

Havelock Sports Club – 110 Years of Rugby Excellence (1915–2025)

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~~Season 2025 / 2026~~

Club Overview

Celebrating 110 years of rugby excellence, Havelock Sports Club continues to be a leading force in Sri Lankan rugby, proudly carrying forward a tradition of sporting excellence, community engagement, and player development.

Sponsors for the 2025/2026 Season

Turbo – Partner of Havelock Sports Club for 2025/2026

Turbo, a proudly Sri Lankan beverage innovator, has partnered with Havelock Sports Club as a key sponsor for the 2025/2026 season. The Nitro line of premium energy drinks, featuring dynamic blends such as soursop-lime and mixed berry, is designed for those who pursue performance with passion. Complementing it, FLO pays tribute to Sri Lanka's vibrant fruit heritage with flavours including passion, tamarind, pomegranate, mango, soursop, and nai miris. This partnership underscores Turbo's commitment to innovation, excellence, and championing authentic Sri Lankan identity.

FLYHISPORTS – 3rd Year Sponsor

FLYHISPORTS Rugby Academy, Sri Lanka's first internationally collaborated rugby institution, founded and led by Cedric Anthony, proudly marks its first anniversary on July 6, 2025. Established in partnership with Havelock Sports Club, the academy has quickly emerged as a beacon for young athletes nationwide. The academy boasts an esteemed international coaching team, including Kruger Roach, Orene Ai, and Alema Pisa, who bring invaluable expertise in player development from grassroots to national levels. Their contributions have significantly enriched the learning experience for both players and local coaches. In line with its commitment to social impact, FLYHISPORTS Rugby Academy also provides scholarships to deserving youth across Sri Lanka. The primary mission of the academy is to empower young students to unlock their full potential through the sport of rugby. In its inaugural year, FLYHISPORTS Rugby Academy welcomed over 250 students, many of whom engaged in Saturday morning training sessions at Havelock Grounds. Within 15 months since launching the Academy, FLYHISPORTS organised two successful junior rugby tournaments featuring under-10, under-12, and under-14 teams from over 20 local academies plus international academy. These remarkable events brought together over 130 teams and over 1,800 young athletes, further underscoring the academy's role in nurturing local talent. Additionally, the academy has implemented school programs designed to nurture foundational skills among junior players. We joined hands with Havelock Sports Club in 2022 as the main sponsor to support one of the pioneering rugby clubs in the country and a household name in Sri Lanka. This was done with the objective of creating a positive impact on the local sporting landscape with a community-focused philosophy. We take this opportunity to wish the members of the Havelocks Team of 2025/26 and the coaching staff all the best for yet another successful tournament ahead.

Lanka Hospitals PLC – Medical Partner

Lanka Hospitals is an internationally accredited, multiple award-winning healthcare provider in Sri Lanka that strives to deliver dependable healthcare through service excellence. The hospital offers over 350 beds, multi-specialty tertiary care services, and world-class facilities led by some of the

nation's finest medical professionals. Lanka Hospitals continues to uphold its reputation for excellence, holding global accreditations such as the Joint Commission International (JCI) 7th edition and the Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQUA) certification, making it the only Sri Lankan hospital to achieve such distinction. Its diagnostics arm, Lanka Hospitals Diagnostics (LHD), is accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), underscoring its world-class quality standards.

Prima Group – Co-Sponsor

Prima Group, a leading nutrition provider and advocate for youth development, continues its proud association with Havelock Sports Club as co-sponsor for the second consecutive year. The company has been instrumental in nurturing young sporting talent across rugby, cricket, golf, and athletics. Prima believes in the power of sport to build character, strengthen leadership skills, and instill values of teamwork and perseverance — qualities that mirror the club's commitment to excellence both on and off the field.

TVS Lanka (Pvt) Ltd – Co-Sponsor

Havelock Sports Club is honored to partner with TVS Lanka (Pvt) Ltd for the upcoming seasons. Established in 1995, TVS Lanka has been a pioneer in transforming Sri Lanka's two-wheeler industry for nearly three decades. Over the years, the company has become a trusted household name — synonymous with innovation, reliability, and customer focus in the nation's mobility landscape. Today, TVS Lanka operates as a fully owned subsidiary of TVS Mobility Private Limited, India, which serves as the major shareholder. The company's ownership structure also includes TVS Motor Company PLC, India, and Commercial Credit & Finance PLC, Sri Lanka, reflecting a strong and enduring partnership between the Indian and Sri Lankan automotive sectors.

Team Updates – 2025/2026 Season

Captain: Sandesh Jayawickrama (Former St. Peter's College Captain)

Vice-Captain: Janindu Fernando

New Recruits: 10 talented school players from St. Thomas', Sri Sumangala, Isipathana, and Wesley join the club this season. In addition, H. Nisal and Udesch Madushanka from CH & FC, and Yehan Bulathsinghalage from Police SC have joined Havelock Sports Club, strengthening the senior squad with valuable top-flight experience.

Coaching Staff:

- Head Coach – Saliya Kumara
- Assistant Coach – Anuranga Walpola
- Strength & Conditioning – Sunimal Mananperi

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