



WCU RUGBY



WCU Women's Rugby Club

Is committed to: the introduction, teaching, promotion, encouragement, understanding, and extension of the game of rugby in all participants. To ensure that the playing of the game of rugby is carried out, observing fair play according to the laws of the game, and a sporting spirit.

A Look Inside Rugby

Rugby began in the 1800's in England as a collegiate sport. It was only played in the colleges around England, and over the years led to a much bigger sport and played in more places than colleges. Today, most rugby is either played in college or by professionals, in the US. Rugby is not a very popular sport in the US, but it is very popular through out the rest of the world. WCU Rugby is not as widely supported across campus as other teams. This is because



Daniel "Guy" Westerman carries the ball for WCU.

most people do not know there is a rugby team at WCU. We are not supported by the college, each player signs up through USA Rugby and pays their own fees. If members can not afford to pay their own fees, the club raises money through fundraisers and will pay it for them.

Women's Fall 2007 Schedule

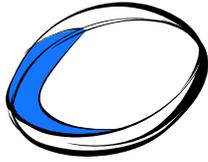
October 27	(H) Inter-squad
Nov 3	(A) Knoxville V. UTenn & ETenn
Nov 4	(H) Furman
Nov 10	(A) UNCG
Nov 17	(A) TBA
	Mock State Tournament

WCU Men's Rugby Club

The men's rugby team plays by the same moral codes and sportsmanship as the women and are always hoping for a victory.

Rugby Practice Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
4:30pm—7 pm
Norton Field



Types of Players

Backs: The backs are generally smaller, faster and more agile than their forward counterparts. They are often the most creative and evasive players on the field, preferring fine kicking, passing or maneuvering skills, tactics and/or set plays to break the defensive line instead of brute force.

Types of Backs:

- Full Back
- Wing
- Center
- Stand off
- Scrum Half

Forwards : The forwards' two responsibilities can be broken into 'normal play' and 'scrum play'. Forward positions are traditionally named after the player's position in the scrum yet are equal with respect to 'normal play' with the exception of the hooker.

Forward positions:

- Props
- Hooker
- Second row forward
- Loose forward



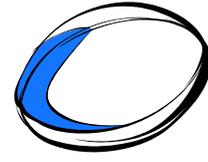
Women Rugby players in a scrum

Women's Rugby Emerging Sport Initiative

In 2002, Division I Women's Rugby was classified as an NCAA emerging sport. Two years later, in 2004, Division II and Division III were added as well.

Currently, the NCAA houses four varsity women's teams. Of these teams on is DI, one DII and two are DIII. These institutions all offer women's rugby at the varsity level.

In order to attain the goal of holding a true NCAA Rugby Championship, there must be 40 schools that sponsor rugby as an NCAA program across all NCAA divisions. Once this goal of 40 programs is achieved, USA Rugby would continue to host it's own Collegiate Club Championships as it does currently.



Worldwide Rugby

Rugby is a sport that is played all over the world. Some of the teams include: Australia, Cook Islands, England, Fiji, France, Great Britain, and Russia. It is a sport that has been played by many and will continue on for years to come.

If we start to support our own team, who knows where that could lead us to in the future.

Women's Rugby Leaders

- President: Jennifer Plummer
- Vice President: Stacey "Red"
- Treasurer: Morgan "Peppa"

Rugby Web Links

- <http://onsportz.blogspot.com/2007/03/rugby-covering-games.html>
- www.womenssportsfoundation.org
- www.usarugby.org
- www.rugbychannel.com
- www.worldrugbyshop.com