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## **Thank you for your interest in playing rugby at Fairfield University.**

In its more than fifty year history, Fairfield Rugby has built a powerful legacy of excellence on and off the field. Our players, coaches, administrators and alumni form a formidable team in support of the program — and each other.

### **A dynamic network of support, on and off the field.**

Those who wear the Fairfield Rugby colors form a bond with those around them that generally lasts for life. Pushing each other to excel in training, supporting each other in the most intense of competitions, celebrating victories and remaining united in adversity—even long after they've graduated.

Perhaps the greatest testimony of the power of Fairfield Rugby is its alumni network. Hundreds return for alumni events. Over 800 gathered for our 50th anniversary gala. And former players take an active role in assisting current players with internships, career advice and job placement.



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## Why play Rugby at Fairfield?

- **Division I program (Men).** An outstanding level of competition and national exposure playing against ranked teams in the East Coast Rugby Conference. League opponents include Boston College, AIC, Northeastern, UConn and UMass. Great competition, top-shelf rugby.
- **Division II program (Women).** Competing in the Tri-State Rugby Conference, our women's program continues to grow in membership and level of play. League opponents include Vassar, Rutgers, Stony Brook, Hofstra and Marist.
- **Professional Coaching.** Fairfield has actively pursued top level coaches with outstanding credentials on an international level. Players elevate their game with the insight and experience only such professional coaching can provide.
- **A top Jesuit education.** On its magnificent campus, Fairfield University and its wide array of academic programs receive national recognition for student preparedness, education value and overall student experience.
- **Comprehensive fitness program.** Team members receive professional fitness training with access to a Private Crossfit Training facility 12 months a year.
- **Historic Lt. Hans Grauert Memorial Field.** Donated by the Grauert family (Chris Grauert '68, FURFC President), the field is named for Chris's brother, Lt. Hans Grauert, a Naval Aviator, whose plane was lost at sea during a combat mission in Vietnam. It is the first pitch built expressly for rugby on an American college campus. With its natural amphitheater at one end and beautiful surroundings, Grauert Field is a jewel treasured by Fairfield ruggers and visitors alike.
- **Rugby scholarship.** A growing endowment has been created to provide financial assistance to select rugby players at Fairfield. As a D1 program we have access to Merit, Jesuit, Need Basis and Rugby Endowment Scholarships.
- **Dynamic rugby events and support.** Over 1,200 Fairfield rugby alumni and friends are passionate in their support of the program. This includes our annual Rugby Fest & Homecoming in October; "Ruck & Roll" Tailgates at away games, Rugby Networking Nights, and more.
- **Active alumni network.** Our alumni network extends into every corner of the business and professional community. Rugby alumni make significant annual financial contributions to the University and the men's and women's teams. Through our non-profit organization, Friends of Fairfield Rugby, hundreds of members actively support the program and players, including career advisory and placement. Over 800 alumni and friends returned to campus for our 50th anniversary gala in what is believed to be one of the largest such events in the history of U.S. college rugby.
- **Rugby legacy.** To date, four rugby alumni have been elected to the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. A number of players have gone on to enjoy distinguished careers after Fairfield, including selection to all-star and regional select teams as well as being "capped" for the U.S. national team.
- **Corporate sponsorship.** In addition to support and funding from rugby alumni and the university, team sponsors provide financial resources to help ensure the optimal player experience at Fairfield.

### Find out more.

Visit [www.fairfield.edu/athletics/clubsports/rugby/](http://www.fairfield.edu/athletics/clubsports/rugby/)

### What can a Fairfield Rugby experience mean for you?

Find out by speaking with our coaches, players and supporters.

Simply email [tomsurf212@aol.com](mailto:tomsurf212@aol.com)

*We'd be happy to arrange a personalized rugby tour of Fairfield.*



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## About Fairfield University

Fairfield University is a comprehensive Jesuit institution that prepares students for leadership and service in a constantly changing world. Founded in 1942 after the purchase of the adjoining estates of Jennings and Lashar off North Benson Road in Fairfield, the University has grown into a coeducational university of more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Along the way, the University has developed a reputation for educational excellence both regionally and nationally.

The University is situated on a beautiful, 200-acre campus with easy access to New York City and picturesque views of the Long Island Sound.



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