

RNRU Voting Clubs:

Devonport Services Rugby Football Club is based in Plymouth, Devon. The club was originally called United Services Devonport and had their first recorded match in 1904. Devonport Services play their home games at the Rectory Field, playing in dark blue and red. They are currently competing in Tribute Western Counties West at tier 7 of the English rugby union league system. As well as hosting the All Blacks, the early 1990s were a successful time for the club as they won back to back league titles by winning Devon League 1 in 1992, followed by Tribute Cornwall/Devon in 1993. They spent four seasons in Western Counties West before being relegated in 1999. In 2003 Devonport Services won promotion by winning the Tribute Cornwall/Devon for the second time. Once again they enjoyed a number of seasons in Western Counties West until 2005 when a torrid season saw them go down in last place with just one league win all season. This relegation was short-lived as Services came second in Tribute Devon/Cornwall to earn promotion back to Western Counties West.

The current ground capacity is around 2,000 which includes the (still open) north stand and standing areas.

United Services Portsmouth RFC was founded in 1882 and still play at the famous Burnaby Road. Funded by the Royal Navy to provide service men with the opportunity to play competitive rugby in civilian leagues. USPRFC is steeped in history boasting a glorious and unique past. Before the days of professionalism, HM Armed forces (*UK Armed Forces*) were the biggest and best supply of conditioned athletes in the country. This fact coupled with the level of organisation, discipline and facilities brought to United Services by its Royal Navy ties made the club a dominant force in the days of Amateur Rugby. United Services Portsmouth competed with Rugby's Elite (Bath, Leicester, Harlequins, etc) on a regular basis and usually came out on top. Although still a proud and competitive club, United Services Portsmouth are no longer rubbing shoulders with the likes of Leicester or Harlequins. Boasting 2 squads - The Bulldogs & Buccaneers - the club is now open to civilians to join. Combining players from the Royal Navy, Army, Air Force, local Civilians and the students from Portsmouth University gives the club a diverse and unique atmosphere that defies the infamous rugby clique that exists in most traditional clubs.

The United Service Portsmouth Bulldogs squad compete in Snows Group Hampshire Div 1 and have firm aspirations to climb back into the London leagues.