

## 7s All Americans Update

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Since the announcement that there would be a Collegiate 7s All-American squad competing in the Club 7s National All Star Championships in Chula Vista, Calif. in August, we haven't heard much else, until now.

We now know the 7s AAs will assemble in Chula Vista for a camp Saturday, August 20, six days prior to the kickoff of the 7s NASCs. The budget for this assembly is still undetermined, so it's unclear how many players will be invited. Eagles 7s coach Al Caravelli said he'd like to see 20, and 7s AAs head coach Alex Magleby indicated between 12 and 20 would be invited.

The final selections will be made by Magleby, but the Dartmouth head coach is conferring with Caravelli on a regular basis.

"It's a separate deal than the international setup, just like the 15s team is, but we're measured on how many of our guys eventually become National Team players, so it behooves us to make sure we're coordinating as much as we can with the National Team coaches," said Magleby. "That's what we've been doing in 15s, and it's what we'll do in 7s."

The group to be invited to the August camp will be named next month, as will the rest of the 7s AAs staff. Magleby said his staff has already been identified, but did not want to divulge too many names before the coaches' work and travel situations could be sorted out. The one coach Magleby did say would be on staff is David Fee.

Fee, Magleby's former teammate with the 7s Eagles in the early part of the century, was also on staff with the High School All-American 7s team that won its division in the Las Vegas Invitational in February. During the spring, Fee coaches Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

Magleby said the All-American camp selections should preempt any territorial all-star selections,

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giving those who don't make the AAs a chance to still compete in the NASCs in front of national selectors.

"Certainly, any of the college guys that don't get picked that AI believes have a shot, he's got the relationships to kind of build on that and get them into their all-star territorial teams," Magleby said.

Caravelli seems upbeat about the direction the NASCs are heading, and specifically the formation and inclusion of the AAs.

"The new guys that have been coming onto our team. last year was the first time in three years that a guy came out of a club championships, and it was only one guy," said Caravelli. "The rest of the guys have been coming out of our collegiate ranks."

*RUGBYMag.com* intends to name its 7s All-American team before USA Rugby tabs its first squad, so stay tuned to *RUGBYMag.com* for both lists and any news concerning domestic 7s this summer.