



Western Washington University

Men's Rugby Program

2023-2024 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

Over 175

Academic
Programs

99%

Classes are taught
by faculty

18:1

Student-faculty
ratio

#1

Masters granting
University in PNW



215 Acre Campus



180 Acres of Forest



6 Miles of Trails

Program History

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 D1AA schools in the nation for the last 10 years (Goff Rugby Report).

Championships



CHAMPIONS



FINALIST



QUALIFIER



**AMERICAN
COLLEGE RUGBY**

2022-2023	2021-2022	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Coast Regional Finalists ACR 7's Bowl Champions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Coast Final Four NCRC Champion National 7's Qualifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Finalist Season cancelled due to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Champions Ranked #3 Nationally DivIAA USA Collegiate National Quarter Finalists National Collegiate 7's Bowl Champion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Champions NCRC 7's Champions USA Collegiate West Regionals Qualifier National 7's Qualifier
2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Champions League Finalists Hosted USA Collegiate West Regionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Champions National XV's Qualifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Champions National 7's Qualifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCRC Champions National 7's Qualifier National XV's Qualifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undefeated Season NCRC Champions Western XV Regional Champion National Final Four

The background is a dark blue, textured surface. On the left side, there is a stylized, high-contrast illustration of a person's face, looking downwards. The face is composed of various shades of blue and white, with sharp, angular features. Behind the face, there are faint, curved lines that suggest a globe or a stylized map. The overall aesthetic is modern and professional.

Conferences, Clubs, and International Tours

North West Collegiate Conference, British Columbia & Canadian Clubs



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



Western
Washington
University



University of
Washington



Boise State
University



University of
Oregon



Oregon State
University



Western Oregon
University



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



University of
Victoria



University of
British Columbia



Trinity Western
University















Vancouver Island
University



OKANAGAN
University Of BC
Okanagan

International Tours and Other Experiences

WWU participates in a number of national & International events.

2022-2023	2021-2022	2018-2019	2017-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunshine Tour (San Diego, CA) Scotland Tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland Tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver Island West Coast 7's in (San Francisco, CA) USA Collegiate National Quarter-Finalist at (Chico, CA) National Collegiate 7's Bowl Champions at Tucson, AZ  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver Island USA Collegiate West Regionals at Long Beach State West Coast 7's in (San Francisco, CA) National 7's Qualifier (Glendale, CO) England and Wales Tour   
2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Coast 7's (San Francisco, CA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver Island National XV's at UC Davis  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National 7s at Texas A&M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National 7's at Texas A&M Western Regionals at University of Arizona National XV's at Bowling Green 



**Coaches, Facilities,
Training & Support**

Our Coaching Staff



Paul Horne
Director of Rugby
WWU Alumni

2015 Inductee
BC Rugby Union Hall of Fame

Former Canadian National Coach



Tripp Morrato
Coach
WWU Alumni

Player: WWU 2016-2018



Alan Law
Head Coach
WWU Alumni

Worked with the Collegiate All American Team

Player: Glasgow Academicals, Scotland



Nick Wallace
Coach
Front Row
& Set Scrum

4-time Collegiate All American from Saint Mary's College

Player: US National Team
Eagles 2012-2016



Ryan Lilla
Coach
Strength & Conditioning
WWU Alumni

Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS, NSCA)

Player: WWU 2012-2014



Jeff Lombard
Advisor
WWU Alumni

2015 Inductee
USA Rugby Hall of Fame

Player: US National Team
Eagles 1977-1979, 3 caps



Carter Daniels
Coach
WWU Alumni

Player: WWU 2017-2019

Harrington Field



The Pitch

- Full size International IRB approved field completed in 2014
- 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



GPS Tracking System CATAPULT

- State-of-the-art sports technology
- Records statistics like: Average Speed, Top Speed, Total Meters, and Time in Play
- Assists in Player Safety by recording Impact Thresholds

Wade King Recreation Center

- 100,000 square feet of indoor recreational and athletic space
- Features an 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



Partnerships

- Seattle Rugby Club - members of British Columbia Premiership Competition
- Atlanta Major League Rugby - high performance training camps for selected players in both winter and summer

Academic Support



Academic Advising Center

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

Western Rugby Alumni



Who They Are

- Board of WWU Rugby Alumni made up of members spanning from the last five decades
- Provides support for the club
- Over \$500k 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

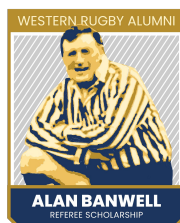
Hall of Fame Event

- Honoring and recognizing past players, coaches, and builders that have made a great contribution to the WWU Men's Rugby program



Scholarships Opportunities

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Western Rugby Alumni	Preston Worth	Alan Banwell	Paul Horne	Don Burgess	The Jeff Lombard
<p>Members in good standing on the Men's Rugby team are eligible to apply during the Spring quarter of their Freshman year.</p> <p>\$2,000 awarded to two student athletes enrolled in their freshman year at WWU.</p>	<p>WA or OR students committed to WWU program</p> <p>Three \$1,000 scholarships for three students per quarter for three quarters.</p>	<p>WWU students & alumni interested in their rugby referee certification.</p> <p>Four \$250 stipends available to interested applicants looking to enroll in USA referee certification courses.</p>	<p>1 international or out of state student</p> <p>Up to \$7,500 scholarship awarded evenly across Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters for the selected student-athletes.</p>	<p>1 international or out of state student</p> <p>\$15,930 awarded evenly across Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters for the selected international student athlete.</p>	<p>1 international or out of state student</p> <p>Up to \$7,500 scholarship awarded evenly across Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters for the selected student-athletes.</p>

Resources

University Resources

- [WWU Virtual Tour](#)
- [Quick Facts](#)
- [Admissions](#)
- [International Students](#)
- [Out of State Students](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Aerial video of WWU & Bellingham \(6:29\)](#)

Club Resources

- [wwwrugby.org](#)
- [Recruiting video \(2:30\)](#)

