

RUGBYX

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The Men's and Women's Eagles Sevens have landed as the latest participants at RugbyX.

RugbyX and USA Rugby today announced the USA Men's and USA Women's teams are the latest teams to be confirmed as 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 USA Men's and Women's teams, 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 exponential improvement of both the USA Men's and Women's teams within the Sevens format has been very impressive. This year more than ever has shown the continued growth in strength of the USA teams as their teams currently sit 1st and 2nd in their respective World Rugby Sevens Series leagues. Boasting some of the fastest players across the format of the game, including current world sevens player of the year Perry Baker, there is no doubt that the USA will be quick to impose their skill and flair on this new format of the game".

Mike Friday, Head Coach USA 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 USA Rugby. 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.