment of talent from the Mid-Atlantic region.
- ) We anticipate up to four player combines, at which players from our region will be able to demonstrate their skills and talents. Combines will be held in D.C., but also in other cities in our market area, including possibly Philadelphia and Charlotte.
- ) We further anticipate holding up to five or six exhibition games against the other incoming MLR teams and similar challenging competition -- both from the U.S. and overseas.
- ) Consistent with our commitment to promote the growth of rugby at all levels in our region, we are taking care to schedule the combines and exhibition games so that they do not conflict with the schedules of the Capital Selects side, the USA Rugby club spring season and playoffs, and spring collegiate events.
- ) [Interested players](#), [coaches](#), and [front office staff](#) should continue to submit their information via these links to our website.

Finally, we can't thank you enough for the warm reception DC MLR has received so far, both from the local rugby community as well as the broader fan base. Your support and enthusiasm has us even more excited about building this franchise into something we will all be proud of.

Of course, we want to continue hearing from you, and we encourage you to reach out to us directly ( [chrisdunlavey@dcmlr.com](mailto:chrisdunlavey@dcmlr.com) , or [paulsheehy@dcmlr.com](mailto:paulsheehy@dcmlr.com) )

See you on the pitch!

-Paul Sheehy & Chris Dunlavey