

RUGBYX

PRESS RELEASE



France join England, Argentina, USA & Ireland as the latest participants at RugbyX.

RugbyX and the FFR today announced the France Men's and Women's team as the latest confirmed participating teams in RugbyX, the international Rugby Union tournament which will take place at The O2, London on 29th October 2019. This completes the women's roster with England, USA and Ireland and leaves just one spot on the men's to be announced shortly. RugbyX is a new, World Rugby and RFU approved format which sees international Rugby Sevens teams competing in a single-day tournament format.

RugbyX will be played under existing Rugby Union Laws in respect of foul play and breakdown penalties, but will include some law-trial adaptations in order to encourage simple and fast gameplay, including:

- 5 players per team
- Matches to last 10 minutes with no half time
- No line outs - quick throws to be taken by a substitute from the team in possession
- No conversions

Announcing the participation of the France Men's and Women's team, Ben Ryan, Technical Director of RugbyX, said:

"RugbyX is bringing World leading international Sevens rugby teams into Europe's Number 1 Entertainment Destination - the O2 Arena - for an adapted form of the game we love. RugbyX will provide new and existing fans with an opportunity to support their national team in a brand new rugby environment.

"The French teams have always been part of the biggest international rugby events and RugbyX will be no different. The recent performance of both the men's and women's teams has been exceptional with the men's teams already making two consecutive World Seven Series finals this year and the women's team finishing runners up at the RWC Sevens final in San Francisco last year, both are a great addition to the RugbyX line-up. We now have the women's teams finalised and the final men's team will be announced shortly, we will then be able to release details around the schedule and format and we can't wait to share this information with everyone".

- Jérôme Daret, Head Coach FFR Men's Sevens

"When I first heard about RugbyX I knew that it would be a format that would perfectly suit the type of rugby that we try to implement across the FFR. The fast-paced high intensity nature of the game will have our fans hooked from the start. To be able to play indoors in a huge arena is a feature that has our players excited and will prove to be a great spectacle, we can't wait to return to London later in the year".

Tickets will be available for afternoon (16:00 – 18:00) & evening (20:30 – 22:30) sessions and go on sale at 09:00 on 31st May via Ticketmaster and AXS.