

HF 587 represents a vision of a place like no other in the world, bringing people from throughout the world to Minnesota



A pioneering barrier-free experience designed to integrate athletes of ALL ages and abilities, including caregivers, families, and fans



RUGBY UNIFIED
HF 587 NATIONAL RUGBY CENTER



Rugby and Wheelchair Rugby are played across 123 countries and 40 countries, respectively. They attract players of every size, ability, and gender representing diverse communities bound together by their passion for this sport.

This is the foundation for this innovative barrier-free experience to also serve the under-served sports of Power Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball, Power Soccer, Paralympic Volleyball and more.

Significant Social Impact

A pioneering athletic event facility designed from the ground up to be barrier-free for adaptive athletes, caregivers, families and fans. Event programming for multiple sports that promote independence, community engagement, well being and quality of life.

A Money Maker

The \$6 Million (minimum) annual economic impact leverages the programming capabilities of the National Sports Center. There is significant opportunity to increase the impact.

Annually self funding including maintenance.

An Opportunity

This provides Minnesota the opportunity to demonstrate how social and economic impacts can compliment one another.

How We Got Here

We began this journey over 3 years ago when the National Sports Center asked us to “think big” about the opportunity on their campus. This vision and plan deliver that in an exciting and realistic way.

We are Rugby Unified, a 501(c)(3) non-profit with 25 years of experience partnering to create and manage a public athletic facility.

The Plan and Cost

- Maximum size outdoor rugby pitches (2 grass, 1 turf) with infrastructure & seating to support all levels of play - \$2.5M
- Integrated complex of 16,000 sq ft designed for adaptive and non adaptive athletes, caregivers, families, and fans - \$10.0M
- Indoor wheelchair rugby courts over 37,000 sq ft for a multitude of adaptive sports - \$19.2M

Our Invitation to You

Our initial discovery has included all aspects of play, from adaptive and non-adaptive athletes, caregivers, families and fans. However, our journey to discover all that will make this a barrier-free experience has only started.

This integrated barrier-free concept for adaptive and non-adaptive state, national, and international competitive event programming is truly unique. Athletic event venues to date have been designed to incorporate the minimum standards of laws such as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Some event venues have gone beyond those minimum standards to modify existing facilities. Only a handful of sport & fitness centers have incorporated barrier-free design elements.

*A barrier-free environment will allow for free and safe movement, function and access for all, regardless of age, sex or condition. All will access, **without obstacles**, with dignity and with as much independence as possible. Barrier-free design means equal opportunities, participation and access to and through design for all people. It also includes future-oriented, inclusive and adaptable designs.*

We seek your input and support, and all others, as we present this vision. Inclusivity is hard, as are most great ideas. We welcome all points of views to build this vision for Minnesota.

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