

# UBC THUNDERBIRDS RUGBY



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## GREAT EDUCATION. GREAT RUGBY.

## RETURN TO EXCELLENCE

UBC Rugby has a 100-year tradition of rugby excellence at UBC. With strong Alumni and University support, UBC Rugby is poised to be the best university rugby program in North America. The Return to Excellence Program began in early 2012 and since then has raised over \$3.5 million in pledges. The program has enabled UBC Rugby to update its facilities and increase its funding for not only domestic but international player scholarships.



*UBC On Their Annual Visit To UC Berkeley for The World Cup Match*



## AN ELITE LEVEL PROGRAM

Headed by 22-cap World Cup veteran Spence McTavish and three provincial and national level coaches, UBC Rugby is at the leading edge of game, player and team development in North America.

The combined excellence of education, sport, and student experience is enhanced by an annual fully funded tour to California coupled with biannual international tours. This commitment to the student athlete and the game of Rugby has produced more than 70 National Rugby Team members, five Rhodes Scholars and countless provincial players of the highest caliber.

The maintenance of this Elite UBC Rugby program is ensured through continued funding from the UBC Rugby Endowment Fund.



## THE UBC EXPERIENCE

UBC ranks among the top universities in the world academically, and placed 25th for reputation (2012 Times Higher Education).

It resides on a spectacular campus in Vancouver, British Columbia. Annually ranked as one of the three most livable cities in the world, Vancouver and the University of British Columbia offer not only one of the best academic experiences but also one of the best rugby experiences.

UBC offers 200 undergraduate and 297 graduate degree programs, a cutting edge campus, ample residence opportunities, state-of-the-art sports facilities, and a vibrant student body which combine to provide one of the best experiences in the world. In addition, the full year student exchange program Go Global offers a unique opportunity to pursue academic goals at UBC and play rugby at the highest university level. UBC players can also access international student exchange programs with rugby playing universities through Go Global.

[www.ubc.ca](http://www.ubc.ca)





## ELIGIBILITY & SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate and professional students are eligible for scholarships and participation on the varsity team. Multi-sport athletes can participate for either one or two terms and are eligible for the McTavish-Olson Scholarships. UBC is the only university in Canada where you can participate in both CIS football and rugby due to the 8-month playing season.

UBC varsity rugby player benefits:

- Entry Scholarships and up to full tuition for select Senior provincial rep & Canada U20 players
- Guaranteed campus accommodation for first-year students with preferred accommodation thereafter
- Broad based admissions for select Varsity players
- Full time Strength & Conditioning coach
- Full host of other Varsity athlete benefits



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Up to full tuition for Elite Level international student athletes and for exchange students through Go Global & Universitas 21.

[www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc](http://www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc)

[www.universitas21.com/article/students/details/2/student-exchange](http://www.universitas21.com/article/students/details/2/student-exchange)

## TOP CLASS FACILITIES

UBC Rugby has the most comprehensive rugby facility in Canada, if not North America, and consists of:

- The new Gerald McGavin Rugby Center, completed in January 2013 with field views, lounge, stadium seating & two Varsity changing rooms.
- 4 additional changing rooms in original rugby clubhouse
- 4000 sq. ft., state of the art weight room with two sprinting alleys
- Thunderbird Stadium - with capacity for 8000, including 3000+ covered seats with IRB approved turf for signature games

The quality of these facilities has made UBC the provincial Center of Excellence for the BC Rugby Union and the location of their summer programs.



## THE BEST PLAYER DEVELOPMENT IN CANADA

With 8 months of fantastic rugby weather, world-class facilities, and dedicated, full-time coaching, UBC consistently puts out some of the very best rugby players in the nation.

Tyler Hotson, Eric Wilson, Harry Jones are recent UBC Rugby alumni who represented Canada during the National Team's 2012 session.





## JOIN US

If you want to play rugby in a high performance environment and attend one of the best Universities in the world, UBC Rugby will make your University experience second to none!



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