

Western Washington University

Men's Rugby Program

2025-2026 Recruitment Deck





Our Mission To teach the skills, values and traditions of Rugby in a world-class educational setting, while providing opportunities for lifelong friendships and global connections.

Why WWU?





Top 100

Best Value in Education in US 200+

Academic Programs 99%

Classes are Taught by Faculty 17:1

Student-Faculty Ratio #1

Masters Granting University in PNW **215** Acre Campus

180 Acres of Forest

6 Miles of Trails



Tradition

As the longest running club sport at Western, the program reflects historical rugby traditions. We value respect, integrity, inclusivity, fair play, fun, and sportsmanship.

Passion

Rugby is a team sport that is played with passion and respect. We work hard to foster camaraderie and leadership to create a welcoming environment for all players.

Competitive

WWU Men's Rugby has been ranked in the top 10 of DIAA schools in the nation for the last 10 years (Goff Rugby Report).

Championships







At the heart of WWU Rugby lies an unwavering commitment to excellence.

From undefeated seasons to hard-fought championships, our club has solidified its status as a force to be reckaned with

2024-2025



2023-2024



2022-2023



2021-2022



2020-2021



2019-2020



Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- CRAA DIAA West Region Runner Up
- Finished ranked #6 in the country

Sevens

- NCRC Champion
- CRAA DIAA 3rd Place
- Finished ranked #3 in the country

Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- CRAA DIAA West Region Runner Up
- Finished ranked #5 in the country

Sevens

- NCRC Champion
- CRAA DIAA National Champions

Fifteens

 West Coast Regional Finalist

Sevens

 ACR Bowl Champion

Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- West Coast Regional Finalists

Sevens

• National Qualifier

Fifteens

- West Coast Final Four
- NCRC Finalists

Sevens

• National Qualifier

Fifteens

NCRC Finalists

Season cancelled due to COVID-19

2018-2019



2017-2018



2016-2017



2015-2016



2014-2015



2013-2014



2019-2020



Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- Ranked #3
 Nationally D1AA
- USA Collegiate National Quarter Finalist

Sevens

 National Collegiate Bowl Champion

Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- USA Collegiate West Regional Qualifier

Sevens

- NCRC Champion
- National Qualifier

Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- League Finalist
- Hosted USA Collegiate West Regional

Fifteens

- NCRC Finalist
- National Qualifier

Fifteens

• NCRC Champion

Sevens

• National Qualifier

Fifteens

- NCRC Champion
- National Qualifier

Fifteens

- Undefeated Season
- NCRC Champion
- Western Regional Champion
- National Final Four



Our Competition: USA & Canada











WWU is a member of The Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference (NCRC), which has five member schools from two states (Washington and Oregon).





Central Washington Washington University



Oregon State University





WWU also regularly plays matches against several Canadian universities and clubs just across the border in British Columbia.







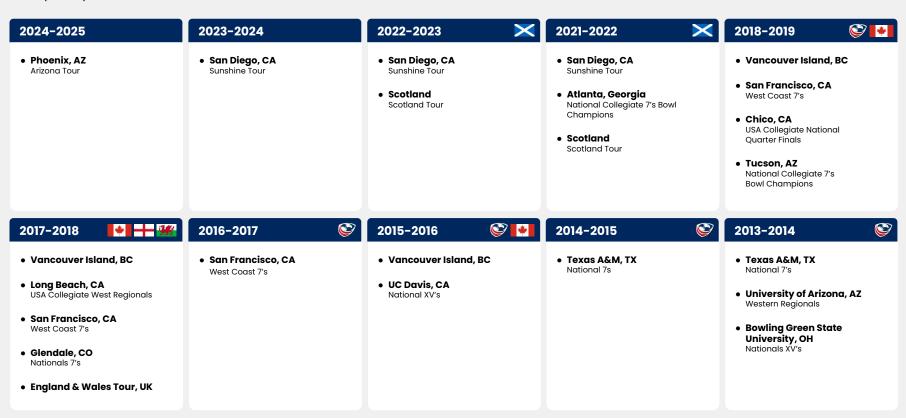




International Tours & Other Experiences



WWU participates in a number of national & International events.





Coaching Staff





Class of 1978

Paul Horne
Director Of Rugby

- Former Canadian National Coach
- 2015 Inductee: BC Rugby Hall of Fame



Adam Roberts

- Level 4 Coaching Certificate from World Rugby
- Coached the U20 Canadian National Youth Program to 3 World Trophy Championships



Allan Law

- Former Collegiate All American Coach
- Former Player: Glasgow Academicals, Scotland



Tripp Marroto
Set Piece Coach

Class of 2018

- WWU Player 2016-2018
- Former Club President 2016-2018



Colin Campbell Forwards Coach

 Former Player: Seattle Rugby, Bayside RFC, Huntington Stags RFC (UK), Palmer College



Class of 2019

Carter Daniels

- Former Club President
- WWU Player 2014-2019



Class of 2024

Nathan Mathis
Strength & Conditioning

- WWU Player 2018 2023
- CRAA All American 2023/24



Jeff Lombard

Class of 1976

- Former USA Eagles 1977-1979
- 2015 Inductee: Rugby Hall of Fame

Harrington Field







The Pitch

Harrington Field, completed in 2014, is a full-size international field that meets World Rugby standards.

- All-weather Turf
- Seating for 500 spectators
- Lighting for night games
- Changing rooms
- Electronic Scoreboard
- All games streamed live
- Classrooms for game analysis



Top Notch Locker Rooms



On Campus Rugby Pitch



High Quality Training Facilities

Equipment & Training







Wade King Recreation Center

Wade King Recreation Center houses 100,000 square feet of indoor recreational and athletic space

- Indoor track
- Pool
- Hot Tub
- Weight Rooms
- Cardio Machines
- Showers

...and more!

Additional Training & Support







Athletic Training Office

- On location trainer for both home and away games
- Emergency Care (AED, Splints, Crutches)
- Injury Evaluation and Rehabilitation
- Taping/Bracing, Ice, Heat, etc.
- Wound Treatment
- Referrals for general medical conditions

Academic Support







Academic Advising Center

- Advising by appointment or drop-in
- Professional & Peer Advisors help with academic plans & goals

Tutoring

- Weekly study hall led by senior rugby players
- Tutoring by appointment or drop-in
- Facilitated study groups for high-demand classes
- Resources and support for improving study skills

Mentorship Program

- Advising for post-graduation plans and resources
- Operated by the Western Rugby Alumni
- Rugby Works job posting for graduates



Western Rugby Alumni







The Board of WWU Rugby Alumni is made up of members spanning from the last five decades. This organization provides support for WWU Rugby.

- Over \$700k raised to date
- Annual Blue & White Auction Dinner
- Friends, family, and supporters of the program come together to raise money to support the team
- Funds go towards international tours, travel (charter buses), new gear, and scholarships

Golf Day Out

An annual tournament that brings together Western Rugby alumni, supporters, and friends for a day of golf, prizes, and connection—all while raising funds to support the WWU Men's Rugby program.

Alumni Match

A Western Rugby tradition where past and present WWU players take the field together for a friendly match—celebrating the legacy, camaraderie, and continued connection of the Viking Rugby community.



Rugby Scholarship Opportunities





Jeff Lombard Eagle Scholarship

Up to \$7,500 scholarship awarded evenly across Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters for the selected student athletes.



Don Burgess International Scholarship

\$15,000 awarded evenly across Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters for the selected student athlete.



Preston Worth Rugby Scholarship

Three \$1,000 scholarships for three students per quarter for three quarters.



Western Rugby Alumni Scholarship

Two \$2,000 scholarships awarded to two student athletes enrolled in their freshman year at WWU.



Paul Horne Out of State Scholarship

Up to \$7,500 scholarship awarded evenly across Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters for the selected student athlete.



Alan Banwell Referee Scholarship

Four \$250 stipends available to interested applicants looking to enroll in USA referee certification courses.

Resources



University Resources WWU Virtual Tour \rightarrow Quick Facts \rightarrow $\textbf{Admissions} \rightarrow$ International Students \rightarrow Out of State Students -> $\textbf{Scholarships} \rightarrow$ Aerial video of WWU & Bellingham (6:29) →

Club Resources

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Recruiting Video (2:30) →

