



TOURNOI DES CAPITALES

8th EDITION



International Rugby Sevens tournament for Boys (U16) & Girls (U18)

22nd – 24th September 2017

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2017 TOURNOI DES CAPITALES: INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends,

In 2006 the Paris Rugby Committee, the local branch of the FFR (French Rugby Union), organised the first **Tournoi des Capitales**, a Rugby Sevens tournament for young players from the world's capital cities. 10 years and 7 editions later, with 7-a-side rugby firmly on the world map following the Rio Olympic Games, we are now preparing the 2017 edition, which will, for the second time, include parallel competitions for boys and girls.

At previous editions, we have welcomed teams representing cities from Australia, South Africa, Argentina, Japan, Brazil, Kenya and Republic of Congo, as well as teams from many European cities. In 2017, we are especially keen to welcome as many teams as possible from outside France, in both male and female categories.

Our tournament has maintained a continuous level of sporting excellence over the years, and this, allied with the active pitchside presence of ambassadors such as Steve Thompson, Sergio Parisse, James Haskell and Wesley Fofana, has attracted significant attention from both media and sporting public. In 2017 the finals will be played for the third time at Paris' brand new Jean Bouin stadium, home of the Stade Français club and of the Paris stage of the World Sevens every May.

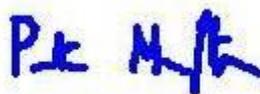
We pride ourselves on the fact that as well as being a model of sporting excellence, the tournament is an opportunity for 300 youngsters from a diverse range of cultural, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds to come together off the field, mix with one another, and enjoy the unique experience of a weekend in Paris. For teams coming from afar, we can help you organise a longer stay in the region, which would include sporting exchanges with local clubs.

At the 2017 edition, as the world continues to mark the centenary of the First World War, all the teams will assemble on the Saturday evening at the Ecole Militaire, to pay tribute to the men and women who fought and died during the 1914-1918 conflict. The tournament is officially certified by the **Mission du Centenaire**, the public body in charge of France's commemorative programme.

Last but not least, I should emphasise that our tournament is a non-profit making endeavour, and that the entry fee for a delegation (see last page) covers about one quarter of the real cost of its three-day stay, the rest being covered by our public and private partners.

You'll find the provisional programme and other tournament details overleaf. If you would like to enter a team, please send us your 10 key details (see last page) as soon as possible. Obviously both tournament format and accommodation capacity oblige us to restrict the number of teams invited, and we are obliged to take certain criteria, including playing level but also requests from countries which have never participated before, into consideration as we select our participants. What is certain is that the quicker you express your interest, the greater chance you have of taking part!

If you aren't already familiar with our tournament, please visit www.tournoidescapitales.com and enjoy the films on the YouTube link there, and the photos in the **Previous Editions** section.



Peter Macnaughton
President of the Organising Committee

2017 TOURNOI DES CAPITALES: PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 22nd September 2017



Daytime

Arrival of delegations at CISP Youth Hostel: official registration, ID and age checks, room occupation.

Short optional training session at Carpentier stadium.

Technical briefing for teams, coaches and referees.



Evening

Paris by Night: boat cruise on River Seine, featuring tournament pool draw ... and the inevitable song contest between teams!

Saturday 23rd September 2017



Daytime

Tournament pool phase at Georges Carpentier stadium.



Evening

WW1 Commemoration ceremony and short presentations and films at the Ecole Militaire, followed by dinner in the Ecole's prestigious dining rooms.

Sunday 24th September 2017



Daytime

Tournament knock-out phase at Jean Bouin stadium.
Awards Ceremony (ending at 4pm).

2017 TOURNOI DES CAPITALES: TOURNAMENT DETAILS

The **Tournoi des Capitales** is an international Rugby Sevens tournament for boys and girls, organised since 2006 by the Paris Rugby Committee, the local branch of the FFR (French Rugby Federation). It is one of the FFR's oldest officially recognised and certified Sevens tournaments.

The 8th edition will take place in Paris from Friday 22nd September to Sunday 24th September, 2017 inclusive and will feature, in parallel and in the same stadiums, **one competition for boys in the U16 age category** (as defined by the FFR, i.e. boys born in **2002** and **2003**) and **one for girls in the U18 age category** (as defined by the FFR, i.e. girls born in **2000**, **2001** and **2002**).

Please note the following details:

- A delegation will comprise **16 persons** (4 adults and 12 players).
- The entry fee will be **1200 euros per delegation** (payment by bank transfer only). This fee covers **full board** for its 16 members from Friday noon (incl. lunch) to Sunday afternoon, with accommodation in the CISP Youth Hostel in southern Paris (Porte d'Italie), and transport between the delegation's place of arrival in the Paris region (airport or train station) and the CISP, and during the tournament (to and from stadiums and evening events).
- Delegations will bear the cost of transportation between their place of origin and their place of arrival in the Paris region.
- Delegations must provide written authorisation from their Home Union to play in the tournament, and proof of comprehensive insurance for all their members, on and off the field.
- Because the Paris Rugby Committee is a green organisation which supports the City of Paris' environmental policy, public transportation will be used within Paris whenever feasible.
- We cannot accommodate any additional adults, but can recommend hotel accommodation, and, subject to availability of places, can include a limited number of extra adults in the evening activities, for a small additional cost.

For further information, please contact Peter Macnaughton, President of the Organising Committee, on +33 6 0841 2108 or parisrugby@noos.fr

2017 TOURNOI DES CAPITALES: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in taking part in the 2017 Tournoi des Capitales, please send the following 10 key details as soon as possible, and no later than 31st January 2017, by e-mail to parisrugby@noos.fr :

1. **Boys' or girls' team (if both, please send 2 separate lists)**
2. **Home Union or Federation**
3. **Name of team**
4. **Type of team (e.g. club, school, regional or national selection)**
5. **Full postal address**
6. **Telephone**
7. **E-mail address**
8. **Name of contact person**
9. **Telephone of contact person (if different from above)**
10. **E-mail of contact person (if different from above)**