



Who are the Saints Rugby Coaches and what is their experience?

Tim Kluempers – Head Coach / Forwards Coach. Tim played over 20 years of rugby for the Kansas City Blues. Tim played for the USA National Team from 1996 to 2001. He earned 5 caps while playing both Tight Head and Loose Head Prop. Tim started the Saints Rugby team in 2007.

Jim Tate – Assistant Coach / Forwards

Paul Tripp – Assistant Coach / Forwards

Brain Landers – Assistant Coach / Defense and Fitness

Chris Goza – JV Head Coach / Assistant Coach / Forwards

Robert Patrick – Assistant JV Coach

Patrick Kraus – Assistant JV Coach

When is the Rugby Season?

Rugby is a Spring sport with games starting in early March. Pre-season conditioning for non-winter sports athletes starts right after we get back from Christmas Break. The season goes to Mother's Day weekend with the Kansas State Championship on that Saturday.

Where are the games played?

We have several games in the St. Thomas Aquinas Stadium and the rest are played at various parks in the KC metro area. There are currently 14 teams in the Kansas City Metro area.

Who can play?

We do not have tryouts, and we guarantee that you will play at least one half of rugby every week IF you work hard and attend practice. We currently have players from every grade in the school.

What if I have never played rugby?

No experience necessary. Over 90% of the players had never seen or played rugby when they first started. We welcome all players, no matter your shape or size.

How successful is the St. Thomas Aquinas Rugby program?

In 2017, we won the High School Rugby National Championship. In 2022, we finished 4th in the nation out of 2,500 rugby clubs. We have won the Kansas State Rugby Championship for 14 of the last 15 years.

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