

ANN ARBOR WOMEN'S RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
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PRESS RELEASE

In its third season, the Ann Arbor Women's Rugby Football Club (AAWRFC) is a local rugby club made up of women age 18 and over from the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti/Saline area who enjoy competitive sports. While some of its members have played rugby previously at various universities and rugby clubs across the United States, England, and New Zealand, there are several members who have never played rugby before joining the team. Experienced or not, the club welcomes all levels of ability and fitness and keeps fun, good sportsmanship, and commitment as the main focus. The club travels to games and tournaments throughout the Midwest during the fall season.

Due to the efforts of the team's former president, Anna Daoud, the team was revived in 2005 after a short (three year) hiatus. Anna started her rugby career with the University of Michigan WRFC and played for a summer in southern California with the Belmont Shore WRFC before starting the Ann Arbor team.

With the help of their new coach Herb Reich, the team hopes to make their presence known in their first season in the [Midwest DII] league. Herb has played rugby for 17 years, most recently for Belmont Shore RFC, a Super League team (the premier men's rugby division in the United States). He has spent time living and playing in New Zealand making connections with both men's and women's teams in the US and abroad. He started coaching the Belmont Shore Women's RFC full time in 2003 after retiring from playing the game and coached the Southern California Griffins All Star team last year.

AAWRFC practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Ann Arbor, and games are held on Saturdays at various locations throughout the Midwest. To find out more information about joining or supporting the team, feel free to visit their website at <http://www.annarborwomensrugby.com> or contact Amy at payeur@umich.edu.