

# OLD GLORY DC

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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.

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# 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 Dunlavey 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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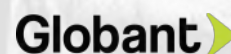
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# RUGBY VALUES

# WHY RUGBY?



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 any sport out there and are central to the fabric of the game.

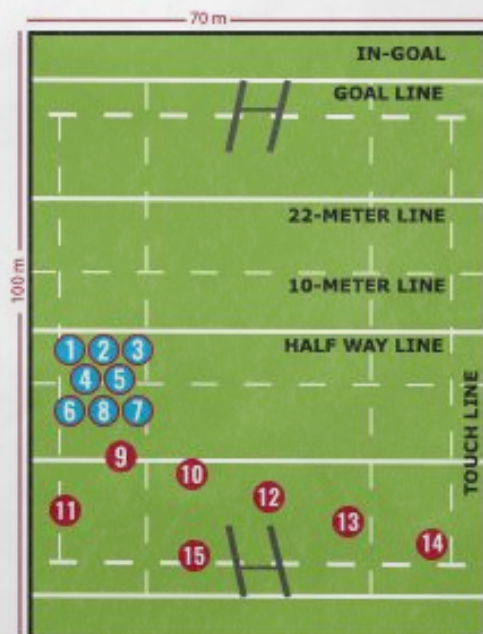
There's no talking back to the referees. We go to war with our opponents and then help each other up and share a meal. Fighting is frowned upon, and standing up for your teammates is encouraged. Our fans and supporters are the foundation of every win, always.







# 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

## 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 toward the opponent's goal line.

**Passing:** The ball may be passed to any other player. However it may only be passed laterally or backward, 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.



## 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 one another. A player on the team not responsible for the ball going into touch calls a play and throws the ball in the air in a straight line between the two teams. Players of each team may 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 law 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 pushes forward until one player is able to hook the ball with her foot and push it to the back row players of her team.

## 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 goal posts. The attempt is taken straight out from the point where the ball was touched down.

**Penalty kick 3 points**

Following a major law 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.





# ROSTER

1. JACK ISCARO
2. MARTIN VACA
3. TYLER ROWLAND
4. ROB HARLEY **C**
5. IGNACIO DOTTI
6. COLLIN GROSSE
7. CORY DANIEL
8. LAUTARO BAVARO
9. CONNOR BUCKLEY
10. JASON ROBERTSON
11. AXEL MULLER
12. TOMMASO BONI
13. WILLIAM TALATAINA
14. JOHN RIZZO
15. DAMIEN HOYLAND

## RESERVES

16. KOIKOI NELLIGAN
17. QUENTIN NEWCOMER
18. CALIXTO MARTINEZ
19. BILLY WHITESIDE
20. BRADY DANIEL
21. DANNY TUSITALA
22. GRADYN BOWD
23. JOHN POWERS





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