

Nick Rolovich

Associate Head Coach/QBs | Run-and-Shoot QB developer | Former FBS head coach | 2019 MW Coach of the Year

Football • University of California, Berkeley

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CAREER RECORDS

Head Coach — University of Hawai'i

NCAA Division I | 2 seasons | 28W-27L (50.9%)

Head Coach — Washington State University

NCAA Division I | 1 seasons | 5W-6L (45.5%)

Interim Head Coach — University of California

NCAA Division I | 1 seasons | 1W-1L (50.0%)

Biography

Nick Rolovich is the Associate Head Coach and Quarterbacks Coach for the California Golden Bears. Cal announced him in that role on Jan. 15, 2026, after he served as a senior offensive assistant in 2025 and was elevated to interim head coach for Cal's final two games, including an upset of No. 21 SMU in the regular-season finale and the Hawai'i Bowl. He worked closely with true freshman quarterback Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele, whom Cal described as one of the nation's top signal callers and an early 2026 Heisman Trophy candidate.

Before Cal, Rolovich was head coach at Washington State and spent eight total seasons at Hawai'i, including four as head coach. At Hawai'i, he led the program to a 28–27 record, three bowl games, a 10-win 2019 season, a Hawai'i Bowl win over BYU, and Mountain West Coach of the Year honors. His offensive background includes coordinator roles at Hawai'i and Nevada, where his teams produced some of the nation's top passing and total-offense numbers.

Statement

Nick Rolovich develops quarterbacks through rhythm, spacing, confidence, and an offense tailored to player strengths. A former record-setting Hawai'i quarterback and FBS head coach, he brings deep Run-and-Shoot roots, coordinator experience, and head-coaching perspective to Cal's quarterback room. His track record includes high-volume passing offenses, bowl teams, all-conference players, and direct development of one of the nation's top young quarterbacks at Cal.

Achievement

2010 Season Offensive & Defensive Accolades

University of Hawai'i

Helped direct Hawai'i's 2010 offense to No. 1 nationally in passing offense and No. 6 in total offense.

3x Bowl Game Appearances

Education

University of Hawai'i

Economics at University of Hawai'i

Went 8–1 as Hawai'i's starting quarterback in 2001. Passed for 4,176 career yards and 40 touchdowns at Hawai'i; Cal notes he still holds six school passing records. Threw for 543 yards and eight touchdowns in Hawai'i's 72–45 upset of previously unbeaten No. 9 BYU in 2001.

New Mexico Highlands University

Masters Degree at New Mexico Highlands University

Master's degree in human performance and sport, 2007.

Feature

Cal Football: Interim Head Coach Nick Rolovich Media Availability (11.25.2025)

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Tosh Lupoi expected to retain Nick Rolovich as Cal's QB coach - On3

Cal interim head coach Nick Rolovich is expected to remain on staff under Tosh Lupoi as the Bears' new quarterbacks coach and assistant head coach.

Football Adds Nick Rolovich As Senior Offensive Assistant

Travers Family Head Football Coach Justin Wilcox announced Friday that Nick Rolovich has been hired as a senior offensive assistant for the California football program. Rolovich brings several years of offensive coaching experience with him to Berkeley, most recently serving as the head coach at Washington State (2020-21) and Hawai'i (2016-19). Prior to leading the Rainbow Warriors, Rolovich spent four seasons as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Nevada from 2012-15.

Cal's Bowl Game May Be a Homecoming for Bears' Interim Head Coach

Nick Rolovich played and coached at Hawaii, which is a good bet to be Cal's opponent if the Bears end up in the Hawaii Bowl as many experts project.

PRINCIPLES

- Quarterback clarity and confidence
 - Attack space with timing, rhythm, and answers
 - Build offense around player strengths
 - Teach through experience, not theory alone
 - Creativity, adaptability, and competitive toughness
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ATHLETIC CAREER

Quarterback — University of Hawai'i

NCAA Division I | Football | 2000 - 2001

- Hawai'i quarterback, 2000–01; two-year letterwinner.
- Went 8–1 as Hawai'i's starting quarterback in 2001.
- Passed for 4,176 career yards and 40 touchdowns at Hawai'i

- Threw for 543 yards and eight touchdowns in Hawai'i's 72–45 upset of BYU in 2001.
 - 2002 Hula Bowl MVP and two-time Junior College All-American.
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COACHING CAREER

Associate Head Coach/Quarterbacks — University of California, Berkeley

NCAA Division I | Football | 2026

Leads quarterback development under head coach Tosh Lupoi.

Senior Offensive Assistant / Interim Head Coach, 2025 — University of California, Berkeley

NCAA Division I | Football | 2024 - 2025

Assisted offense, worked with Jaron-Keawe Sagapolutele, and led Cal for final two games.

Head Coach — Washington State University

NCAA Division I | Football | 2020 - 2021

Prior FBS head-coaching stop.

Head Coach — University of Hawai'i

NCAA Division I | Football | 2016 - 2019

28–27 record, three bowl games, 2019 10-win season, MW Championship Game appearance, MW Coach of the Year.
