

**RUGBYX**

# **PRESS RELEASE**



## **Ireland Men's and Women's teams will be at RugbyX in October 2019**

RugbyX and the IRFU have announced the Ireland Men's and Women's team as the next confirmed participating teams in RugbyX, the international Rugby Union tournament which will take place at The O2, London on 29th October 2019. RugbyX is a new, World Rugby and RFU approved format which sees international 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 Ireland 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 Ireland Sevens teams are in a great moment; the recent qualification by the men's squad as one of the core teams for the 2020 Series is a testament to Anthony Eddy, the backroom staff and the players especially after the near miss last year. They'll no doubt be looking to build on this through Tokyo 2020 qualification in the coming months. The women's team have now consolidated their position on the World Series circuit and to have them both as part of the event in October is an exciting prospect".

David Nucifora, Performance Director IRFU

"Anthony and the teams have been making great progress on the pitch over the last few years and RugbyX will provide a fantastic platform to showcase our talents. We always enjoy competing in London and this will be no different."

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.