

# OLD GLORY DC GAME DAY PROGRAM

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



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# ABOUT OLD GLORY DC

Old Glory DC is the first professional rugby team based in the Washington metropolitan area. Old Glory DC was founded in 2018 by lifelong DC area residents, business leaders, and rugby players Chris Dunlavy and Paul Sheehy, and in 2019, the Scottish Rugby Union joined the partnership, establishing Scottish Rugby as the only Tier One national governing body in rugby to have linked with an MLR club.

Old Glory DC competes in Major League Rugby (MLR), a professional rugby union league competing in its sixth season in 2023, representing North America's highest level of rugby competition. Since its inaugural season in 2018, MLR has grown from seven to 13 teams, featuring 12 from the United States and one from Canada.

Old Glory DC plays a 16-game regular season schedule between March and June each season, with eight home games at the team's home stadium at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, MD.

MLR and Old Glory DC have continued to prove that fans are falling in love with rugby because of the duality it offers. For some, it's the intensity, physicality, and speed of the game that gets them hooked. For others, it's the communal celebration after every match where players and fans from both teams come together to mingle over food or drinks. And for others, it's the ability to be coached by a professional rugby player in the afternoon and then later that same day cheer on their mentor taking the pitch.

[OLDGLORYDC.COM](https://oldglorydc.com)



# THE MEANING BEHIND THE NAME

# WHY OLD GLORY DC?

The story of Old Glory begins in the early 19th century when Sea Captain William Driver was gifted an American Flag. According to legend, when Driver raised the flag up the main mast, he lifted his hat and declaimed, "My ship, my country, and my flag, Old Glory." The nicked-name "Old Glory" took, and the flag accompanied him traveled far and wide during his voyages in 20 years of sea service.

Following his retirement, Captain William Driver moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1837, where he proudly flew the 17-by-10-foot flag of a locust tree. As succession neared, Old Glory became a source of contention as the United States flag was a popular symbol of Union loyalty. Fiercely loyal defiant flying amid the Civil War.

Local Confederates attempted to seize Old Glory soon after Tennessee seceded. When confronted, Driver threatened, "if you want my flag, you'll have to take it over my dead body." The flag now in danger, Old Glory was sewn into a bed quilt to protect it. It remained there until late February 1862, when Nashville became the first Southern capital to fall.

When Union troops entered the city, Driver presented the flag to Union commander, General William "Bull" Nelson, who accepted the flag and ordered it run up on the statehouse flagstaff, which was met with cheers from the Sixth Ohio regiment.

Old Glory remained in the Driver family until 1922, when Driver's descents presented the flag as a gift to President Warren G. Harding, who in turn delivered it to the Smithsonian, where it hangs proudly today in Washington, DC.

## FAST FORWARD TO 2018

After considering hundreds of name options proposed by our fans and advisors, club leaders selected Old Glory DC as the team's official name, a name that speaks to the region's patriotism and the unique role of our home city as the nation's capital.

"The response to our Name-The-Team challenge was incredible, with close to 1,000 fans participating," co-owner Paul Sheehy said. "We had so many great names to choose from, but in the end, we felt we had to choose a name that could only really work in Washington, and that is inclusive of all of the diverse members of our community."

"And we think our fans will see the deeper meaning," co-owner Chris Dunlavy added. "Yes, it's a flag, but Old Glory has been places. It's battle-scarred. It's weather-beaten. But still, it flies proudly. It symbolizes all the strength, resilience, commitment, and substance over style that are the hallmarks of rugby and, for that matter, the American character."



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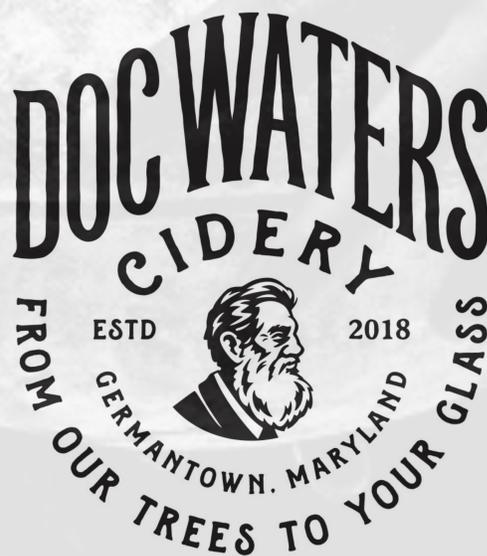
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**WHY RUGBY?**

# RUGBY VALUES



Rugby provides a unifying spirit that leads to lifelong friendships, camaraderie, teamwork, and loyalty, which transcends cultural, geographic, political, and religious differences. Our values set rugby apart from every other sport out there and are central to the fabric of the game.

There's no talking back to the referees. We go to war with our opponents and then help each other up and share a meal, in a tradition called a Social. Fighting and poor sportsmanship from players and fans, is not permitted and can have serious consequences. Our fans and supporters are the foundation to every win, always.



**WHY RUGBY?**

# HARD-HITTING AND FAST-PACED



Rugby is fast, hard-hitting, and thrilling, a distinctly American interpretation of the international game that hooked. Rugby embodies elements of the country's most popular sports. The physicality of rugby reminds us of football, except in rugby, you don't play with pads or helmets. The flowing grace reminds fans of soccer. The constant ball exchange is similar to basketball, while the intensity is like hockey.

Rugby brings together many of the great characteristics of major sports that are already here, but with the unique rugby elements that set our league apart. If you like sports, you're going to LOVE rugby.



# WHY RUGBY? PLAYER ACCESS



Get to know our players firsthand at matches and viewing parties.

Players not on the rostered 23 (15 starting and 8 reserve players) are eager to greet you at the SoccerPlex and will be accessible in the hour before Old Glory matches. Weather permitting, the entire team will be present for photos and autographs shortly following the matches.



# WHY RUGBY? COMMUNITY



We have a term for our supporters at Old Glory - the 16th OG. A rugby team fields 15 players at a time during a match. Old Glory fields an extra player - the 16th OG.

They are the power behind every scrum, the force behind every tackle, the fortitude across the defensive line, and the unbreakable spirit in the 79th minute. You won't see an extra Old Glory jersey on the pitch, but you'll hear the beat of an extra heart. The 16th OG is the core of Old Glory DC.



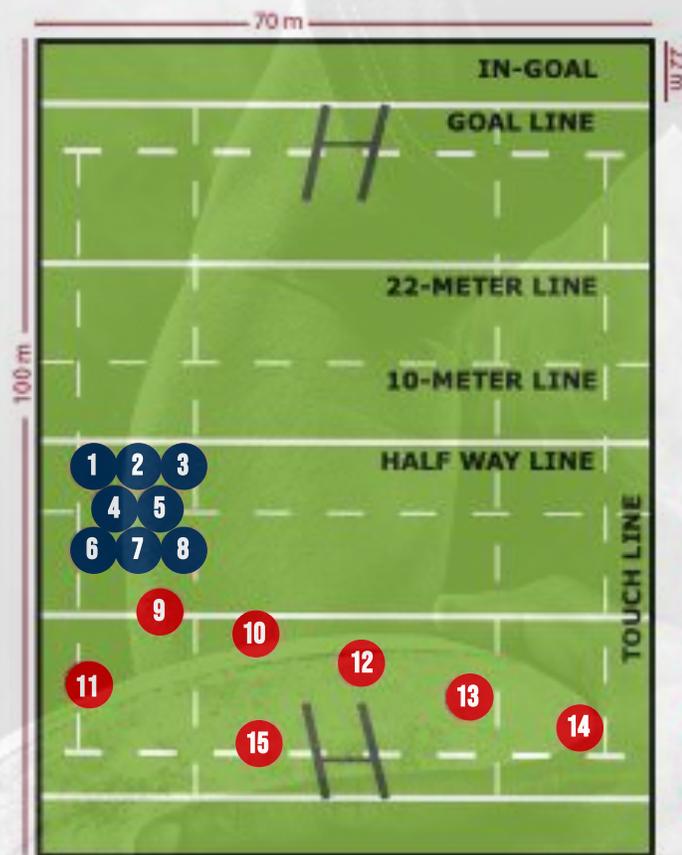


# RUGBY 101

## THE POSITIONS



In rugby, each team has 15 players on the field of play and is numbered the exact same way. The number of each player signifies that player's position.



### FORWARDS

Typically the larger, stronger players of the team whose main job is to win possession of the ball.

- 1 LOOSE HEAD PROP
- 2 HOOKER
- 3 TIGHT HEAD PROP
- 4 LOCK
- 5 LOCK
- 6 FLANKER
- 7 FLANKER
- 8 NUMBER 8

### BACKS

The smaller, faster, and more agile players whose main role is to exploit possession of the ball won by the forwards.

- 9 SCRUM HALF
- 10 FLY HALF
- 11 LEFT WING
- 12 INSIDE CENTER
- 13 OUTSIDE CENTER
- 14 RIGHT WING
- 15 FULL BACK



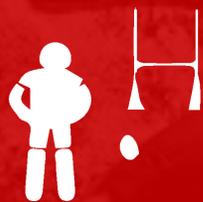
# RUGBY 101

## SCORING POINTS



**TRY** 5 POINTS

A TRY IS SCORED WHEN THE BALL IS TOUCHED DOWN IN THE OPPOSING TEAM'S IN-GOAL AREA. THIS IS MUCH LIKE A TOUCHDOWN IN AMERICAN FOOTBALL.



**CONVERSION** 2 POINTS

AFTER A TRY, TWO POINTS ARE AWARDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL KICK THROUGH THE GOALPOSTS. THE ATTEMPT IS TAKEN STRAIGHT OUT FROM THE POINT WHERE THE BALL WAS TOUCHED DOWN.

LEARN ALL THE LAWS OF RUGBY



## MOVING THE BALL

The offense may carry, pass, or kick the ball to move the ball. The defense stops the offense by tackling the ball carrier; the offense can not block the defense. After a tackle, play does not stop.

**Running:** When running the ball, players may continue to run until they are tackled, step into touch (out of bounds) or run beyond the goal line (see scoring a try). Players run the ball to advance forward the opponent's goal line.

**Passing:** The ball may be passed to any other player. However it may only be passed laterally or backwards, never forward.

**Kicking:** Any player may kick the ball forward at any time. After the ball is kicked, players of either team may gain possession, on the fly or on the ground. Typically, the ball is kicked in an effort to advance the ball or to move the ball away from the defensive end.

**Ruck:** Once a player is tackled, the offensive player places the ball on the ground and is available to any player, offense or defense. The two teams may contest for the ball. The team that gains or retains possession may run, pass or kick immediately.



# RUGBY 101

## SCORING POINTS



**PENALTY KICK** **3** POINTS

FOLLOWING A MAJOR LOW VIOLATION, A TEAM HAS THE OPTION TO KICK AT GOAL. THE KICK MUST BE FROM THE POINT OF THE FOUL OR ON A LINE STRAIGHT BACK.



**DROP GOAL** **3** POINTS

A DROP KICK MAY BE TAKEN FROM ANYWHERE ON THE FIELD AT ANY TIME DURING PLAY. A DROP GOAL IS SIMILAR TO A FIELD GOAL, BUT IN RUGBY THE KICK IS TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL PLAY.

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## RESTARTING PLAY

There are two methods of restarting play following a stoppage caused by either the ball going into touch (out of bounds) or because of an infraction of the laws.

**Lineout:** If the ball goes into touch, it is restarted with a lineout. Both teams form a line perpendicular to the touch line and one meter apart from another. A player on the team not responsible for the ball in the air in a straight line between the two teams. Layers of each team may not be supported in the air by their teammates as they jump to gain possession of the ball.

**Scrum:** Rugby's unique formation is the method used to restart the game after the referee has whistled a minor low violation. A bound group of players from each team form a "tunnel" with the opposition. The non-offending team rolls the ball into the middle of the tunnel. Each team pushed forward until one player is able to hook the ball with her foot and push it to the back row of players of her team.

# RUGBY 101 VIDEO



## CLICK THE VIDEO TO WATCH

Ever struggled to explain rugby to your friends and family? We've got you covered! Old Glory DC created a **Rugby 101 video** to help.

Please share and help us spread the love of rugby!

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# MAJOR LEAGUE RUGBY

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## OUR MISSION

[OLDGLORYDC.COM/ACADEMY](http://OLDGLORYDC.COM/ACADEMY)

We are the 501(c) non-profit arm of Old Glory DC dedicated to making the Mid-Atlantic the premier rugby hub in the US simply by creating more opportunities to be involved in organized rugby.

With a focus on youth development, the organization aims to provide a safe and supportive environment for children to learn and play rugby. We also aim to provide high-level player development by integrating professional rugby resources to targeted youth programs and initiatives.

Any donations made to our non-profit are dedicated to support our academy system and allow more kids to participate in rugby.

There is an amazing community of youth, high school, and men's rugby in the Mid-Atlantic that we are trying to grow and help supplement. Through our efforts, we hope to inspire a new generation of rugby players and foster a lifelong love of the game in the local community for people of all ages.





## OUR VISION

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With the 2031 Rugby World Cup coming to the United States, today's high school and college students will be the generation of players who will have the opportunity to represent their country in a home World Cup. We are trying to play part in the development of those players by not only providing them consistent coaching from professional coaches and players, but more importantly, new opportunities to play representative-side rugby outside of their normal school/club schedule.

Young Glory U-18 Academy, playing 15's in the fall, will create the opportunity for high school students to train in a semi-professional environment for 12 weeks with dedicated coaches who all are involved with Old Glory.

Once players age out of our high-school academy, the hope is they continue to play rugby for either a college or a senior club, but we, again, would like to supplement their rugby schedule by providing them a U-23 academy program. This will largely operate during summer months, when local college students are back from school and not playing any rugby. This program would cross over with the end of our Old Glory season, and give its members the opportunity to train alongside DC's professionals.

While our hope would be to graduate our U-23 academy players directly into our professional Old Glory side, not every player's goals or ability align with that idea, so we have partnered with Washington Irish to provide a place for players to play, and put their hand up for selection by Old Glory. This club will be coached by OG community coaches who either currently play or coach for our Old Glory side.



## OUR PILLARS

[OLDGLORYDC.COM/ACADEMY](http://OLDGLORYDC.COM/ACADEMY)

Through our academies and community outreach, Young Glory is looking to deliver upon six pillars that we believe create not only technically sound rugby players, but also well-rounded individuals looking to succeed in other areas outside of rugby and into their adult lives.

### PHYSICAL

Principles of Training

Correct Technique

Aims and Objectives of Training

Treating an Injury

### NUTRITIONAL

Basics of Performance, Nutrition, Training, and Matches

Eating to Perform

Building Blocks of a Meal

Hydration

### TECHNICAL

Understanding Skill Development and Application

Understanding Building Blocks of Rugby

Understanding your Position and its Core Responsibilities.

### TACTICAL

Position Specific Tactical Requirements

Decision Making Skills Under Pressure

Match and Training Analysis

### MENTAL SKILLS

Goal Setting

Managing Player Anxiety

Stress Management

Performance Review and 'Work-Ons'

### HOLISTIC

Leadership Development

Organization and Time Management

Life Balance

Financial Management

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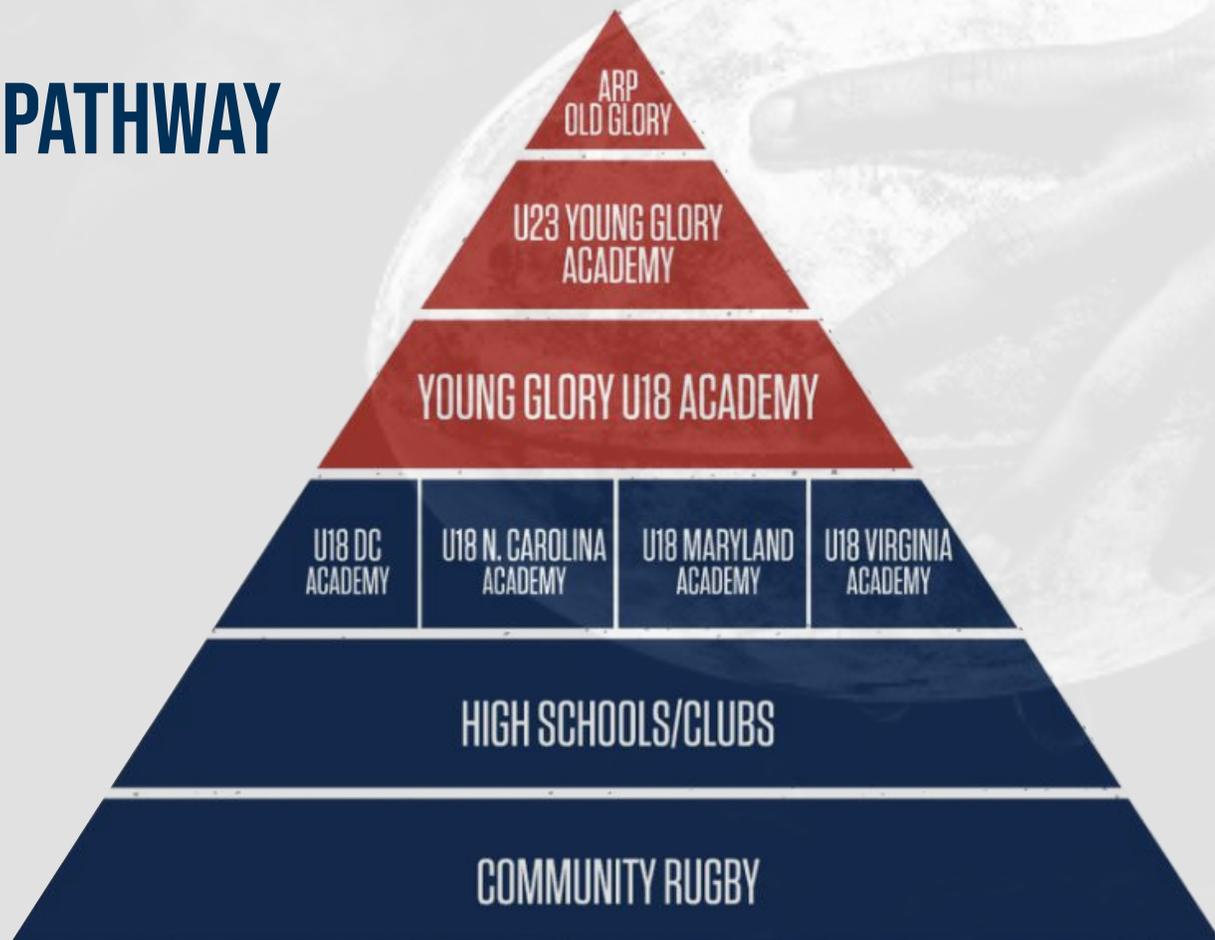
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Contribute to the next generation of rugby players!

Make a tax deductible donation to Young Glory DC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to benefit the growth of rugby in the DMV area.

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# TEAM SHEET

vs. HOUSTON

1. Quentin **NEWCOMER**
2. Facundo **GATTAS**
3. Tyler **ROWLAND**
4. Rob **HARLEY** **C**
5. Tevita **NAQALI**
6. Collin **GROSSE**
7. Cory **DANIEL**
8. Lautaro **BAVARO**
9. Ethan **MCVEIGH**
10. Jason **ROBERTSON**
11. Axel **MULLER**
12. Tommaso **BONI**
13. Damien **HOYLAND**
14. Perry **HUMPHREYS**
15. Mike **DABULAS**

## **BOOM SQUAD**

16. Martin **VACA**
17. Jack **ISCARO**
18. Calixto **MARTINEZ**
19. Bill **WHITESIDE**
20. Brady **DANIEL**
21. Connor **BUCKLEY**
22. Grady **BOWD**
23. William **TALATAINA**



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# THANK YOU TO THE 16TH OG!

Old Glory is building for the long haul. We plan to be a fixture in this community and a force in North American Rugby for many years to come. In these difficult, pandemic-affected early years, we ask for your continued patience, cooperation, and support. We'll do everything in our power to make this a safe but forward-looking return to rugby, which one day we will all look back on with pride.

We believe there has never been a more important time to see the sport of rugby thrive in the United States. We know our sport connects people, communities, and nations. We look forward to the day we can enjoy our beautiful sport together, and we are committed, more than ever, to making that happen.

Thank you for supporting Old Glory DC and rugby in Greater Washington!

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