

Mission Statement:

The Green Bay Youth Rugby is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide an opportunity for **every child between the grades 3 and 8** to receive proper instruction, education and training so that they may participate in the life-long, positive character building sport of rugby in a safe and rewarding environment. GBYR seeks to present youth rugby programs that promote a lifetime of health, fitness, teamwork, self-discipline and respect.

Objectives:

Promoting teamwork and cooperation through a team sport,
Promoting self-discipline and self-respect through setting and accomplishing goals,

3) Promoting sportsmanship, respect and acceptance of teammates and opponents, the rules of the game and the structure of competitive athletics,

4) Promoting fun in sport.

Our Club:

Our youth program is 3 years old and it consists of a co-ed, noncontact flag rugby. The program is a part of the Green Bay Rugby Football Club, Inc. which is a 501c(3) charitable organization whose mission is to lead in the development and promotion of Rugby Football through the establishment and fostering of comprehensive programs within Northeastern Wisconsin and to support the growth of the United States of America as a competitive rugby-playing nation.

We draw boys and girls from all over Northeast Wisconsin, including Appleton, Brillion, Denmark, De Pere, Green Bay, Howard, and Pulaski. Our members have found that rugby is the ultimate team sport that promotes teamwork, decision making and sportsmanship. We believe that rugby helps young people become leaders. The program grew from 9 kids at the first practice in 2013 to 65 signed up for our 2015 program. In addition, we *are started a new, free program with the Boys and Girls Club of Green Bay.* There are over 40 kids in this program, allowing us to deliver the benefits of rugby to an entirely new group of young people.

Feedback from our Parents

"The coaching is sensational and always looking out for the kids not only in teaching the game of rugby but in behavioral ways as well. All the coaches are upbeat and looking out for every kid out there. We could not ask for a better bunch of coaches to lead these kids."

"Thanks to the coaches, sponsors, and all involved. Excellent experience! Really appreciate the emphasis on skill development, having fun, supporting each other, being good sports. Coaches are very positive and patient. Great group of parents, too. High quality of instruction and play without negativity and inappropriate intensity that you see in some youth sports."

"This is a great program. My boys love it, and are excited about continuing playing."

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Other Rugby Clubs in Northeast Wisconsin

Green Bay Rugby Football Club, Inc. – Adult Men's D3 founded 1972



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NE Wisconsin Youth Rugby – HS Boys founded 1995



NE Wisconsin Rugby Foundation – founded 2011

The NEWRF was born as the brain child of several former rugby players in 2011 as a way to bring together resources to develop rugby in Northeast Wisconsin. Became a 501c(3) in 2014.

<u>Goals</u>

Support the development of youth rugby Support local youth rugby programs with coaching and referee training Create a plan to develop a sports complex for rugby