



## Welcome to the 2017 Spring Season

### ABOUT US/HISTORY OF THE CLUB:

The Pulaski Rugby Team is a self-funded high school aged rugby program based out of Pulaski, WI. The club has been running for 19 years and in that time we have circulated over 1,200 young athletes through the Pulaski Rugby program. The team started with just the Roos but went to a two-sided program because of the great turnout at tryouts. We do not cut any player that wants to play rugby, they are guaranteed to be on one side and get playing time. We promote a team atmosphere where each player brings value to the team. Fran Brunette has been the head coach since the creation of this program and along with his coaching staff, which consists of Brian Tilque, Cole Coopman and Jared Skinkis drive these young players to not only be better on the field but better off the field as well.

We've had much success and bring a great deal of spectator traffic and positive attention to the Pulaski community through our program. We have had the ability to host many tournaments, including the State tournament in 2002, 2009 and 2013. The team has won the state title in 2009, 2010, 2014, and 2015. Our 2015 season saw yet another key growth point when we added our girls team; the Flyers. This team is coached by Fran Brunette, Emily Gazella, Michaela Enneper, Matt Peterson and Andrew Prochniak. We are excited to see this third team in our organization take off as the other two have.

Our Pulaski Rugby organization has also introduced a Middle School program for 7th and 8th grade girls and boys; the Bucks and Jills. This is new to our 2017 season and will take baby steps to get it moving. We encourage this younger generation to come out and start learning the game because it will strengthen our high school programs that much more.

Also in 2016 we were part of the first 7s series called Wisco 7s. Our girls will be part of the first spring Wisco 7s series in spring. Coach Fran was a key player in getting this program up and running. It was very successful and we hope it only grows from here.

We are very proud of our achievements and the hard work of a lot of people connected with the club that has led to off the field success as well. The coaching staff is not only out there to make these young people better rugby players, but better individuals as well. The team has participated by donating their time to the Adopt a Family Program at Christmas, Rebuilding Together, helping those who need it in the Pulaski community and The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, donating to the Humane Society. We have also taken on the responsibility of running a food/beverage booth at Lambeau Field during Packer games.

There are however many expenses connected with running the self-funded club. We do many things to raise money for our team to cover the costs of registering our team each year, new shorts and socks each year, equipment for training, referees, trainers, lodging and travel. We do a team rummage sale in partnership with The Watering Hole, booyah sales, we work a booth in the stadium at all home Packer Games, sell sponsorship locations, and raffle tickets.

Our home field has been anywhere from the polka grounds to the high school to The Watering Hole. Since 2015 our home field has been right behind the airport in Pulaski which is land

owned by Doug McKeffry – President at Competitive Sewer & Water. He has donated the use of his property allowing us to develop the fields, practice and play our matches. Without his property, we would have nowhere to call home, so please thank him anytime you see him!

#### STAY CONNECTED AND UPDATED:

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our web page [www.pulaskirugby.com](http://www.pulaskirugby.com), our Facebook page Pulaski Roos, download our Team App in the App Store for free and text @a2d93f to 81010 to receive text/email updates right to your phone.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

Please see the Schedule tab for all practices and matches.

- Players/Parents meeting @ The Watering Hole on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7pm. This is also our Fall Season banquet – parents/families welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – booyah presale sheets due
- Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – match in Oak Creek
- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Border Battle in WI Dells
- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – match in Appleton
- Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Booyah sales and presale disbursement
- Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – leave for Midwest Championship in Elkhart, IN
  - Returning Sunday. The team will travel with a coach bus and will be staying at the Staybridge 3252 Cassopolis St.
- Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – match at home (Airport field)
- Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>- match in Fond du Lac

#### REQUIRMENTS:

We are a self-funded club so we collect dues, sell raffle tickets, participate in fundraisers and work Packer games to fund our season and keep the program running. All players must:

- Turn in \$150 in team dues
- Register yourself at [USARUGBY.ORG](http://USARUGBY.ORG)
- Secure minimally five pre-sale booyah buckets. On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will do our spring season booyah sale and disbursement to the presale orders. Similar to the “Girl Scout Cookie” for the players can secure the orders and collect the money when they deliver the booyah. There is the option to pick the booyah up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as well.
- Work hard and be committed - Leave the drama off the field and work as ONE! Be fair, courteous, inclusive and respect all players.

#### FORMS THAT ARE NEEDED TO BE TURNED IN:

These forms can be found on the FORMS tab on the website [pulaskirugby.com](http://pulaskirugby.com)

- Registration form
- Parental Permission Waiver and Release
- Parent and Athlete Agreement
- USA Rugby Participation Agreement
- PreSale Booyah Slip – Due Wednesday, April 12th

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We look forward to another great year.

Sincerely,

The Pulaski Rugby Coaching Staff