



## Tampa Bay Krewe Rugby Welcome Packet

First of all, we would all like to congratulate you on your choice to play for the Tampa Bay Krewe. Krewe has been around the Tampa area for over 20 years. In 1991, two local Tampa teams combined to form the Bay Area Rugby Football Krewe. This team has developed from a team of close friends and ruggers to a national powerhouse. There is much more to the story of Krewe and how it came about, and I am sure after a pint or two our old boys will be more than willing to tell you their version of the story.

After a very successful campaign in 2007 under coach Kevin McWilliams, Krewe added Dai Morgan to its staff in 2008. Along with the recent addition of Larry Grant in 2010, these coaches have committed themselves preparing our top level teams for elite competition and teaching basic rugby skills to players who have never touched a rugby ball. Off the pitch the club has made significant strides in structuring its Board of Directors and Executive Board. Together these groups have worked to secure 501.(c)(3) non-profit status for the organization, increase the sponsorship dollars coming in from local businesses, and generally improved the club's financial strength. The first major contributor to the team was MacDinton's Irish pub on S. Howard St., which all of you will become intimately familiar with since they host all of our major social events. They have dedicated their financial help annually to the team and have also created a Krewe Room to host our trophies and celebrate the history of the team. Off the pitch, we are always looking for individuals willing to assist the club with website engineering ([www.krewerugby.com](http://www.krewerugby.com)), development of our merchandise sales, and additional help securing sponsors. With that said you are joining a team that has everything going for it and its best quality is the caliber of men that you will meet through the team.

The best way to get started with the team is to visit our website at [krewerugby.com](http://krewerugby.com). There, you can check the Krewe Calendar link for practice schedules, home and away match information, deadlines for dues payments, join the Krewe Rugby Yahoo Group - you'll find the link for this on the right side of our home page - this will get you email updates from the team.

### The Captain's Charge

I am damn proud of Krewe Rugby. Top to bottom this is as solid a team as you will experience anywhere. We have a lot of great things going for us and we have earned most all of it by being focused on the process of being champions - both on and off the pitch. We benefit from a strong coaching staff and are indebted to them for their time and energy. We have great sponsors that contribute to our endeavor and we work hard to maintain their trust and support.

On behalf of all members of the Krewe, welcome to our club. Now get ready to work. We take a business-like approach to whatever the task at hand, and reap the benefits afterwards with our teammates, family, friends, and supporters. On the pitch, players compete weekly during practice for starting spots at all levels and give it their all on Saturdays. Off the pitch we support each other and our community through various volunteer efforts. Raise your hand when it comes time to step up and help out. Members of Krewe understand that the reward of hard work is the best payoff.

We are glad to have you join our championship effort and help us make Tampa, Florida the best place for rugby in America.

Cheers,  
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## Coaches' Statement

Welcome to Tampa Krewe Rugby Club. We are very proud of our reputation both on and off the field. On the field we have a reputation of not only playing winning rugby but also being a class organization. We prepare well for games. We have three coaches who are committed to providing players the foundation and structure to reach their optimum performance whether you are a rookie rugby player learning to play the game, an experienced player wanting elite level rugby or a veteran/social player who wants to be involved in a fun, social sport but still play competitively and safely.

Players are expected to attend two practices per week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Practices begin promptly at 7:00 PM and finish promptly at 8:45 PM. On off days, players are expected to work out individually on their personal strength and fitness programs. Ask a coach for help on helping you put together a program if you have not already got one or you feel that you need to change it up to get better results.

Games are played on Saturdays and we have scheduled games twice or sometimes three times per month so there is plenty of rugby. It is very important that if you have been selected to play that you turn up on time ready to play. That means a quiet night Friday with no alcohol and plenty of sleep. Eating a balanced diet is another way to ensure that you are preparing your body for the rigors of playing a very physical sport.

We absolutely insist on self-discipline. Foul or dirty play on the field is not tolerated, neither is abusive behavior on the sidelines towards the other team or match officials. We are a family-friendly club and welcome family members including children to our games as well as members of the public including our sponsors. Foul language is not tolerated.

Part of rugby is the after match social. There are not many sports where guys can beat the living daylights out of each other and then go share a beer and food afterwards without there being any carryover from the game. We have a superb reputation for being welcoming hosts and gracious visitors. It costs nothing to say please and thank you and goes a long way in promoting a positive image of our organization.

This culture of self-discipline helps everyone become better players, coaches, administrators, supporters, and individuals. We welcome you to Krewe and hope that you will have a fun, rewarding experience.

*Good Luck!*

*Coach Dai Morgan, Coach Kevin McWilliams, and Coach Larry Grant*



**Tell us about yourself**

(If you see a “/” circle the option that applies to you)

**Name - Last, First:** \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apt/Suite # :** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** (strictly for team communications)

Primary (Mobile / Home / Office): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary (Mobile / Home / Office): (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** (strictly for team communications)

Primary (Work / Home) : \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary (Work / Home) : \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse / Significant other:**

Name: First, Last: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rugby Experience:** High School or Rookie / Collegiate / Military / International / Representative Clubs / Men's DIII / Men's DII / Men's DI / Super League

Give us a brief overview of what your rugby history is and how competitive you would like to be with Krewe (i.e. weekend warrior, D1 starter, learn the sport):

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## **Tampa Krewe Rugby Player Code of Conduct**

- 1) I will maintain a high standard of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control, responsible behavior, consideration for the physical and emotional well-being of others, and proper manners on the pitch, in any public places where Tampa Krewe Rugby sponsored events/matches are being held, and while traveling to and from such places.
- 2) I will abstain from the use of illegal drugs and the immoderate use of alcohol before, during or after matches, as well as at Tampa Krewe Rugby sponsor's place of business, sponsored events, or matches. If I am under the age of 21 I will abstain from any use of alcohol.
- 3) I will abstain from obnoxious, impolite or antisocial behavior of any sort that would adversely affect the image of Tampa Krewe Rugby. This includes the verbal abuse of players, opponents, officials, or supporters during matches or Tampa Krewe Rugby sponsored events or matches.
- 4) I will respect the ground rules that are in effect at any particular match, such as prohibitions against having any alcohol or public indecency on the grounds and in public parks.
- 5) I am responsible for the behavior of any of my supporters while attending Tampa Krewe Rugby sponsored events/matches.
- 6) I will respect and play within the Laws & Regulations that govern the sport of rugby, as set forth by the International Rugby Board (IRB), USA Rugby, and the local RFU.
- 7) I am responsible to be game fit and to take care of any injuries incurred on or off the field. I will report any injuries to the Coach and/or Captain immediately following the game.
- 8) I am responsible to show up on time for both matches and practices. On game day I will arrive 1 hour prior to the start of the game (unless previously communicated differently) and for away matches I will arrive at the predetermined departure time. For practices I will be kitted up prior to the designated start time. Any deviation from this must be communicated to the Coach and/or Captain prior to the scheduled time.
- 9) If I am found in violation of the "Code of Conduct" I will have an opportunity to explain my actions to the Disciplinary Board who will then determine the consequence. Consequences will range from a warning, a monetary fine, match suspensions or expulsion.

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Player Signature/date

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Printed Name



## Treasurer's Overview

First of all, welcome to Tampa Bay Krewe Rugby! Thank you for taking the time to stop by, meet the guys, and get in a light run (unless Kevin is in charge). Whether you are a grizzled rigger or stepping foot on the pitch for the first time, I hope you will find Krewe to be as welcoming as I did at my first practice. I like to think that, as a club, we are committed to service on a number of levels:

1. Serving our community through regular fund raising and outreach efforts;
2. Serving a beat-down to our opponents on the pitch; and
3. Serving fellow ruggers (friend and foe alike) a cold pint whenever the opportunity affords.

In addition to a commitment to serve, joining Krewe also requires members to accept a certain amount of responsibility. The financial aspect of that responsibility is satisfied through the dues that we all contribute to the club. While significant fundraising activity helps to offset a substantial portion of the cost of fielding multiple nationally competitive men's rugby sides, our ability to function as a club is vitally dependent on each member "doing their part". To give you a general idea of what is expected of each member, and how the club expends its funds, I have included a brief overview of our financial highlights. Please feel free to come to me with any comments, questions, or concerns you have regarding club finances or dues responsibility.

### Dues: Required to be eligible for competition

- Active players: \$125 per season (Fall & Spring); \$100 if paid early
  - Payable in September and January for fall and spring seasons
  - All dues players will receive a Tampa Bay Krewe warm-up t-shirt
- For social & practice-only players: \$30 per season
- Please speak directly with me or Lee Taylor with any issues regarding payment of dues
- CIPP is paid to USA Rugby for your registration to the team and supplemental accident insurance (\$45) - this fee must be paid before you are authorized to play.

### Expenses

1. General Club Fees
  - Club CIPP Fees: Paid to Florida Rugby Union (FRU) per player competing for Krewe
  - USA Rugby South Dues: Club dues required by governing body to operate
  - Florida Rugby Union Dues: Club dues required by governing body to operate
2. Travel Expenses
  - Subsidized travel to regional and national playoff rounds such as USA Rugby South Championships in Lakeland, FL and national tournaments in Manassas, VA and Glendale, CO
3. Venue / Equipment
  - Rental fees for practice and match pitch, referees, training implements, etc.
  - Post-match drink-up (Guinness/Smithwicks/Harp to replenish fluids post-match)

Regards,

Kyle Kekeisen,  
Treasurer

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