

July 15, 2019

Texas Rugby Union Board of Directors and Div.1 Clubs,

I have been nominated by my club, Austin Blacks Rugby, as a candidate for the TRU's Men's Div.1 Representative on the TRU Board of Directors. If elected, I would bring more than 45 continuous years of experience in the administration of Senior Club Rugby including:

- 22 years playing for Austin Rugby Club, a.k.a., Austin Blacks Rugby
- 25 years as President of Austin Blacks Rugby
- 5 years as Austin Blacks head coach
- 18 years as Head Coach of the TRU Men's Select side
- 12 years as TRU Director of Competitions
- 4 years as Chair of Red River Competitive Region
- 8 years as USA Rugby Congress member representing the West TU and the Texas LAU
- 12 years as member and Chair of the USA Rugby Competitions Committee
- 8 years as Chair of the USA Rugby Club Strategic Committee, responsible for overseeing all aspects of Senior Club Rugby including, Competitions, Eligibility, Governance, and Best Practices.

I resigned as Chair of the CSC in February of this year, in protest of the proposed restructuring of Senior Club Rugby and the continued lack of support from USA Rugby for the Senior Club Game. The only position I currently hold is President of Austin Blacks Rugby and, if elected by the Div.1 clubs, will work to insure that Senior Club Rugby, in general, and Div.1 Rugby, in particular, have a strong voice in the TRU's administration of the game. There are only five TRU clubs in Div.1 but those five clubs include 18 teams in RRRRC competitions, and 600+ dues-paying members. I am committed to representing your clubs and members so that the TRU, if not USA Rugby, will continue to keep Div.1 Men's Rugby as a high priority.

No other candidate for the Div.1 Representative position can claim the amount and diversity of experience in TRU and USA Club Rugby or the degree of success of their club on the local, regional, and national stages.

Best regards,
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