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I was honored to be nominated for one of the USA Rugby Congress Seats. I have been involved in rugby as a player for 12 years, a coach for 5 years, referee for 6 years and have now been the TRU Administrator for 3 years. Looking at the other list of nominees, I am definitely the rookie in the group but in my short time involved with Texas, the West and USA Rugby I feel I have made a positive impact. With my work as TRU Admin I work with all divisions of rugby in Texas from Youth to Senior Club. This perspective allows me to see rugby from grassroots to the highest level in our state.

We now have more female rugby players in Texas than ever before, a thriving hybrid D1/D2 competition for the Senior Women, Collegiate and Youth teams are blossoming all over the state. However, my interests are not only with the women, but as others are seeing as well, there is a stark decline in the number of Men's Club Rugby Players. This is of great concern as we'd all like to see an increase in the numbers of our sport, not a decline.

I'd like to represent Texas with a Congress Seat to ensure that the Texas Rugby Union continues to be the best rugby in the Country.

Resume

Rugby Playing Experience

2006 - 2012: Austin Valkyries D1 Club Player, Match Secretary & Webmaster

2006 - 2008: USA Women's National Team 15s Player

2004 - 2009; 2012: West Senior 15s All Star Player

2004 - 2007: West Senior 7s All Star Player

2003 - 2004: West U23 15s All Star Player

2001 - 2006: University of Oklahoma Collegiate Player, Captain, Match Secretary & Webmaster

Coaching Experience

2014 - Present: Texas Bluebonnets 7s

2011 - Present: Univ of Texas 15s Asst Coach

2011 - Present: Univ of Texas 7s Head Coach

2013: West Senior 7s All Stars Assistant Coach

2011 - 2012: Austin Valkyries 15s & 7s Coach

2008 - 2011: West U23 All Stars Coach

2008 - 2012: Texas Rugby Union U23 All Stars Coach

Refereeing Experience

2014 - USA Rugby Club National Championship Quarter- & Semi-Finals
2014 - USA Rugby College National Championship Playoffs
2014 - IRB 7s Tournament, Atlanta 7s
2013 - USA Rugby All Star Sevens Championship
2013 - Collegiate Rugby Championship
2013 - USA Rugby Women's Collegiate 15s Playoffs
2013 - IRB 7s Tournament, Houston 7s
2012 - USA Rugby Collegiate Sevens Championship
2012 - Present: C1 Referee
2010 - 2011: C2 Referee
2008 - 2010: C3 Referee

Other

2013 - Present: Red River Rugby Conference Board Member
2012 - Present: Ad-hoc member of USA Rugby Competitions Committee
2009 - Present: Texas Rugby Union GU Administrator
2006 - Present: Editor & Creator of [Your Scrumhalf Connection](#)

Education

American Public Military University
B.A. Health and Sports Sciences; Associates Visual Arts