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## **L AFC TO HOST NEWEST OLYMPIC SPORT RUGBY SEVENS AT BANC OF CALIFORNIA STADIUM**

*The Seven-Year Partnership Will Bring The Grand Prix Rugby \$1M Champion Sevens  
To The Heart Of Los Angeles*

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Los Angeles, Calif., (April 3rd, 2017)**—The Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) today announced it will be the official host of the new Olympic sport Rugby Sevens, expanding the international sports landscape in Los Angeles for years to come.

Partnering with Grand Prix Network LLC (GPN) and GPN's exclusively sanctioned partner and Olympic member USA Rugby, LAFC's Banc of California [NYSE:BANC] Stadium will be the permanent home of the Grand Prix Rugby "\$1M Champion Sevens," the world's richest Rugby Sevens championship in history.

"LAFC is thrilled to welcome the Rugby Sevens to Banc of California Stadium. This championship level event is a perfect match for our world-class venue," said Tom Penn, Club President and Owner. "We look forward to partnering with Grand Prix Network and USA Rugby Sevens to welcome rugby fans from Southern California and around the world to Banc of California Stadium."

"With Rugby now recognized as one of the world's fastest growing sports, and after extending Grand Prix Network's exclusively sanctioned partnership with U.S. Olympic member USA Rugby through 2024, it was imperative we establish an equally long-term partnership with a world-class venue. LAFC obviously shares our vision for showcasing

nothing but the best. Grand Prix Rugby partnering with LAFC's fabulous new Banc of California Stadium to showcase the world's greatest teams playing for a world record million dollar prize is a message to the rugby world that the 'Father of American Football' is back, and bigger and better than ever," declared GPN Chairman & CEO William Tatham.

GPN's EVP Kevin Wynne who negotiated the seven-year venue partnership added, "LAFC had the vision and commitment to invest in a state-of-the art stadium that will quickly become Major League Soccer's signature venue and their innovative approach to giving their fans an amazing game day experience make them the perfect partner. We were delighted LAFC enthusiastically embraced a long-term partnership, and we can't wait for rugby fans from around the world to descend on Los Angeles to witness the richest Champions Sevens tournament ever in the ultramodern Banc of California Stadium."

Banc of California Stadium [NYSE: BANC] is the LAFC's new 22,000-seat world-class soccer stadium that will bring more than \$350 million in private investment to south Los Angeles and redefine the Los Angeles landscape. Find out more at: [bancofcaliforniastadium.com](http://bancofcaliforniastadium.com)

Earlier this year, LAFC kicked off 2017 by uniting over 2,000 fans at the stadium construction site and providing supporters with a once-in-a-lifetime, first-ever opportunity to make their mark in the concrete that will be the foundation and heart of the stadium. Last year, the Club reached several key milestones, including kicking off the year with the official crest and Club color unveiling for fans and city leaders; scoring a tremendous victory for the Club, its fans and the people of Los Angeles by securing unanimous approval from the Los Angeles City Council on the stadium's Final Environmental Impact Report; embarking on a historic groundbreaking ceremony with hundreds of Club supporters; announcing its official stadium naming rights, Banc of California stadium; completing demolition of the Sports Arena and commencing construction with the first of many foundational concrete pours; and proudly announcing a multi-year partnership with United Soccer League's Orange County Blues FC in order to further enhance professional player development and create a pipeline for players who show promise to join the LAFC team.

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#### **About Grand Prix Network, LLC (GPN):**

Grand Prix Network, LLC is a new-breed of sports and entertainment company that

produces, distributes and organizes professional leagues and events for certain Olympic-style team sports, in partnership with USOC members USA Rugby and USA Volleyball. GPN's mission is to acquire, produce and distribute wholly-owned, world-class, U.S. based sports & entertainment content across global media platforms.

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**About The Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC):**

The Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) is the newest MLS soccer club serving the greater Los Angeles area. Its ownership group is comprised of local leaders and innovators of industry with intellectual capital, financial prowess, operations expertise and success in the fields of entertainment, sports, technology, and media. The LAFC ownership group is dedicated to building a world-class soccer club that represents the diversity of Los Angeles and is committed to delivering an unrivaled experience for fans. The home of the Club will be the Banc of California Stadium, the first open-air stadium built in Los Angeles since 1962 and boasts a 22,000-seat capacity. For more information about LAFC, visit [LAFC.com](http://LAFC.com) and [LAFC.com/presskit](http://LAFC.com/presskit).

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