

Statement

Dear fellow rugby-playing Texans,

It has been my sincere pleasure to spend the past seven seasons participating in this great sport with, and in some cases against ya'll. As a D1 player, Captain and board member of the Austin Rugby Club, I am proud to have contributed both on and off the field towards our climb to the top of the national ranks in multiple grades.

As a player, I have consistently played at the highest level in our competitive region in both 15s and 7s. This year, I participated in my third ultimately unsuccessful bid for a D1 National Championship. In 2016, I was a member of the ARC's 7s National Championship squad that placed 8th in the country. I believe I am also one of the very few D1 players in the state to be certified as a referee. All that is to say, since arriving in Austin I have accumulated extensive on-field experience both as a player and referee.

Away from the pitch, I have spent the past 4 years building [a business](#) wholly devoted to the sport of rugby, it's players and it's long-term success. Ruck Science has been one of three major sponsors of the Texas Rugby Union (TRU) and until recently the sole sponsor of our referee association, the TRRA, as well. The company's business model relies heavily on revenue sharing with rugby clubs whereby every customer who uses their club's coupon code on our website receives a discount while at the same time a donation is made to their club. This program currently supports more than 600 rugby clubs across the country in the form of quarterly cash payments via PayPal.

As your Vice President, I would bring the same level of passion, commitment and drive to the Texas Rugby Union. Having been a club admin, player, sponsor and referee, I believe I bring a unique mix of experience to the role and welcome your support in the upcoming elections.

Yours,

Tim Howard

Playing Career

Kiama Rugby Club (Australia)

1996 to 2006

UBC Thunderbirds (Canada)

2006/07

Kiama Rugby Club (Australia)

2007 to 2008

Vancouver Rowing Club (Canada)

2009 to 2011

Player's Player of the Year

2010, 2011

Austin Rugby Club

2012 to Current

D1 Forward of the Year

2014, 2015

Player's Player of the Year

2015

D1 National Championship Runner Up

2015, 2016, 2019

Board Member

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Representative Career

Illawarriors

2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008

NSW Country Cockatoos

2004, 2005, 2008