

# David McPhail

TRU Member Clubs:

I am asking for your support in being elected as President of the Texas Rugby Union.

The request and my nomination to stand as a candidate for this position was to ensure that the role of President continue to be fulfilled by a person that has held such positions before, has experience working within the LAU / GU / USA governing structure, and has existing relationships with those leaders.

Since my prior term as TRU President, I had stood down from TRU & RRRC activities until the summer of 2021 when I was asked by Mr. Keuppen's to serve on the RRRC Sevens subcommittee. Having previously served as the TRU Sevens Director, this was a role that I was excited to have been offered. Since 2021, I have worked closely with Fil at the RRRC qualifier events and was tasked in 2022 with taking on a larger role as one of the four current USA regional sevens directors. Additionally, during this time I served as the USA Match Commissioner for the last two Club Sevens National Championships (2022 & 2023).

During the 2022 fifteens championship season, I was asked by RRRC Chair, Mr. Dodge, to serve as Match Commissioner of the Gulf Coast Super Regional Championships. That opportunity led to Mr. Dodge nominating me for and my subsequent election as the current RRRC Chair in Q4 2022. This year, I was also selected to serve as Match Commissioner to the 2023 Club Fifteens National Championship.

The above is stated to highlight that since my return, I have been actively engaged in the activities of TRU/RRRC. These appointed & elected positions have provided a platform to build new and maintain prior working relationships with the current USA Senior Club Council leadership: Chair Lucas, Fifteens Chair King, Sevens Chair Keuppens, Treasurer Dodge, Eligibility Chair Breckenridge, and others that I have worked with during my time on the TRU and WRFU Boards. I believe that these relationships are vital for the TRU and will help maintain the organization's standing as one of the most respected and modeled after Union's in the country.

If I am elected as your next TRU President, I will seek the guidance of the RRRC Members on how they wish to proceed with the selection of the next RRRC Chair. I would recuse myself on any vote regarding the position of Chair.

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## Player

- Southwest Texas State Univ., Austin RFC, Houston Rugby Club & Houston Athletic Rugby Club

## Head Coach

- Houston RFC Sevens, HARC Sevens & Texas Elite Sevens

## Program Director / Manager

- Texas Sevens Program Director (>10 years)

## Texas Rugby Union

### Red River Rugby Conference:

- Chairman of Competitions Committee (current)
- RRRC Sevens Committee member and USA Regional Director (current)

### TRU Board:

- TRU President (2008-2014)
- Treasurer (President Jenkins)
- Discipline Director (President Acuna)

## Head Match Official / Commissioner

- USA Club Fifteens and Sevens National Championships (multiple)
- USA Club Sevens Regional Competitions Director (current)
- USA Collegiate Round of 8 Championships
- TRU / RRRC / Western RFC Championships (multiple)

## Other Roles

- Western RFU
- Texas Rugby Referee Association
- Rugby Texas
- Atlantis USA Sevens