



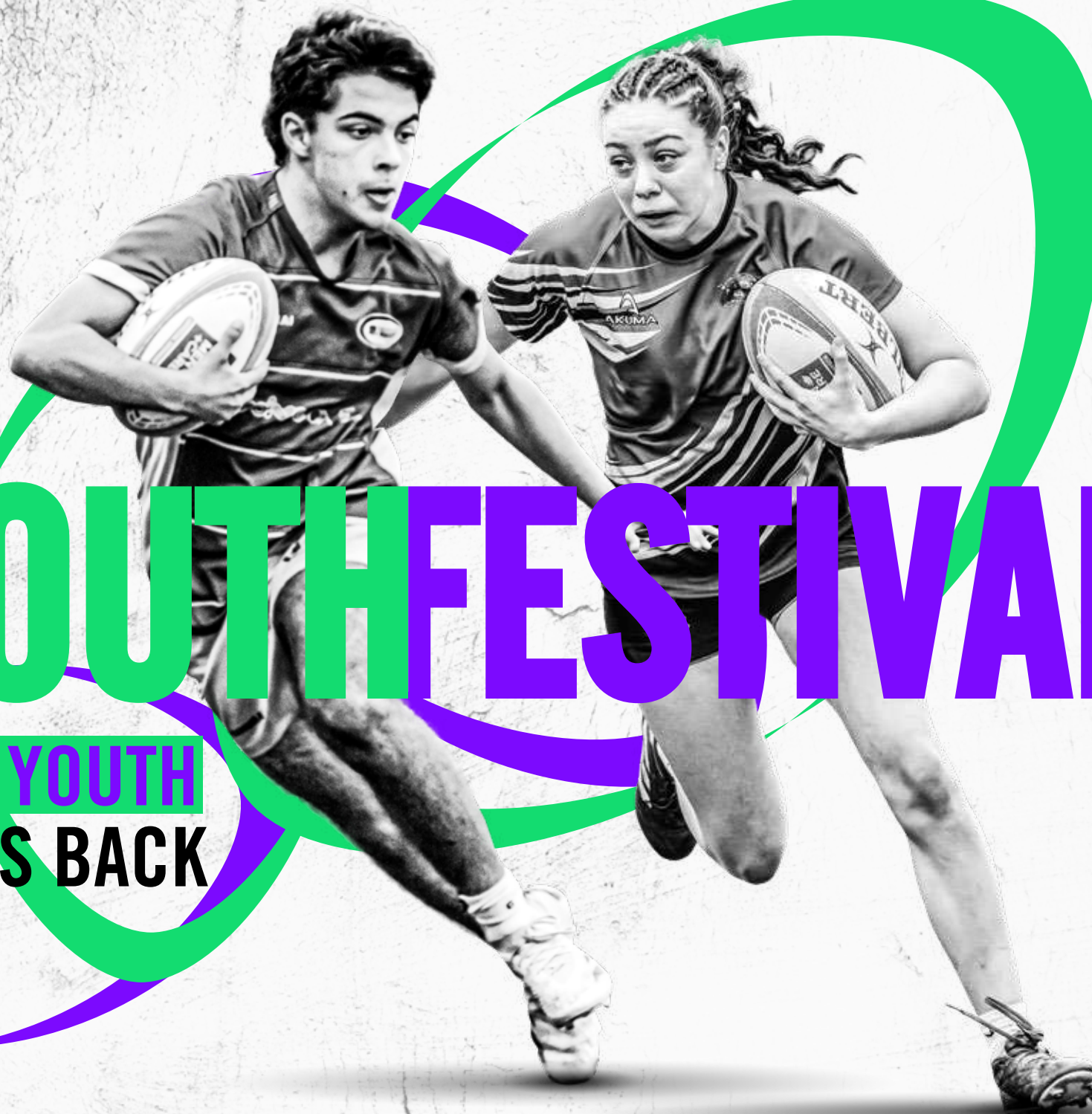
17TH EDITION

12 • 13 APRIL

PORTUGAL 25

RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL

**THE GREATEST RUGBY YOUTH
FESTIVAL IN EUROPE IS BACK**



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WELCOME TO THE 17TH EDITION

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** is celebrated as **EUROPE'S PREMIER INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RUGBY EVENT**, welcoming clubs, academies, colleges, and school teams. Since our first tournament, we've hosted over **37,000 YOUNG ATHLETES FROM MORE THAN 1600 TEAMS ACROSS 28 COUNTRIES.**

We take pride in our excellent organization and the high standard of play. Each year, we strive to elevate the experience, ensuring every participant leaves with unforgettable memories. For Portuguese players, it's a chance to embrace different cultures and enjoy the unique challenge of playing against teams from around the globe. For our international visitors, we offer a taste of Portugal's vibrant rugby scene, warm hospitality, and the charm of Lisbon.

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** is more than a tournament; it's a global gathering where rugby unites us all. No matter your team's level or aspirations, you are welcomed with open arms. It's this mix of diverse backgrounds and shared passion that makes our festival truly special.



DON'T MISS OUT!

PASSION FOR RUGBY

The passion for rugby is the driving force behind our event. Imagine more than **300 RUGBY MATCHES PACKED INTO JUST 2 DAYS**, played across **7 PITCHES**, transforming the Estádio Universitário de Lisboa into a dream playground for young rugby enthusiasts!

Each year, we receive increasing interest from international teams, highlighting the festival's growing global appeal.

Referees, often the unsung heroes of our sport, are crucial to the success of our event. We urge all teams and players to show them the utmost respect. We also invite officials from various countries and encourage visiting teams to bring their referees to join our official group.

Over the years, we've welcomed referees from Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Brazil, the UK, Ireland, Zimbabwe, Belgium, Malta, Gibraltar, Moldova, Switzerland, Georgia, Romania, Austria, the Netherlands, and Ukraine. Many of these referees have progressed to international ranks, showcasing the high level of officiating at our festival.

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GREAT MEDIA COVERAGE

**PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL
AND THE MAYOR OF
LISBON.**

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GIRL POWER

In 2018, the festival proudly introduced a girls' competition, which was met with great success! Since then, we've continued to host girls' matches every year, reinforcing our commitment to the development of girls' rugby in Portugal and around the world. Our dedication remains strong as we look forward to 2025 and beyond.



ENJOY LISBON, ENJOY PORTUGAL

Lisbon is celebrated as **EUROPE'S LEADING CITY DESTINATION IN 2024**. The city has also garnered numerous accolades, including the **WORLD'S LEADING SEASIDE METROPOLITAN DESTINATION IN 2022** and **EUROPE'S LEADING CITY BREAK DESTINATION** in 2017-2020 and 2022.



LISBON

SAFETY

Safety is always a major concern when travelling, especially with children. Portugal, however, stands out as one of the safest destinations. According to the 2024 Global Peace Index, Portugal is the world's 7th safest country, ranking just behind Iceland, Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, Austria, and Singapore.

MODERNITY

The heart of Lisbon is vibrant with wide avenues, green trees, modernist buildings, mosaic decorations, and numerous cafes. The city is undergoing a renaissance, making it one of the trendiest cities in the world.

CULTURE

Lisbon's cultural scene is a dynamic mix of the old and the new. The echoes of its grand past blend seamlessly with contemporary venues, creating a unique cultural experience.

WEATHER

Portugal enjoys a temperate climate year-round, with long hot summers, warm spring and autumn months, and mild winters. Being located along the Atlantic coast, Lisbon benefits from this pleasant climate.

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ATTRACTIONS

The capital city is rich in history and easy to explore. Wander through the historic neighbourhoods of Alfama, Mouraria, and Graça, or visit the ancient St. Jorge's Castle for stunning city views. Belem, the launching point for Portugal's great maritime explorers, is another must-see area filled with impressive sights.

FRIENDLINESS

Portugal is known for its friendly people. Locals are hospitable and enjoy being good hosts. Most speak excellent English and are eager to assist tourists.

EASY ACCESS

Lisbon is only two hours from most Western European cities, with numerous low-cost flight connections to the main airport. The tournament venue is conveniently located just 5 km from Lisbon International Airport and close to many accommodation options.

LEISURE

The city offers a fantastic atmosphere with endless activities. From ancient and modern architecture to interesting monuments and exciting tourist activities like Bus, Tuk Tuk, and Sailing Tours, there is always something to do. High-end shopping centres and vibrant city life make it a must-see destination for those wanting to experience the Southern European lifestyle at its best.



HOW TO GET TO LISBON

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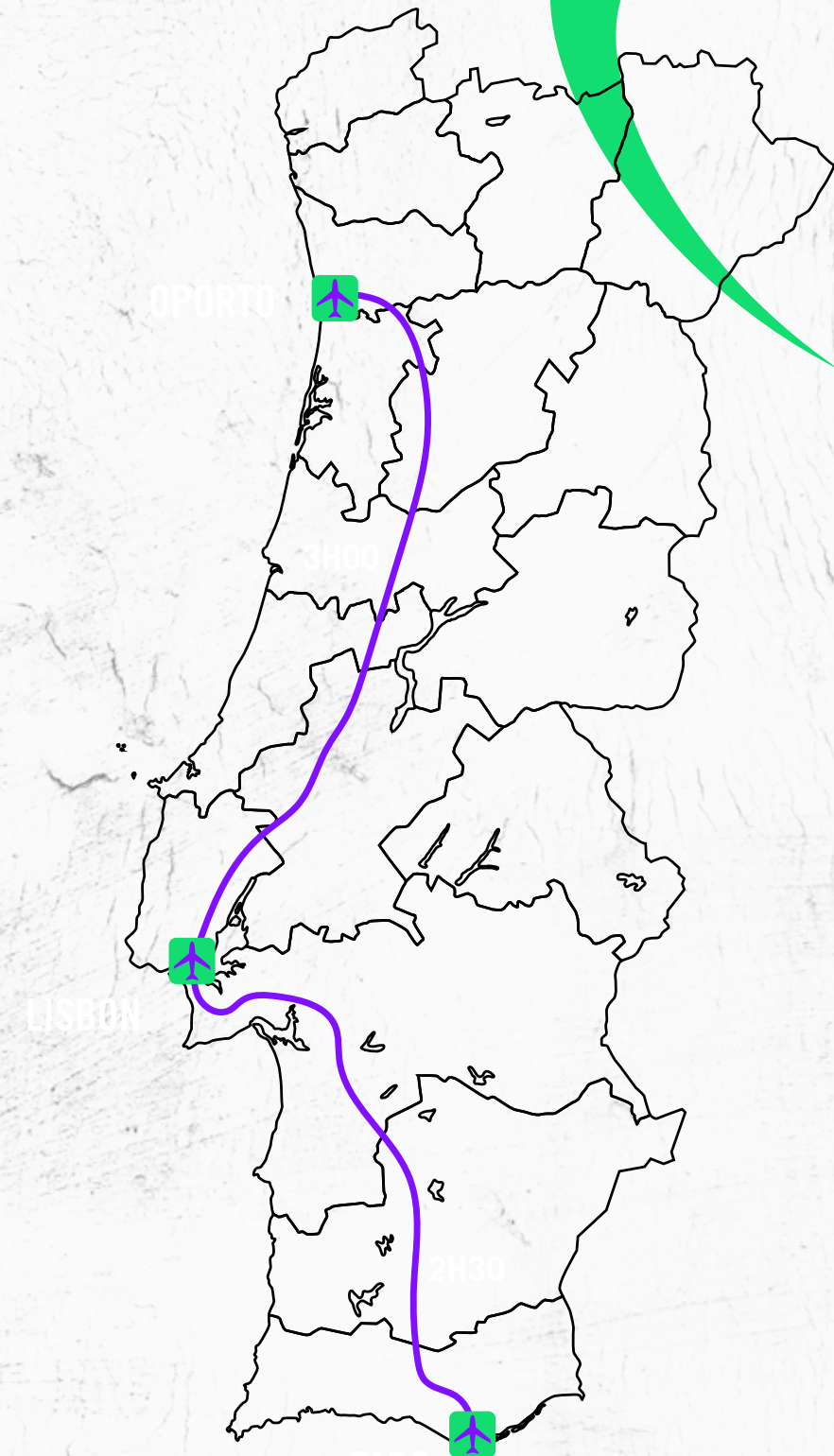
Direct flights to Lisbon International Airport from Europe, Africa, America and Asia are available from more than 110 different destinations. The airport is located in the heart of Lisbon making the route from the airport to the existing accommodations servicing the Festival, not taking much longer than 20 minutes by bus.

OPORTO

Flying to Oporto, with 84 destinations from Europe and the rest of the world is also a great way to get to the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival. Oporto, the World's Leading Seaside Metropolitan Destination in 2024 is only 3 hours away by bus to Lisbon on first class highways.

FARO

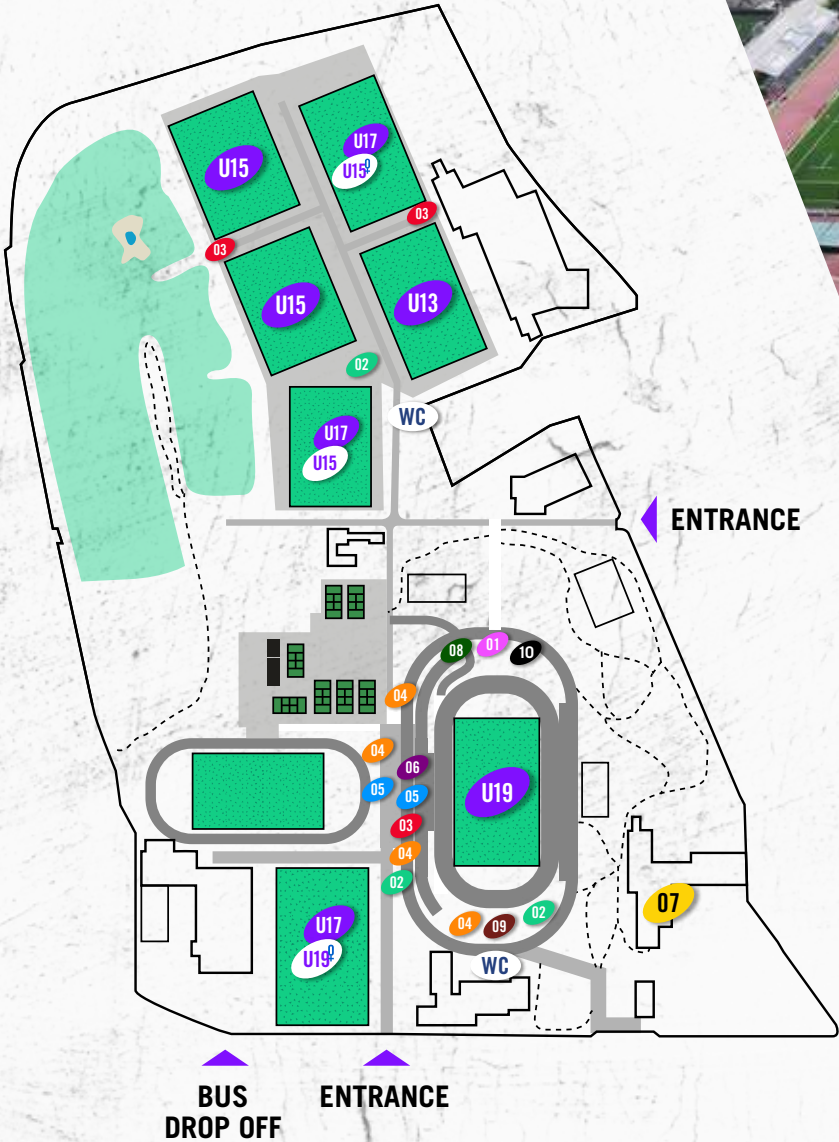
With more than 68 destinations, flying to Faro Airport, is an excellent option to get to the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival with cheaper prices in the flights. Enjoy the beautiful beaches in the Algarve and combine with the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival. Faro is less than 2h30 by bus on modern highways to Lisbon, and we can provide a good accommodation next to the beach or just a transfer to Lisbon!



TOURNAMENT FACILITIES

Lisbon, particularly the **ESTÁDIO UNIVERSITÁRIO DE LISBOA**, offers unparalleled conditions for playing rugby. It has hosted prestigious international events such as **THE WORLD RUGBY JUNIOR TROPHY 2015** and the **RUGBY EUROPE U18 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**, proudly organized by MOVE SPORTS. The venue includes one of the country's most iconic rugby stadiums, frequently serving as the home ground for the Portuguese National Rugby team. All pitches have been renovated and now feature artificial grass. Please note, due to venue regulations, **NO METAL STUDS ARE ALLOWED**.

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| 01 COACHES CORNER | 05 EXHIBITORS | 09 FOOD COURT |
| 02 BAR | 06 CHECK-IN | 10 MOVE SPORTS' LOUNGE |
| 03 CHANGING ROOMS | 07 TEAMS' LUNCH COURT | |
| 04 FUN PARK | 08 MEDICAL CENTER | |



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Teams should arrive in Lisbon by Friday, 11th April. Group phase matches will begin on Saturday morning, with all finals played on Sunday. The organization will coordinate and manage all internal transport arrangements for foreign teams arriving at any international airport in Portugal. Each team will be assisted by a Team Liaison Officer throughout their stay.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

The PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL will provide all participants with healthy meals and drinks at the accommodation sites. Breakfast and dinner are served buffet-style, with dinner always including a warm meal. Lunch is included in the festival package and will be served at the tournament venue. The lunch menu includes soup, salad, a main course, dessert, and drinks at the event's team lunch court.

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THE TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025** competition format ensures all teams have competitive matches and the opportunity to play against international opponents. The tournament will be played according to the World Rugby Laws of the Game Variations. On Saturday, the first day of the competition, each team is expected to play three matches. Play-off matches and finals (2 or 3 games per team) will be held on Sunday. The tournament organization reserves the right to make adjustments to the format, if necessary, to guarantee that every team plays a minimum of four matches during the event.



AGE GROUPS INVOLVED

BOYS

U13

01.09.2011 - 31.12.2013

U15

01.09.2009 - 31.12.2011

U17

01.09.2007 - 31.12.2009

U19

01.09.2005 - 31.12.2007

GIRLS*

U15

01.09.2009 - 31.12.2011

U17

01.09.2007 - 31.12.2009

U19

01.09.2005 - 31.12.2007



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FACTS

07 RUGBY
PITCHES

99 NATIONAL AND FOREIGN
PARTICIPATING TEAMS

11
COUNTRIES

47
REFEREES

810 FOREIGN
PLAYERS

1550 PORTUGUESE
PLAYERS

257 RUGBY
MATCHES



TEAMS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD

CANADA • USA • BRAZIL • ARGENTINA
IRELAND • FRANCE • SCOTLAND • WALES
ENGLAND • ITALY • SPAIN • GIBRALTAR
MALTA • UNITED ARAB EMIRATES • BELGIUM
QATAR • ZIMBABWE • NAMIBIA • SOUTH
AFRICA • NETHERLANDS • AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND • SRI LANKA • LUXEMBOURG
LATVIA • SWEDEN • GEORGIA • N. IRELAND



SOME OF THE PAST EDITION'S TESTIMONIALS

"Firstly, could I start by thanking you and your team enormously for last weekend's Lisbon festival? I was one of the coaches/parents of the Cobham Rugby Club U15's team from England. We utterly loved our weekend in your beautiful city and having now been on rugby tours with my eldest son for over 10 years, this was by far and away the best-organised festival I have ever been to. Huge congratulations on what you have been able to achieve. (...) We would love our younger boys to experience what our U15's did, and hopefully, this can become a regular occurrence for us as a club through the alternate years you run."

COACH/PARENT, COBHAM RUGBY CLUB ENGLAND

"Each season we take the boys away for an end-of-season tournament. We wanted a stronger test and chose the Portugal Rugby Festival because we knew of its reputation. It's the top tournament in Europe and we will be back."

OWAIN LLOYD, PENCOED YOUTH WALES

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"What we've seen so far is fantastic, a lot of good run and rugby, which is what the "Kiwi" guys like to play. The weather's turned out perfect. "

KEVIN PARSLOW, LONGBAY COLLEGE NEW ZEALAND

I just wanted to extend my gratitude for the incredible festival experience we had. Everything was exceptionally well-organized, and both the kids and supporters had an absolute blast. The standard of rugby showcased was impressive, and we couldn't be prouder of our team for clinching the 3rd place. However, receiving the fair play award was the amazing. It's a tremendous honour for us, as we always emphasize the importance of exemplary sportsmanship. To be recognized in this manner was truly amazing.

ROB, GIBRALTAR RUGBY GIBRALTAR

"The entire Rapids Rugby team, players, coaches, manager and medical person would like to thank everyone for all the work that went in to organizing a fabulous event. Right from the minute we arrived we knew that we were being taken care of. (...) The hostel was great and the location was amazing! We are thankful that we got to be on right on the ocean and have access to the beaches and great restaurants. (...) The 2 days of rugby and fun at the festival was an experience the girls will remember forever. The girls loved all the excitement, seeing all the other teams and getting to know players from different countries. We all had so much fun for the entire week and would recommend this event to other teams. Thank you for an amazing time and all your hard work that went in to organizing.

RAPIDS RUGBY, COMOX VALLEY, BC CANADA

"I have to thank you again for an exceptional tournament, easily the best-managed event I've attended in over 10 years with Doha Rugby. The biggest surprise to myself and the coaches, I think, was the Coaches' Corner; something we've never before encountered, and very much appreciated."

DAVID HARCOMBE, DOHA RFC QATAR

"I just wanted to personally message and thank you for the brilliant tournament you provided. It was a time I will personally never forget. (...) But I wanted to just say thank you, and I hope to see your team again. (...) indeed the tour really gave me a memory I will cherish in my heart forever. And I hope and plan to return soon. (...) Wishing you all the best."

HAMZA TUREDI, ASHFORD RFC PLAYER UK

"Congratulations on a very well-organised and successful event! Our Peterhouse Boys thoroughly enjoyed the festival and I'm sure have grown from the exposure!"

KIM STYLE, PETERHOUSE GROUPS OF SCHOOLS ZIMBABWE

"This tournament provides a strong international test and acts as a sharpener for the season ahead. We come with a winning mentality but also to play our part in this festival of rugby!"

MARCELL PUTAURA, IRON ARMOUR ACADEMY AUSTRALIA

SOME PREVIOUS PARTICIPATING TEAMS



WASPS



PETERHOUSE
GROUP OF SCHOOLS



Myerscough
College



VRAC



BIARRITZ
BO
PAYS
BASQUE



BRISTOL RUGBY



LONDON WELSH
RUGBY CLUB CHOIR



BATH
RUGBY



NORTH
MELBOURNE



BLACKHEATH
RUGBY



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RUGBY

SUPPORT AREAS

“COACHES CORNER”

VIP TENT

FOOD COURT WITH 1.220 SQ. METERS

EXHIBITION AND MERCHANDISING TENTS

FUN PARK

TEAM’S LUNCH COURT

MEDICAL CENTER

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INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

They are not always fondly looked upon, but they are essential to the game. Just like any of the other participants, they make mistakes, but their hit rate is better than any player's. They are the REFEREES and are a fundamental contributor to the success of the event. 2024 saw the onset of a partnership with RUGBY EUROPE and the participation of referees from the international european panels. This partnership is to be extended.



OFFICIAL BALL & KIT

OFFICIAL KIT 2024

2024 EDITION



OUTDOOR ADVERTISING



ACCOMMODATION

All our tournament packages include accommodation for players and team officials at holiday parks, youth hostels, and hotels in Lisbon, all within easy and quick access to the festival area. We ensure that all teams are comfortably accommodated at the most affordable prices. Each team will have a dedicated liaison officer available 24/7 during their entire stay for continuous assistance. Bath and toilet facilities at both the accommodation sites and the festival venue are of high quality.



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3 NIGHTS TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

OPTION 1

Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 3 x nights accommodation at 3 or 4- star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2025;
- Tournament kit (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament restaurant;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

4 NIGHTS TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

OPTION 2

Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 4 x nights accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2025;
- Tournament kit (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament restaurant;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

OPTIONAL

- Half/Full Day City Tour to Lisbon or Sintra;
- Surf Clinic;
- Adventure Park;
- Benfica or Sporting Stadium Visit.

5 NIGHTS TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

OPTION 3

Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 5 x nights accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2025;
- Tournament kit (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament restaurant;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

OPTIONAL

- Half/Full Day City Tour to Lisbon or Sintra;
- Surf Clinic, Adventure Park, Benfica Stadium Visit;
- Training Sessions;
- Friendly Fixtures.

LONG HAUL TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

OPTION 4

Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 6 or more nights accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2025;
- Tournament kit (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament restaurant;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

OPTIONAL

- Tour in Portugal (Oporto/Algarve) or Spain (Madrid/Barcelona);
- Full Day City Tour to Lisbon, Fátima, Évora or Sintra;
- Surf Clinic, Adventure Park, Benfica or Sporting Stadium Visit;
- Volunteering;
- Training Sessions;
- Friendly Fixtures.

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