

Gordon Hanlon

I have been a proud member of the Texas Rugby Union since 2009. In that time I have been fortunate to have been involved with the Dallas Athletic Rugby Club, the Dallas Harlequins and the Texas All Star team. I was an average at best player but transitioned early into coaching, analysis and administration. This allowed me to make a much bigger impact on the community than I ever could have imagined. I have always tried to give back and help not just my own club but all clubs and members. Just this past season I put together a whole series on analysis and coach education which you can find online here(is it worth submitting the link again, up to you). I created the Dallas Cup in 2015 to allow teams without competitive sides to grow, whilst also developing newer qualified referees. This was the precursor to D4 and allowed clubs to start more sides and grow. I hear constantly that we are about more players, playing better rugby. I believe in this approach I will make this my goal on the committee. The question I will always ask, is how best to make competition exciting and interesting that we get more players, playing better rugby at all levels?

Rugby and rugby in Texas has given me a great deal and I will forever feel indebted to it. I am lucky enough to have been able to work full time in this sport around the world and as a result, I have learnt an incredible amount. From best practices and the not so great ways of doing things. It's because of this, that I think I can make an impact on this committee. My experience of seeing many different league structures with different levels of play, adds experience that I think is missing. I am currently working for the Austin Gilgronis MLR team and I'm still involved with DARC on a regular basis. This gives a great perspective for what is going on in the community from the elite to the social level. Our community has incredible potential, it has realized some of it but over the next few years I think we can take the next step and truly lead an ever changing landscape here in the USA. I expect there to be growth in the membership, diversity and on pitch success and I am excited to have to be involved with that.

Resume

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Rugby Philosophy & Vision

- **Something Bigger** – This is not just about chasing a ball around. What we do makes an impact socially.
- **Clear communication** – Clarity of purpose, we start with the WHY & the what & how is easy.
- **Athlete centric** – Athletes learn by 'doing', not by watching & listening. We create an environment where they possess ownership of their goals, growth & future development.

- **Challenging the Basics** – Teams & Players that are at the top of their game are the ones that perform their skills consistently well under pressure. Environments must challenge them on a daily basis.
- **Preparation** – If you have worked hard preparing, leaving no stone unturned you will approach any game/season with confidence.
- **Success is not an accident** – Formalise all processes under your control.

Career Highlights

- **Austin Gilgronis** - Performance Analyst
- **Canterbury Crusaders** - Academy Coach, Coach Educator
- **Lincoln Senior & U20** – Coach & Analyst – Senior & U20 Champions - Produced AB's & NZ U20's
- **Portugal Rugby** – Rugby Europe Trophy winners , Scrum Coach & Coach Educator
- **TSV Handschuhsheim** - Director of Rugby , 11 new internationals, 1st Final since 1957
- **CDUL Director of Rugby** – Senior National Champions, U19 European Champions, U16 Champions
- **IRANZ** High Performance Coaching Course - Presentation - Space: The Final Frontier
- **USA Women's National Team** Performance Analyst
- **Texas All Star** Performance Analyst
- **DARC** - President & Coach

References –

Tabai Matson - Crusaders, Bath & Chiefs NZ **John Haggart** - Crusaders, Stade Francais, NZ Women

Mike Cron – New Zealand Rugby All Blacks **Steve Daniels** - Dallas Athletic Rugby Club

Goncalo Foro - CDUL & Portugal Rugby **Grant A. Cole** - Houston Sabercats, HTX

Dana Teagarden - USAR, Germany XV's **Kobus Potgieter** - Germany, Stade Francais