

## **DC MLR Planning Player Combines For Early 2019**

As DC MLR works to complete our schedule for the 2019 exhibition season, we're excited to announce that we are close to finalizing four player combines during the month of March. This will enable interested players from around our region – and beyond – to showcase their talents in hopes of landing a spot on the squad. Player combines will take place in four locations – DC, Philadelphia, Charlotte, NC and Columbus, OH. Stay tuned to this space – or continue to monitor our website – for the dates for these combines.

## That's not all. Here are other things to watch for:

- The 2019 exhibition schedule will include five games (including four home games) in May and June against competition that will include other MLR clubs, but also international competition. Home games will be played at a centrally located, Metro-accessible venue inside the DC beltway with tailgating and hospitality opportunities. Please note that we are coordinating this schedule with the club and collegiate calendars (to the greatest extent possible) to offer players the best opportunity to join DC MLR's season without conflicts with their obligations to their current teams for this spring.
- Exact times, locations, and (for games) opponents are being finalized and will be announced in January.
- Additionally, DC MLR will be present, meeting fans and potential players, at the Arkansas St/Clemson rugby match in Clemson, SC on Feb 23rd. Team co-owner and ex-Eagle Paul Sheehy and operations director Tim Brown will be there to answer all your questions about the team.
- Please stay tuned to <u>dcmlr.com</u> and fill out the player survey if you are interested in being updated on combine opportunities as we finalize times and locations.
- We haven't forgotten about a team name either! Our plan is to unveil our name at a celebratory event in DC in late January or early February. Of course, you can expect more information on that in the coming weeks.

Have a safe and happy holiday season, and get ready for an exciting 2019 for rugby in the Mid-Atlantic region!

-Paul Sheehy & Chris Dunlavey