



## **Welcome to the 2026 Saints Rugby Football Club Registration!**

After a successful 2025 season, we're excited to continue growing and improving our program. We're grateful for the support of Rugby Canada, Rugby Alberta, and the South Alberta Rugby Union—providing top-tier fields at Calgary Rugby Park, insurance for players and coaches, Match Officials for U13 and up, and development pathways that contribute to our national teams, including the Women's team's recent Rugby World Cup silver medal.

To build on these opportunities, we need your help. Our goal is One Club, One Culture, and volunteering remains essential to delivering the best rugby experience in the city. Our volunteer credit program will continue in 2026.

Thank you to our club sponsors—Joyce on 4th, Marda Loop Brewing, RJ Photography, and Peter's & Co.—and welcome to our newest sponsor, Obsidian Energy. We also appreciate the generous support for our U18 Junior Girls Tour from Energy Transfers Ltd., Local 409, RJ Photography, Tongue Creek Ranch, Victory Well Servicing, and Saints alumni Steve Lister. Additional anonymous donations continue to strengthen our junior girls program. If you know a potential sponsor, please contact [vpengagement@saintsrugby.com](mailto:vpengagement@saintsrugby.com) (securing a sponsor counts toward your volunteer credits).

Program improvements for 2026 include:

- Game socks for all players, jerseys for Minis/Flag Rugby, and training tops for U13 and up
- Printed team photos for all junior players from RJ Photography
- Discounted pre-season indoor/off-season training
- Access to FCA fields four days a week, ensuring full-field practice time
- Continued alignment with Rugby Canada's Safe Sport Program, with coaching certification support
- An Athletic Therapist onsite every training night and expanded training equipment
- Mental performance and resilience training provided for teams U13 and above



- Club-wide cultural events including Family Day, Saints Day BBQ, President's Dinner, Fall BBQ, and annual banquets
- Expanded Friday night parent socials and U13/U15 Captains runs

The pinnacle of our Junior Programs, we are excited to continue the launch of our U18 girls and U18 boys tours to the New South Wales Waratahs Academy in Sydney, Australia on a 2-year rotating basis. These tours are more than just rugby trips—they are full cultural and athletic immersion experiences. Players train with professional academy coaches, participate in high-performance sessions, and compete against Australian school and academy sides. They also learn about rugby culture in one of the sport's most passionate regions, experience life in a major rugby city, and build lifelong friendships and confidence. For many athletes, this is their first exposure to elite international sport environments, and it provides invaluable sport and life skills development for both players and coaches. We are committed to maintaining and growing this relationship so future Saints can benefit from this world-class opportunity.

To sustain these program enhancements, dues have increased, particularly for Minis, which have historically been offered below cost. If financial support is needed, please reach out—we never want cost to prevent a child from playing rugby.

2026 is shaping up to be an exciting year for Saints RFC. I look forward to seeing you on the pitch.

Yours in Rugby,  
Leigh Clarke

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leigh Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President,  
Calgary Saints Rugby Football Club