



PORTUGAL 24
RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL

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

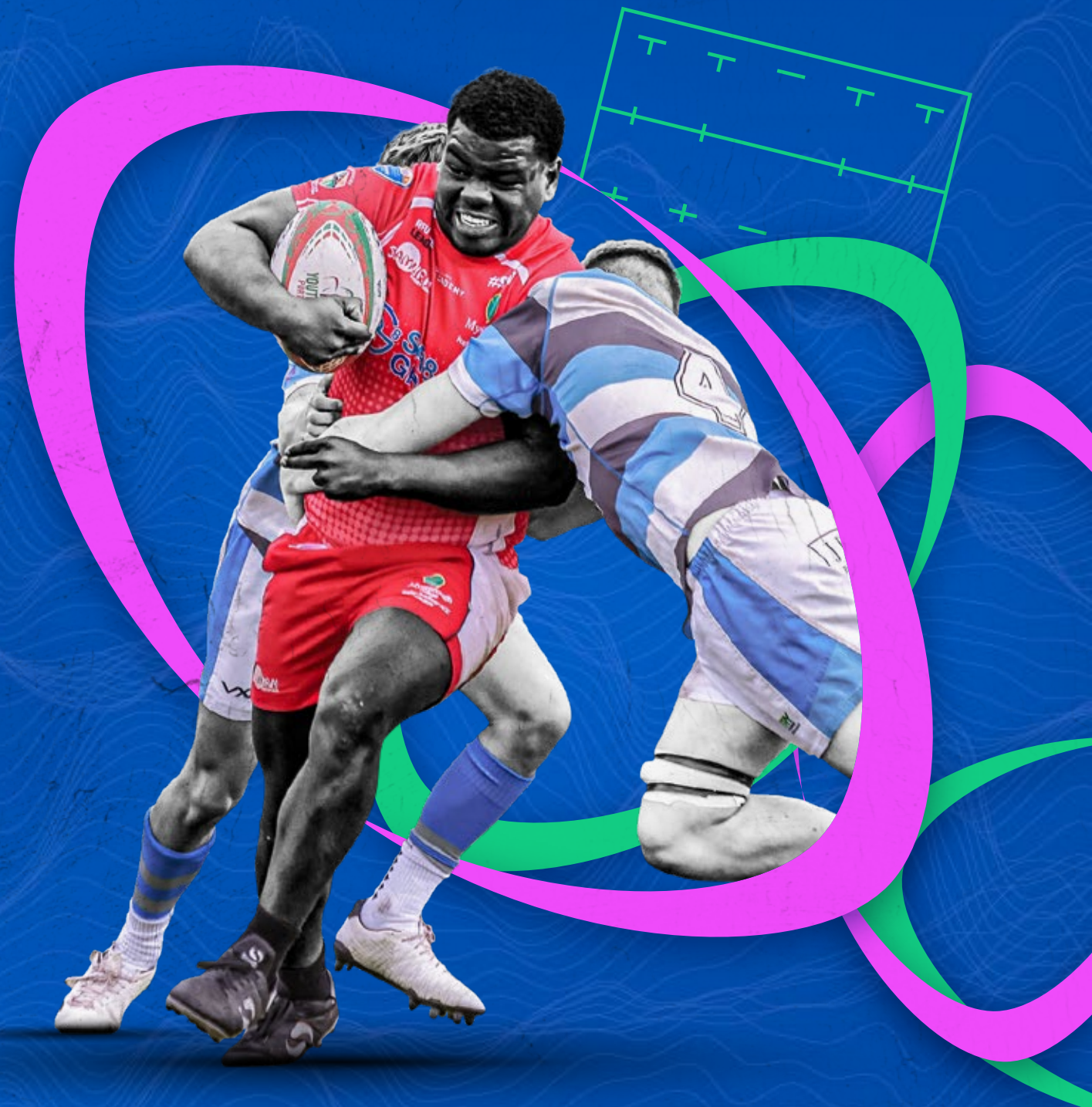
**16TH EDITION • 6 & 7 APRIL
LISBON UNIVERSITY STADIUM**

WELCOME TO THE 16TH EDITION 2024

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** has already established itself as the **BEST AND MOST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RUGBY FESTIVAL** for clubs, academies, colleges and school teams held in Europe. Since the first event the tournament has hosted more than 35 000 youngsters, over 130 different clubs/schools/academies from more than 25 different countries.

It is known for its excellent organization and standard of play. We strive to improve every year to provide an unforgettable event and life-long impacting sensations and emotions to every participant. To all Portuguese players, we hope that they soak-in the different cultures and enjoy the benefits from playing with teams from all over the world. As for the visiting teams, we want them to have a “taste” of our developed standard of rugby and, simultaneously, feel the warmth of the Portuguese people and take the best memories from Lisbon and all it has to offer. We are certain that your experience will be memorable and that you will desire to come back again, as happens with most of our visitors.

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** was created to be a meeting point for young players from all parts of the world where Rugby is the common element and the language that all understand. Regardless of each team level and aspirations, all are welcomed in Portugal with open arms and have an important role to play in this event. In fact, it's exactly that combination of different origins and goals that make the **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** an absolutely unique event!



DON'T MISS OUT!



PRYF 2024 AMBASSADOR

PHILIPPE

SELLA

When **PHILIPPE SELLA** retired from international rugby in 1995, his 111 appearances made him the world's most capped player. During a career that spanned 13 years, Sella had mesmerised and destroyed defences the world over.

PREVIOUS AMBASSADORS



LEWIS MOODY
2019



TOM VARNDEL
2015



JPR WILLIAMS
2013

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PASSION FOR RUGBY

The passion for rugby is the key reason to take part in this event. More than **300 RUGBY MATCHES IN ONLY 2 DAYS** played on **7 RUGBY PITCHES**, transforms the Estádio Universitário de Lisboa into a playground of dreams for so many young rugby players and enthusiasts too! Every year we have more enquiries from foreign teams.

The referees, an integral part of our sport and who are frequently overlooked, are essential to the success of the event. To all teams and players, we remind you to always respect them! We also invite officials from different countries and always ask visiting teams if they want to bring one in their touring parties to be included in the tournament's official referee group. Over the years we have had referees from Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Brazil, UK, Ireland, Zimbabwe, Belgium, Malta, Gibraltar, Moldova and the Ukraine and some of them have moved up the ranks in their countries to the international level.



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ENJOY LISBON, ENJOY PORTUGAL

Lisbon is the **WORLD'S LEADING SEASIDE METROPOLITAN DESTINATION IN 2022** and also **EUROPE'S LEADING CITY BREAK DESTINATION IN 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022** awarded by World Travel Awards.

Portugal is **EUROPE'S LEADING DESTINATION 2022** for the 5th time in six years and is in the top 6 of the **WORLD'S SAFEST DESTINATION.**



LISBON

SAFETY

Safety is always one of the biggest concerns when travelling, specially with children, but not to Portugal. According to a 2022 study by Global Peace index, Portugal is the world's 6th safest country, only behind Iceland, New Zealand, Ireland, Denmark and Austria.

MODERNITY

The heart of Lisbon is filled with wide avenues, green trees, modernist-style buildings, mosaic decorations and numerous cafes. The city is now being reborn and renovated and was recently considered one of the trendiest cities in the world.

CULTURE

The cultural scene in Lisbon today is a vibrant combination of old and new, as the ghosts of Lisbon's grand past echo evocatively around the city's contemporary venues.

WEATHER

In general, Portugal boasts a temperate climate all year round with long hot summers, warm spring and autumn months and relatively mild winters. The city of Lisbon and its surroundings are located in the coastal area, bathed by the Atlantic Ocean.



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ATTRACTIONS

The capital, Lisbon, is a captivating city filled with fascinating history and can be explored very conveniently. Visit the famous neighborhoods of Alfama, Mouraria and Graça, the city's old quarter and perhaps its most atmospheric part. Nearby, Lisbon's dramatically located St Jorge's Castle dates back to Roman times and offers breathtaking city panoramas, over roof-tops and across the mighty River Tagus. The waterfront suburb of Belem, the departure point for Portugal's great maritime discoverers of the 15th and 16th centuries and the impressive Lisbon sights, thoughtfully clustered together.

FRIENDLINESS

Portugal is an extremely friendly place. Its people are amongst the nicest and helpful to visiting tourists and truly have pleasure and enjoy being good hosts. Most locals will speak perfect English, without any visible annoyance, even with pleasure!

EASY ACCESS

Lisbon is only 2 hours away from most western European cities and there are now many low-cost flight connections to the city's main airport. The tournament venue is located only 5 km from the Lisbon International Airport, and from almost every accommodation facilities.

LEISURE

The city of Lisbon has a fantastic atmosphere. The options for spending a free day in Lisbon are almost infinite, with its blend of ancient and modern architecture; all kinds of interesting monuments scattered around every corner; exciting tourist activities such as Bus, Tuk Tuk and Sailing Tours, or even its wide selection of high-end Shopping Centres. A must-see for anyone who wants to experience southern European lifestyle at its best.



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HOW TO GET TO LISBON



LISBON

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 City Destination in 2022 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, and in particular the **ESTÁDIO UNIVERSITÁRIO DE LISBOA**, offers unparalleled conditions for the practice of Rugby. It has hosted in the past international events such as: **THE WORLD RUGBY JUNIOR TROPHY 2015** and the **RUGBY EUROPE U18 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016** (proudly organized by MOVE SPORTS). Included is one of the country's most emblematic rugby stadiums, on many occasions home venue of the Portuguese National Rugby team. All the pitches will undergo renovations starting in the summer of 2023 and will be ready for the new season, commencing in September. All match pitches will be 4G artificial grass.

PRYF 2023 TOURNAMENT VENUE SETUP



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

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

On Friday, 5th April, we will host an opening event (Welcome Cocktail) for team officials, referees, sponsors and organization in a local venue to be announced. Group phase matches start Saturday morning. All finals will be played Sunday. The organization will coordinate and make all travel arrangements for foreign teams arriving by air in any International Airport in Portugal. All teams will be assisted by a Team Liaison Officer for the whole period of stay.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

The Portugal Rugby Youth Festival organization will provide all participants with healthy athlete food and drinks at the accommodation sites. Breakfast and dinner are served on buffet style and dinner is always a warm meal. Lunch is included in the festival package and will be taken at the tournament venue. The lunch menu includes soup, salad, main course, dessert and drinks at the event restaurant/ food lounge.



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THE TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2024** competition format permits all teams competitive matches and the chance to play against international opponents. The tournament will be played according to World Rugby Laws of the Game Variations. On the Saturday, the first day of the competition, every team is expected to play 3 matches. The play-off matches and finals (2 or 3 games per team) will be played on Sunday. The tournament organization reserves the right (if needed) to make adjustments to the tournament format to guarantee that every team plays a minimum number of 4 rugby matches during the event.



AGE GROUPS INVOLVED

BOYS

U13:

01.09.2010 until 31.12.2012

U15:

01.09.2008 until 31.12.2010

U17:

01.09.2006 until 31.12.2008

U19:

01.09.2004 until 31.12.2006

GIRLS

U15:

01.09.2008 until 31.12.2010

U19:

01.09.2004 until 31.12.2006



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PRYF 2023 FACTS

07 RUGBY PITCHES

12 COUNTRIES 49 REFEREES

95 NATIONAL AND FOREIGN PARTICIPATING TEAMS 246 RUGBY MATCHES

1418 PORTUGUESE PLAYERS 908 FOREIGN RUGBY PLAYERS



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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

SOME OF THE LAST EDITION'S TESTEMONIALS

"We see this tournament as an opportunity and a platform. For our rugby teams it enables us to participate in a strongly contested tournament at the start of the season to prepare us for the season. And in life it provides camaraderie, memorable experiences shared with other cultures. It also offers us a path to develop our young people and a platform to promote our school on an international stage."

HENDRIK GROVE,
WINDHOEK HIGH SCHOOL NAMIBIA

"Just wanted to thank you for a fantastic tournament and dealing with all our queries and questions so patiently and effectively. The players had a ball and we were delighted to have the Portuguese players with us - they were excellent and integrated so well."

ROB DOLAN,
GALWAY CORINTHIANS IRELAND

"Meant to email you last month to say thanks for your assistance in getting us to Lisbon. Boys and parents had a great time and I think you will have some more teams from Harrogate in the next few years as has generated lots of interest."

MATT DUNCOMBE,
HARROGATE RAPTORS ENGLAND

"Once again thank you very much it was a great festival and I would recommend it to any rugby teams to go. I have said to our junior section that it's a very worthwhile tour, so maybe in the future another team from Builth will attend."

LYNDON JONES
BUILTH WELLS WALES

"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

"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

"In the name of the Royal Kituro Rugby Club, in the name of my friend coaches and in my own name, I would like to thank you for the organization of the rugby tournament and of our trip and for your big help! We had a really great time in Lisbon."

JOHN CATTEAU,
ROYAL KITURO BELGIUM

"We've not participated before but I'll be recommending this Festival to anyone I speak with when I get back. It's a first class tournament, strong competition, great organisation and a fulfilling experience for every member of the Club."

RUSSEL TICEHURST,
BLACKHEATH RUGBY CLUB ENGLAND

"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 HARCMBE,
DOHA RFC QATAR



SOME PREVIOUS PARTICIPATING TEAMS



WASPS



PETERHOUSE
GROUP OF SCHOOLS



Myerscough
College



VRAG



BRISTOL RUGBY



NORTH
MELBOURNE



LONDON WELSH
RUGBY CLUB CHOIR



BLACKHEATH
RUGBY

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SUPPORT AREAS

“COACHES CORNER” • VIP
TENT • LARGE RESTAURANT:
1.220 SQ. METERS • EXHIBITION
AND MERCHANDISING TENTS
FUN PARK • PLAYERS LOUNGE
MEDICAL CENTER



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!** In this past edition they came from Portugal, Gibraltar, UK, Spain, Ukraine, Belgium and Moldova. In the past two years the Referee Manager has been Mike Mulroy. He and his team have undertaken the recruitment, coordination and coaching of the tournament referees.



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OFFICIAL BALL

2023 EDITION

OFFICIAL KIT

2023 EDITION



OUTDOOR ADVERTISING



ACCOMMODATION

All our tournament packages include accommodation for players & team officials at holiday parks, youth hostels and hotels in Lisbon within easy and quick access to the festival area. It is our standard to have all teams well & comfortably accommodated at the cheapest possible price. Each team will have its own team liaison officer 24h per day during the entire period of stay for permanent assistance. Bath and toilet facilities at the accommodation sites and festival venue are of good 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*/4* star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2024;
- 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 hotel of the team;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

**ALL PACKAGES
CAN BE
PERSONALIZED
UPON REQUEST.**

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*/4* star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2024;
- 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 hotel of the team;
- 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*/4* star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2024;
- 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 hotel of the team;
- 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:

- Tour package includes:
- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 6 or more nights accommodation at 3*/4* star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival 2024;
- 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 hotel of the team;
- 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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