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Basic Information

- **Type**: Decentralised white supremacist / neo-Nazi network
- **Status**: Active
- **Founded**: ~2020-2021
- **Founder**: Robert Rundo (US, currently hiding in Eastern Europe)
- **UK cells**: Active Club England (ACE), Active Club Scotland (launched May 2024 per Hope not Hate)
- **Structure**: Decentralised cells centred on MMA/fitness culture
- **Ideology**: White supremacist, accelerationist, neo-Nazi

Role in Ecosystem

The Active Club Network is a decentralised network of white supremacist cells that use combat sports and fitness culture as recruitment and organising tools. It represents the "hard core" of the far-right — explicitly white supremacist, accelerationist, and preparing for violence.

Active Clubs are significant for funding research because:

1. They're **decentralised** — harder to track funding
2. They use **merchandise** and **combat sports events** as revenue streams
3. They have **international connections** (US, Europe, UK)
4. The BBC and US Congress have flagged them as a security threat
5. UK cells are growing (Scotland launched May 2024)

Money IN (Funding Received)

Date	From	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
Ongoing	Merchandise (White Rex, etc.)	Unknown	Clothing/brand sales	REPORTED	Research papers

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Ongoing	Combat sports events	Unknown	Event revenue	REPORTED	ADL, BBC
Ongoing	Robert Rundo / Terror Machine	Unknown	Central coordination	REPORTED	Counter Extremism Project
Ongoing	Member contributions	Unknown	Informal	SPECULATIVE	Pattern-based inference

Narrative: Active Clubs fund themselves through:

- **Merchandise**: White supremacist clothing brands (White Rex is key)
- **Combat sports**: MMA events, gym memberships
- **Central coordination**: Robert Rundo's Terror Machine media operation
- **Informal networks**: Member contributions, shared resources

Key finding: The funding model is deliberately decentralised and informal, making it harder to track than formal political party donations.

Money OUT (Funding Given)

Date	To	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
Ongoing	Member training/facilities	Unknown	Gym costs, equipment	SPECULATIVE	Pattern-based
Ongoing	Events organisation	Unknown	Fight nights, meetups	SPECULATIVE	Pattern-based
Ongoing	Media production	Unknown	Terror Machine content	REPORTED	Counter Extremism Project

Companies / Entities Controlled

Company Name	Number	Role	Status	Notes
Active Club England	Unknown	UK cell	Active	
Active Club Scotland	Unknown	UK cell	Active	Launched May 2024
Terror Machine (media)	Unknown	Rundo media operation	Active	International
White Rex (clothing)	Unknown	Merchandise brand	Active	International

Action needed: Companies House search for any registered entities, WHOIS for domains

Known Associations

Person/Org	Relationship	Evidence
Robert Rundo	Founder/figurehead	Counter Extremism Project, ADL
Patriotic Alternative	Overlapping membership	Hope not Hate
Homeland Party	Overlapping membership	Hope not Hate
Vanguard Britannica	Linked	The Ferret
Various European Active Clubs	International network	ADL, EU RAN

UK Presence

Active Club England (ACE)

- Established cell
- Linked to Vanguard Britannica (per The Ferret)
- Combat sports events, recruitment

Active Club Scotland

- Formally launched May 2024 (per Hope not Hate State of Hate 2026)
- Growing presence

Connections to UK Far-Right

- Overlap with Patriotic Alternative members
- Overlap with Homeland Party members
- Combat sports as gateway to broader far-right scene

Security Threat

BBC (Oct 2024): "Far-right group using sports to 'build militia', experts warn"

- Active Clubs using sports to ready followers for violence

US Congressional testimony (May 2026): "Active Clubs are white supremacy's new, dangerous frontier"

- Harder to detect form of white supremacist organising
- Merges extremist ideology with fitness and combat

EU RAN report: "Robert Rundo's Impact on the Violent Extreme-Right Active Club Network"

- Europol Innovation Lab report on policing challenges

Media Coverage

Date	Outlet	Headline	Key Claims	URL
2024-10-01	BBC News	"Far-right group using sports to 'build militia', experts warn"	Active Clubs preparing followers for violence	https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5ydnqdq38wo
2026-05-13	US Congress (House Judiciary)	"Active Clubs are white supremacy's new, dangerous frontier"	Congressional testimony on threat	https://www.congress.gov/119/meeting/house/119267/documents/HHRG-119-JU10-20260513-SD006.pdf
2023-01-10	ADL	"Active Club Network" (backgrounder)	MMA-inspired white supremacist network	https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounder/active-club-network
2023-03-15	Middlebury CTEC	"Dangerous Organizations and Bad Actors: The Active Club Network"	Decentralised network analysis	https://www.middlebury.edu/institute/academics/centers-initiatives/ctec/ctec-publications/dangerous-organizations-and-bad-actors-active
2024-07	GNET	"Accelerationism: The Active Club Network" (PDF)	Robert Rundo, accelerationism	https://gnet-research.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/GNET-44d-Accelerationism-Active-Club-Network_web.pdf
2026	EU RAN	"Robert Rundo's Impact on the Violent Extreme-Right Active Club Network"	Europol report	https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/eu-knowledge-hub-prevention-radicalisation/

Date	Outlet	Headline	Key Claims	URL
2026-03	Hope not Hate	"State of Hate 2026"	Active Club Scotland launched May 2024	https://hopenothate.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/state-of-hate-2026-PDF.pdf

Research Notes

Key questions:

- **Robert Rundo**: Where is he now? What's his current funding? Crypto wallets?
- **White Rex**: Who owns/runs White Rex? Revenue from UK sales?
- **UK gym connections**: Which gyms are Active Club members using? Any registered businesses?
- **Combat sports events**: Who organises UK fight nights? Revenue?
- **Merchandise**: Full list of Active Club merch operations, WHOIS, company registration?
- **Crypto**: Do Active Clubs accept crypto donations? Wallet addresses?
- **Terror Machine**: How is Rundo's media operation funded?

Leads to follow:

- Companies House search for Active Club entities, White Rex UK
- Domain WHOIS for Active Club websites
- Crypto wallet collection from Active Club Telegram/social channels
- BBC investigation follow-up
- US Congressional testimony (full document analysis)
- Hope not Hate State of Hate 2026 (download and analyse)
- Cross-reference Active Club members with PA and Homeland membership

Red flags:

- Decentralised structure makes funding nearly impossible to track through normal channels
- Explicitly preparing for violence ("build militia")
- Growing UK presence (Scotland cell launched 2024)
- International coordination via Rundo's media operation
- Overlap with registered political parties (PA, Homeland)

Significance: Active Club Network represents:

1. **Decentralised far-right** — harder to track than formal parties
2. **Combat sports as recruitment** — physical training for political violence
3. **International coordination** — US founder, European cells

4. **Merchandise funding model** — clothing brands as revenue stream
5. **Overlap with electoral politics** — members also in PA, Homeland

Last Updated

- **Date**: 2026-06-14
- **Researcher**: Initial data collection session
- **Next actions**:
  - Companies House search
  - Crypto wallet collection
  - White Rex investigation
  - UK gym connections mapping
  - Congressional testimony full analysis
  - State of Hate 2026 download

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