

Women's #2

Molly Whitman (nominated by Harlequins)

This coming season marks my tenth year in rugby, the last four of which have been in Texas. I have participated as a player, officer, and referee. Over the last few years, I have experienced the growing pains with the RRRC, struggling to create the appropriate division and schedule in an area of the country that is vast and underpopulated with ruggers. My attention to detail, commitment to the sport and to growing Texas rugby in general, and experience leading large group meetings would greatly assist me in this position. I look forward to representing the interests of all women's clubs fairly and impartially on this committee. Please lend me your support!

Leslie Pauls (nominated by HARC)

I feel that I am qualified to help shape the structure of the Women's competition in the RRRC (and that of youth and of the Men as well) and to develop schedules with local, regional and national competitive opportunities. With NCAA recognizing women's rugby as a full varsity intercollegiate program, I envision growth on recruitment and education of the sport across the state, growing 7s and 15s, tournaments, seeking opportunities for Texas girls to gain national recognition, etc., and in turn, feeding into, growing and developing senior women's level rugby.

Having been out of senior club play for a few years now, I bring a fresh perspective of an outside voice, but one with a player's perspective of having played women's rugby at every level for 24 years with 13 of those years being in Texas; including a perspective as a player/coach and head coach of girls' high school team and volunteering at multiple youth clinics.

Rugby has given me so much over the years and each chance I have to give a little back to make a more competitive and positive opportunity for those who follow, is worth taking.

Jen Joyce (nominated by Valkyries)

I was thrilled to be nominated for a rep position on the Red River Rugby Conference. As a player from 1997-2010, I played for, and served as captain, for the Austin Valkyries, TRU Select, West Select, and US Development, and ultimately played for the Eagles as a fully capped 15s senior player. Through those years, served on a myriad of TRU and West committees –they include nearly every women's committee, competitions committee, youth rugby, development and high performance – this list goes on.

I was elected by my Eagle teammates unanimously from 2004-2010 as the US Women's Representative on the USA Rugby Board. While there I served as US Representative for IRB Women's Committee on the game, where we decided how 15s and 7s competitions would be handled at the IRB level.

I'm not a politician, and you won't catch me talking to anyone to get their vote or playing politics. I am a lock/8-man in mind, body and soul. I can't help it, it's who I am. That means I've got a work ethic beyond measure, a passionate heart, and I'm not afraid to get deep in the mud and trenches to get a job done. Thanks for considering me!