



## **Rugby Athletic Center Team & Competition Packet**

We are pleased to welcome you to the Rugby Athletic Center (RAC) and we are looking forward to hosting your event. Our goal is to assist in providing a safe, enjoyable, and professional-grade weekend of competition for all athletes, coaches, match officials, and supporters. **Please review and distribute the following information so all participants and fans are informed of important policies, procedures, and amenities that are critical to the success of this event.**

**Featured Event:** ACRC Bowl Series

**Event Timing:** Friday, Nov. 21 – 3:00-9:30pm, Saturday, Nov. 22 – 8:00am-10:00pm

**Event Dates:** November 21-22, 2014

**Venue Information:** 3722 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28217

(980) 220-2609 <http://rugbyathleticcenter.com/>

### **Venue Contacts:**

Doug Shipley - Director of Development and Operations

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Katie Wurst - Athletic Operations Manager

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### **Facility Policies and Procedures:**

- No pets allowed at any time (service animals are the exception)
- No outside food or drink is allowed (exception for hydration brought by athletes/coaches for use before/during games)
- No alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco allowed - coolers and packs will be inspected
- Children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times
- The RAC will NOT be held liable for Damage, Property Loss, Injury or Death in accordance with our listed policies located at <http://rugbyathleticcenter.com/policies/>.

**Competition Passes:** One TEAM competition pass per rostered player, coach, and medical staff will be issued upon arrival up to a total of 28. **Players and coaches must have these available to enter the facility at all times - no exceptions.** All players will be provided with passes by a Sevens Sports or RAC event staff member upon entering the North parking lot.

**Gate Fee:** The price of admission for all fans, family, and non-credentialed guests is \$10 per person on Friday and \$15 per person on Saturday. Guests under 7 and over 70 get in for free. Fans who leave the facility and wish to return must get a wristband prior to exit.

**Pricing:** Fri: \$10; Sat: \$15; 2-day \$20, VIP Friday: \$20; VIP Sat: \$30; VIP 2day: \$45.

**Concessions/Restrooms:** The RAC features food and beverage in the main clubhouse area provided by Third Half concessions. Food options range from popcorn, nachos, and hotdogs to turkey sandwiches. In addition to water, Powerade, and sodas, the Third Half also sells beer and wine. Restrooms are located next to the concession area in the main club area.

**Ice and Water:** The RAC offers participating teams access to our ice machine. Access to it is via an exterior door, located between the two Team Locker Rooms. Please limit your use of the ice so all teams have enough for medical and cooler needs. A water spigot is available to fill team water coolers. It is located on the ground level of the stadium (north end).

### **Driving Directions to the RUGBY ATHLETIC CENTER:**

#### **From I-77:**

Heading North or South on I-77, take exit 7 toward Clanton Rd. Keep right at the fork at top of Exit, follow signs for North Carolina 49 and merge onto Clanton Rd. Turn right onto S Tryon St. Destination will be on the right in 0.2 miles.

#### **From I-85:**

Heading North or South on I-85, take exit 38 for I-77 heading South toward Charlotte. Then take exit 7 toward Clanton Rd. Keep right at the fork at top of Exit, follow signs for North Carolina 49 and merge onto Clanton Rd. Turn right onto S Tryon St. Destination will be on the right in 0.2 miles.

**Public Transportation:**

**Light Rail:** The Lynx Light Rail provides direct access to the RAC. Guests can take Charlotte's LYNX train (Light Rail) to the Scaleybark Station. From the back of the light rail parking lot, walk south on the sidewalk to Freeland Lane. Turn right and walk on the sidewalk two blocks to South Tryon Street.

**City Bus:** Charlotte CATS bus route #16 has stops on South Tryon within a block of the RAC.

**Locker Rooms:** A schedule for team locker room usage will be made available on the day of the event and signage will be posted to help in directing the flow of traffic. Each team locker room (total of 4) is approximately 500 square feet and has approximately 30 lockers, a bench, showers, dressing rooms, and restrooms.

The RAC is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen property in the locker rooms. Users of the Team Locker Rooms are expected to place all of their garbage in the trash cans and remove personal items at the end of competition. Other than water, no food or beverage is allowed in the Team Locker Rooms.

Running, jumping, or horseplay of any type is prohibited in the Team Locker Rooms and adjacent areas. As there are a number of teams involved with this event, we ask for your cooperation in being efficient and timely with your use of the locker room facilities.

You may lock the lockers if you bring your own lock however you MUST remove at the conclusion of your game.

**Showers:** There are six individual shower stalls available adjacent to each of the two Team Locker Rooms. Users of the showers must supply their own bathing products and towels. The showers are shared space among facility users and tenants of the building. It is imperative that everyone work together to respect the interests and privacy of other users of the showers. This includes reasonably limiting your shower time, leaving the shower clean of any products or debris, not allowing water to pool anywhere in the floor, and avoiding unnecessary verbal, visual, or direct contact with other shower/dressing room users. If anyone observes any unauthorized use of the showers or behavior that violates these policies or is considered unsafe or offensive, please immediately report this matter to the RAC staff.

**Competition Parking:** In the interest of conserving space for parking, all teams are asked to consolidate vehicles as much as possible. All players and team staff must park in the NORTH parking lot (closest to downtown). Team buses must unload players and equipment and park off site as directed by the parking lot attendants.

**Supporter Parking:** There are two parking lots at the RAC. The main lot is on the South side of the building and has approximately 109 parking spaces including Handicap parking areas. A smaller lot is on the North side of the building, which has approximately 50 parking spaces, with overflow in the grass lot of around 75 spaces. Teams and staff should park in the GRASS AREA of the North parking lot. The RAC does not assume responsibility for any loss or damage to

vehicles or their contents while they are driven or parked at, near, or around the stadium. Please lock your car doors and do not leave valuables in clear view.

**Ropes & Restraints:** Players and coaches are to remain behind the ropes along the sidelines, except for those allotted into the technical zones as directed by the match officials. We ask for your assistance in encouraging good sportsmanship, use of language, and behavior standards. Teams can warm up on Field 2 should gather on the side of the pitch farthest from the stadium. Both team benches will be on the side of the pitch furthest from the stadium.

**Medical & Emergency Action Planning:** An ATC will be on the sidelines for all matches. Some teams have requested a trainer for taping.

The RAC follows a standardized emergency action plan that is posted in the concessions area. Suggested hospitals include:

**Concentra Urgent Care**

Phone: 704-338-1286

Address: 1614 South Blvd, Charlotte NC

Distance from RAC: 2.9 Miles

Hours of Operation: Fri 7:30 am - 8:00 pm; Sat 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**OrthoCarolina Orthopedic Urgent Care**

Phone: 704-323-2682

Address: 2001 Randolph Road, Charlotte NC

Distance from RAC: Approx 6.2 miles

Hours of Operation: Fri 5:30 - 9:00 pm; Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Carolinas Medical Center**

Phone: 704-347-4033

Address: 1000 Blythe Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203

Distance from RAC: Approximately 2.4 miles

In the event of any injuries on site, whether during play or otherwise, must be immediately reported to Doug Shipley - Director of Development and Operations, Phone: 757-238-5770  
Email: [dshipley@rugbyathleticcenter.com](mailto:dshipley@rugbyathleticcenter.com)

**Match & Event-Discipline:** Match officials and respective disciplinary committees have the final say on all on-field issues. Local police will be on site for event security as well as special security so patrons are asked to please obey their requests. Teams are expected to control all players, and coaches at all times, and act in a manner reflecting the ethos of the game. Individuals not complying with RAC policies may be asked to leave the facility and grounds.

**Trash and Clean Up:** Please keep the site clean by using the trash and recycle bins inside and outside the RAC. Teams must clean up their sidelines, locker rooms, and shower areas at the end of their usage time period.

**Television:** A 70 inch HD television is located in the club area, adjoining the Third Half concession area.

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