On behalf of World Rugby, it is my pleasure to welcome you to rugby sevens at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, whether you are attending in person or reporting virtually via the excellent broadcast coverage and digital media services.

It has been a uniquely challenging journey for all involved to reach these Olympic Games and we thank the IOC, Tokyo 2020 and the Japanese authorities for their hard work and dedication to ensure the delivery of a safe, secure and high quality environment for the 12 men’s and 12 women’s teams to perform at the best of their abilities in a truly world-class venue.

During this difficult time for humanity the Tokyo Olympics can act as a symbol of global unity, solidarity and inspiration. We are stronger together and we believe there is no better sport than rugby to reflect those integral values both on and off the pitch.

Interest in rugby sevens is fast-growing around the globe and we can look forward to a fantastic showcase of the speed, skill and end-to-end drama of this intense and dynamic game over six days of thrilling competition which features teams from all six World Rugby regions.

Following the outstanding success of Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan, which captured the host nation’s imagination with record-breaking broadcast audiences and huge numbers of new rugby fans, rugby sevens is expected to be one of the most highly anticipated sports of the Tokyo Games. It is fantastic to see rugby back in action at Tokyo Stadium, which was an excellent host venue in 2019.

The inclusion of rugby sevens for the first time in the Olympic Games at Rio 2016 had a profound effect on the sport, attracting an estimated 30 million new fans globally and we are constantly looking at innovative ways to develop the sport, engage with new fans and increase its worldwide coverage.

The players are the stars of the show and to ensure the teams are as best prepared as possible for these Games, and thanks to support received from the IOC, World Rugby has invested US$4 million into Olympic qualified unions’ sevens programmes and towards hosting a number of high-performance preparation events.

Now it is time for the best players on the planet to demonstrate their talents on the world’s biggest sporting stage, and I have no doubt every player is very excited and proud to be representing their nations here in Tokyo.

My thanks and best wishes go to all the players, coaches, match officials, staff, volunteers and fans who have made this event possible and are the heart and soul of our game – an inclusive sport for all.

Enjoy the show.

Sir Bill Beaumont CBE DL
World Rugby Chairman
World Rugby launched a major new rugby sevens campaign called ‘This is how we sevens’ on 16 June as excitement continued to build towards the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The campaign aims to showcase the vibrancy, excitement and breadth of personalities involved across rugby sevens, supporting World Rugby’s core objective of maximising the Olympic exposure to attract and engage fans from across the globe with the sport.

A bold and dynamic look and feel, brought to life in the campaign launch video, combined with a suite of new content strands will help bring rugby sevens to fans, both existing and new, across a seven-week period.

In-depth storytelling will be at the forefront of the approach with a sevens-specific The Open Side interview series, featuring the likes of rugby sevens superstars Carlin Isles, Dan Norton and Celia Quansah.

The ever-popular Ultimate Rugby Challenge Series will also take on a sevens flavour with a number of skills-based challenges pushing teams right to their limits. Newer fans to the sport will be able to learn the ins and outs of sevens with the ‘Freshman Fan’ series on World Rugby’s TikTok channel.

Despite the disruptions brought about by COVID-19, fans will still get a sneak peak into the hard work going on behind the scenes with some of the top teams, with footage from the USA women’s training camp in California and an all-access pass to Argentina men’s preparations in Buenos Aires.

Fans can follow the campaign across all World Rugby’s social platforms using #HOWWESEVENS
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**SEVEN REASONS WHY SEVENS AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES ARE A PERFECT FIT**

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**GENDER EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

The women's competition kicked off rugby sevens' Olympic journey at Rio 2016 but this time it will bring down the curtain in Tokyo 2020 with the medals to be decided on 'Super Saturday'. A key element of World Rugby's new strategic plan, women's rugby is experiencing unprecedented growth with more than a quarter of the world's playing population now female and latest Nielsen research for World Rugby reporting women's rugby is on the rise with interest in established markets up to 45 per cent and in emerging markets to 27 per cent.

**GLOBAL REACH**

Since rugby sevens was added to the Olympic programme in October 2009, participation numbers in World Rugby member unions have grown from 3.7 million to 9.6 million with 28 per cent – 2.7 million – of them women. Rio 2016 attracted an estimated 30 million new fans to the sport, while the historic images of Fiji's men winning their country's first-ever Olympic medal of any colour were beamed around the world, sparking wild celebrations across the rugby-mad Pacific Island nation as their heroes brought home the gold medal.

**VALUES**

Sevens is about family and while teams compete fiercely on the pitch they also share the same hotels and eat their meals together with the match officials on the World Rugby Sevens Series, creating a special environment where lifelong friendships are formed. Rugby's core values of integrity, respect, passion, solidarity and discipline align perfectly with those of the Olympic family.

**JAPAN**

In beating New Zealand on their way to fourth place, Japan were the surprise package of the men’s competition at Rio 2016. Expectations will be even higher for the men's and women's teams on home soil at Tokyo 2020 with a more knowledgeable audience watching on after Japan hosted Rugby World Cup 2019. That record-breaking tournament introduced a new audience to rugby across the country, creating new fans and bringing others back into the fold, be they young or old, male or female, united by the most successful tournament for their Brave Blossoms.

**STAR APPEAL**

Rugby sevens' breath-taking blend of high-octane action, fan-participation and world-class athletes attracts celebrity fans from all over the world. Rahul Bose, the Bollywood director, actor and former India player, is a massive fan, while actor Matthew McConaughey, cricket star Sachin Tendulkar and astronaut Buzz Aldrin all attended rugby sevens at Rio 2016. Hollywood also beckons with a film to be made of Fiji’s gold medal story.

**ATHLETICISM**

Rugby sevens players will be among the fittest athletes at the Olympic Games. Fourteen minutes of non-stop, fast-paced action on a full-size pitch with only seven players per side requires huge aerobic capacity alongside agility, fast footwork, pace, power and strength to unlock defences.
Sevens – A Youthful Sport With A Big History

A timeline of key moments in sevens history

1883 - The Olympic sport of rugby sevens is ‘born’ in the Scottish town of Melrose

1973 - The Scottish Rugby Union celebrated its centenary with an international sevens tournament, the first in history

1976 - The first Hong Kong Sevens is held

1993 - Inspired by sevens maestro Waisale Serevi, Fiji won the first of two Rugby World Cup Sevens in Hong Kong

1997 - The IRB Sevens World Series launches in Dubai, the men’s series that is today played in 10 iconic destinations around the world

1998 - Fiji end New Zealand’s dominance of the World Series title

1999 - History is made in Dubai as the first women’s World Rugby Sevens Series kicks off with New Zealand claiming the inaugural Cup title

2001 - Rugby sevens is emphatically voted onto the Olympic programme for 2016 and 2020, by 81 votes to eight, at the International Olympic Committee Session in Copenhagen on 9 October

2006 - Rugby sevens made its Pan American Games debut in Guadalajara, Mexico with Canada’s men claiming gold

2009 - Australia’s women win the first Rugby World Cup Sevens in Dubai, while Wales are crowned champions in the men’s competition

2010 - New Zealand win the first of three Rugby World Cup Sevens in Argentina

2011 - Samoa follow South Africa’s example the year before by winning a first men’s Series title

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2014 - Australia’s women and France’s men won gold in sevens at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China

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Women’s sevens makes its Commonwealth Games debut with New Zealand beating hosts Australia in sudden-death extra-time to win gold.
RIO 2016 – A GAME-CHANGER FOR RUGBY

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When rugby sevens made its debut at Rio 2016, it brought an end to a 92-year absence for the sport of rugby from the Olympic programme, having last featured in its 15s format at the 1924 Paris Games when USA claimed the gold medal, beating France 17-3.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founding father of the modern Olympic Games, was a passionate supporter of rugby and the 1924 competition was the fourth time rugby had been included in the programme, having appeared in 1900, 1908 and 1920.

Sadly, following the end of his presidency of the International Olympic Committee in 1925, rugby was dropped from the programme, leaving USA as the unexpected answer to the trivia question of who the reigning Olympic rugby champions were.

It was only in the 1990s that efforts began to reunite rugby with the Olympic Games with a significant step taken when the International Rugby Board – now World Rugby were confirmed as a Recognised International Federation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Cardiff in 1994.

In 2001, a recommendation was made by the Olympic Programme Commission to the IOC Session that rugby should be added to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Unfortunately, the recommended modernisations to the programme were not carried through. Rugby was again shortlisted for consideration for adding to the London 2012 programme, but the IOC elected not to add any new sports, leaving the sport's goal of an Olympic return to remain tantalisingly out of reach.

Bernard Lapasset, upon his election as World Rugby Chairman in October 2007, made rugby’s return to the Olympic programme one of his priorities. In 2009, following a concerted campaign by the international federation, its member unions, regional associations and the rugby family, the sport was again shortlisted for inclusion in the 2016 and 2020 Games. New Zealand’s Jonah Lomu, Australia’s Cheryl Soon, Kenya’s Humphrey Kayange, Argentina’s Agustin Pichot and Kazakhstan’s Anastassiya Khamova joined Lapasset in presenting rugby sevens’ case for inclusion to IOC members at the 121st IOC Session in Copenhagen.

The vote was overwhelming in favour with 81 votes to eight against, ensuring 9 October, 2009 would forever be a significant date in rugby’s history with the top men’s and women’s players now able to compete for the ultimate prize of an Olympic gold medal.

Rugby sevens was included in the Youth Olympic Games 2014 in Nanjing, China, with Australia’s women and France’s men winning gold. Two years later, sevens proved a huge success at Rio 2016 with crowds packing into the Deodoro Stadium to see Australia’s women beat New Zealand to claim gold before Fiji’s men created history by beating Great Britain to win their country’s first-ever Olympic medal of any colour.

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RUGBY AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

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The 24 teams competing at Tokyo 2020 qualified via a number of routes, starting with the Japan men’s and women’s teams as host nation.

The top four teams in the men’s and women’s World Rugby Sevens Series 2019 were next to confirm their tickets to Tokyo. Champions Fiji, USA, New Zealand and South Africa were the top four on the men’s series, with champions New Zealand, USA, Canada and Australia on the women’s series.

The qualification process then switched to the World Rugby regional associations with one men’s and one women’s place available from each regional qualifier, with the exception of North America where there would be no direct women’s qualifier after USA and Canada qualified via the Series.

Instead, the top two teams would enter the repechage where two tickets to Tokyo were on offer.

This regional process saw Argentina, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Kenya and Korea confirm their places in the men’s competition in Tokyo, the latter needing a sudden-death try in extra-time to win the Asian qualifier.

Brazil, China, Fiji, Great Britain and Kenya emerged from the women’s regional qualifiers to book their tickets to Tokyo with China, like the men’s teams of Canada and Korea, set to make their Olympic debuts having missed out on Rio 2016.

That left three places to fill – one men’s and two women’s – through the World Rugby Sevens Repechage which took place at Stade Louis II in Monaco on 18-20 June. The Repechage featured nine men’s and 11 women’s teams, with the second and third highest ranked non-qualified teams in each regional qualifier invited to take part.

With his Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco watching on from the stands, the three teams who with cause to celebrate Olympic qualification were France and Russia’s women and Ireland’s men.

France and Russia went into the event as strong favourites as the only core teams on the World Series, and they lived up to that billing by beating Hong Kong (51-0) and Kazakhstan (38-0) in their Qualifier Finals respectively. France did not concede a try in five matches, while Russia’s line was breached only once, by Sofía González of Argentina.

The men’s event was harder to call with three Series teams among those competing for one spot. France and Ireland topped their pools and would meet in the final after overcoming Samoa and Hong Kong respectively in the semi-finals. France led at half-time, but two quick-fire Jordan Conroy tries turned the match in Ireland’s favour and they ran out 28-19 winners.

While France played at Rio 2016, it will be an Olympic debut for Russia and Ireland.

The rugby sevens competitions at Tokyo 2020 will be played at Tokyo Stadium from 26-31 July, 2021.

The men’s action will take place from 26-28 July, followed by the women’s on 29-31 July with their medals presented on ‘Super Saturday’.

Tokyo Stadium is no stranger to rugby, having been one of the venues when Rugby World Cup 2019 was hosted by Japan.

Nine matches during the record-breaking tournament were played at Tokyo Stadium, including the opening match when Japan beat Russia 30-10 and the bronze final when New Zealand overcame Wales 40-17.

Tokyo Stadium will also host football and modern pentathlon during the Games.
The pools were announced by World Rugby on 28 June, following the confirmation of the final three teams bound for Tokyo 2020 via the Repechage in Monaco.

The seeding for the competition is based on World Rugby Sevens Series points accumulated across the 2018/19 and 2019/20 seasons.

The four teams that qualified directly for the Games via the 2019 Series were guaranteed to be in the top four seeds, with their position determined by their rankings across the two Series.

For any teams that are not core teams on the men’s or women’s World Rugby Sevens Series, their seeding was determined by World Rugby based on an analysis of performances in Series tournaments across the two seasons or other World Rugby sanctioned events such as Series qualifiers or regional tournaments.

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TOKYO 2020: QUICKFIRE SEVENS

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Jerry Tuwai is the sole member of Fiji’s first-ever Olympic gold medal winning side from Rio hoping to complete a golden double

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Australia’s golden girls back to defend their Olympic title in Tokyo (Charlotte Caslick, Shannon Parry, Eavia Heihe, Emma Tonegato and Sharni Williams)

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Players who were involved at Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan, Samu Kerevi (AUS), Semi Raiaasa (Fiji), Andrew Coe, Conor Trainor and Theo Sauder (CAN) and Martin Losefa (USA)

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Rio 2016 Olympians returning for a second Olympic Games in Tokyo

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World Rugby Women’s Sevens Players of the Year in the New Zealand squad (Portia Woodman in 2015, Michaela Blyde in 2017 and 2018, and Ruby Tui in 2019)

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Coaches set for a second Olympic Games, four with the same teams in Santiago Gomez Cara (Argentina men), David Courteix (France women), Mike Friday (USA men) and Neil Powell (South Africa men). Tim Walsh coached Australia’s women to gold in Rio and is now at the helm of the country’s men

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World Rugby Men’s Sevens Players of the Year selected in squads for Tokyo 2020 (Tim Mikkelson in 2013, Perry Baker in 2017 and 2018, and Jerry Tuwai in 2019)

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Different nations represented among the 24 teams competing at Tokyo 2020

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Players involved in each competition at Tokyo 2020

NEW ZEALAND V JAPAN
TEAM PROFILES - MEN’S

We take a closer look at the 12 men’s teams who will be battling for gold at Tokyo 2020.

ARGENTINA

Rio 2016: Sixth
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 7

Coach: Santiago Gómez Cora
Captain: Santiago Álvarez
Nickname: Los Pumas Sevens

2020 series ranking: Ninth
2020 series top try / point scorer: Matías Osadczuk (16 tries) / Santiago Mare (106 points)

Did you know...? Argentina played in the only match to finish scoreless after normal time at Rio 2016, against Great Britain in the quarter-finals. Their medal hopes died after conceding a Dan Bibby try in sudden-death extra-time.

Player to watch: Matías Osadczuk
Osadczuk has played for his country’s U20 and sevens teams, marking his debut for the latter as a 19-year-old with a two-try haul against Wales in December 2016.

AUSTRALIA

Rio 2016: Eighth
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 6

Coach: Tim Walsh
Captain: Nick Malouf

2020 series ranking: Fourth
2020 series top try / point scorer: Lachlan Anderson (16 tries) / Lewis Holland (125 points)

Did you know...? Tim Walsh is bidding for his own Olympic double, having guided Australia’s women to an historic gold medal at Rio 2016 before taking over the men’s team in April 2018.

Player to watch: Samu Kerevi
Kerevi has spent the last two years playing for Suntory Sungoliath in Japan’s Top League, but threw his name into the sevens mix less than two months out from Tokyo 2020. Yet to play international sevens, but this Fijian-born powerhouse could be a great impact player for Australia.

SQUAD LIST

Argentina


AUSTRALIA

Squad List

Lachlan Anderson
Josh Coward
Henry Hutchison ^
Samu Kerevi
Maurice Longbottom
Nick Malouf (captain) ^
Lachie Miller
Henry Paterson
Dylan Pietsch
Joe Pincus
Dietrich Roache
Josh Turner
Lewis Holland ^
**Canada**

Rio 2016: Did not play  
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 9

**Coach:** Henry Paul (NZL)  
**Co-captains:** Nathan Hirayama and Harry Jones

**2020 series ranking:** Eighth  
**2020 series top try / point scorer:** Nathan Hirayama (11 tries, 141 points)

**Did you know...?**  
Canada became the 12th and last first-time winner of a tournament on the men’s World Rugby Sevens Series, beating USA 26-19 in the Singapore Cup final in April 2017.  

**Player to watch:** Nathan Hirayama  
A player with Japanese family heritage, Hirayama pulls the strings on the pitch and leads by example off it, inspiring those around him as was evident when Canada were surprise bronze medallists in Vancouver in 2020. Canada’s most-capped player and record points-scorer on the Series.

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- Connor Braid
- Andrew Coe
- Justin Douglas
- Mike Fuaireau
- Lucas Hammond
- Nathan Hirayama (co-captain)
- Harry Jones (co-captain)
- Patrick Kay
- Matt Mullins
- Theo Sauder
- Jake Theil
- Conor Trainor

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**Ireland**

Rio 2016: Did not play  
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 10

**Coach:** Anthony Eddy (AUS)  
**Captain:** Billy Dardis

**2020 series ranking:** 10th  
**2020 series top try / point scorer:** Jordan Conroy (30 tries, 150 points)

**Did you know...?**  
Ireland’s qualification for Tokyo 2020 comes only six years after a formal sevens programme was put in place.

**Player to watch:** Jordan Conroy  
A former sprinter, Conroy has quickly made a name for himself as a lethal try-scorer in sevens, finishing Ireland’s first World Series as a core team in 2020 top of the charts with 30. His lightning pace and almost telepathic understanding with Terry Kennedy saw him cross for another 10 tries in the Repechage to book Ireland’s ticket to Tokyo 2020.

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**Squad List**

- Jordan Conroy
- Billy Dardis (captain)
- Dan Bibby
- Alec Coombes
- Alex Davis
- Robbie Ferguson
- Harry Glover
- Ben Harris
- Ollie Lindsay-Hague
- Ross McCann
- Max McFarland
- Tom Mitchell (captain)
- Ethan Waddleton
- Tom Bowen
**JAPAN**

Rio 2016: Fourth  
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 11

**Coach:** Kensuke Iwabuchi  
**Captain:** Chihito Matsui

2020 series ranking: 16th  
2020 series top try / point scorer: Taisei Hayashi (four tries) / Ryota Kano (27 points)

**Did you know...?**  
Japan enjoyed an Olympic debut to savour in Rio, throwing the formbook out the window by stunning New Zealand 14-12 thanks to Katsuyuki Sakai’s late conversion of Kameli Raravou Soejima’s try.

**Player to watch:** Kippei Ishida  
A bronze medallist at the Youth Olympic Games in 2018, Ishida is one of a number of young players given an opportunity by Japan in the last couple of years. He helped Japan secure a return to core team status for the 2021 Series.

**SQUAD LIST**

Colin Rajin Bourke  
Yoshikazu Fujita  
Kazushi Hano  
Brackin Henry  
Masakatsu Hikosaka  
Kippei Ishida  
Ryota Kano  
Chihito Matsui (captain)  
Naoki Motomura  
Kameli Raravou Latianara Soejima  
Jose Seru  
Late Tuguri  

**KENYA**

Rio 2016: 11th  
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 9

**Coach:** Innocent Simiyu  
**Captain:** Andrew Amonde  
**Nickname:** Shujaa Sevens

2020 series ranking: 12th  
2020 series top try / point scorer: Vincent Onyala (13 tries, 65 points)

**Did you know...?**  
Kenya’s Humphrey Kayange was part of the sport’s successful Olympic bid back in 2009 and played at Rio 2016 alongside his brother Collins Injera.

**Player to watch:** Collins Injera  
A stalwart of the Kenyan team since making his debut back in 2007, Injera is the second-highest try scorer in Series history with 279. He may have lost a touch of pace, but he still knows the way to the try-line and continues to inspire the next generation.

**SQUAD LIST**

Eden Agero  
Willy Ambaka  
Andrew Amonde (captain)  
Herman Humwa  
Collins Injera  
Billy Odhiambo  
Jacob Ghee  
Johnstone Olimb  
Jeffrey Olouch  
Vincent Onyala  
Alvin Otieno  
Nelson Oyoo  
Daniel Taabu

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Rio 2016: Did not play  
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 12

**Coach:** Charles Louw and Seo Chun Oh  
**Captain:** Park Wanyong

2020 series ranking: 17th (one tournament)  
2020 series top try / point scorer: Jang Jeongmin (three tries, 17 points)

**Did you know?**  
Korea may have the least World Series experience of the teams at Tokyo 2020 but Jang has shown he is a player for the big occasion, scoring the winning try with the final play in the qualifier semi-final against China. He scored three tries – against Argentina and France – in Los Angeles in 2020.

**SQUAD LIST**

Andre JIN Coquillard  
Kim Hyunsoo  
Jang Jeongmin  
Lee Jinkyu  
Han Kunkyu  
Kim Gwong Min  
Kim Namuk  
Lee Seongbae  
Choi Seongdeok  
Jang Jeongmin  
Park Wanyong (captain)  
Jeong Yeonsik  
Chang Yongheung
**SOUTH AFRICA**

Rio 2016: Bronze medallists
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 3

Coach: Neil Powell
Captain: Siviwe Soyizwapi
Nickname: Blitzboks

**SQUAD LIST**

Kurt-Lee Arendse
Ronald Brown
Angelo Davids
Selvyn Davids
Zain Davids
Chris Dry
Stedman Gans
Justin Geduld
Branco du Preez
JC Pretorius
Sako Makata
Siviwe Soyizwapi (captain)
Impi Visser

**Did you know...?**
Two of South Africa's bronze medallists at Rio 2016 were Cheslin Kolbe and Kwagga Smith, who went on to help the Springboks win Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan.

**Player to watch:** JC Pretorius
He made his debut in Sydney in February 2019, and quickly ensured his name is one of the first on coach Neil Powell’s team sheet with his performances.

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**USA**

Rio 2016: Ninth
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 4
Nickname: Men’s Eagles Sevens

Coach: Mike Friday (GBR)
Captain: Madison Hughes

**SQUAD LIST**

Perry Baker
Danny Barrett
Maceo Brown
Madison Hughes (captain)
Martin Loesto
Carlin Isles
Matai Leuta
Cody Melphy
Folau Nua
Joe Schroeder
Stephen Tomasini
Kevon Williams
Brett Thompson

**Did you know...?**
Nate Ebner, a three-time Super Bowl winner with the New England Patriots, was part of Team USA at Rio 2016 but injury ended his bid to make a second Olympics.

**Player to watch:** Carlin Isles
The top scorer at Rio 2016 with six tries, this former sprinter won the race with fellow speedster Perry Baker to be the first USA player to score 200 tries on the world series, fittingly doing it on home soil in Los Angeles in March 2020. Blink and you’ll miss him!
## MATCH SCHEDULE - MEN’S

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TEAM PROFILES — WOMEN’S

We take a closer look at the 12 men’s teams who will be battling for gold at Tokyo 2020.

AUSTRALIA

Rio 2016: Gold medallists
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 3

Coach: John Manenti
Co-captains: Shannon Parry and Sharni Williams

2020 series ranking: Runners-up
2020 series top try / point scorer: Ellia Green
(26 tries, 164 points)

Did you know ...? Five of Australia’s golden girls from Rio will be looking to repeat the feat in Tokyo in Sharni Williams, Shannon Parry, Charlotte Caslick, Evania Pelite and Emma Tonegato.

Player to watch: Charlotte Caslick
The sight of young girls across Australia copying her trademark plaits and ribbons post Rio 2016 show the influence she has on and off the pitch. A natural talent with the vision to unlock defences, Australia need her to be at her best if they are to complete a golden double.

BRAZIL

Rio 2016: Ninth
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 11

Coach: Will Broderick (GBR)
Captain: Raquel Kochhann
Nickname: As Yaras

2020 series ranking: 12th
2020 series top try / point scorer: Thalia Costa
(10 tries, 50 points)

Did you know ...? Brazil have been crowned South American women’s sevens champions every time they have contested the event – that’s 16 years in total since they first won the title in 2004.

Player to watch: Thalia Costa
One the fastest players on the women’s Series, the diminutive speedster doesn’t need much of a gap to slip through and few can keep up with her in full flight. A player who, along with her team-mates, grew in confidence with prolonged time together and competition on the 2020 Series.

SQUAD LIST

AUSTRALIA

Madison Ashby
Charlotte Caslick
Demi Hayes
Tia Hinds
Maddison Levi
Faith Nathan
Sarah Paki
Shannon Parry (co-captain)
Evania Petit
Dominique du Toit
Emma Tonegato
Sharni Williams (co-captain)

SQUAD LIST

BRAZIL

Luiza Campos
Isadora Cerullo
Thalia Costa
Thaísa Costa
Leila dos Santos Silva
Marina Fioravanti
Raquel Kochhann (captain)
Mariana Nicolau
Aline Ribeiro
Haline Scatrut
Bianca Silva
Rafaela Zanelato

Traveling reserves:
Esthylen Coimbra, Gabriela Lima

Squads correct as of 14 July, 2021.
^ Played at Rio 2016
**FRANCE**

**Rio 2016:** Sixth  
**Tokyo 2020 seeding:** 5

**Coach:** David Courteix  
**Captain:** Fanny Horta  
**Nickname:** Les Bleues Sevens

**2020 series ranking:** Fourth  
**2020 series top try / point scorer:** Séraphine Okemba (15 tries) / Shannon Izar (99 points)

**Did you know ...?** France’s David Courteix is the only women’s coach returning for a second shot at Olympic gold.

**Player to watch:** Anne-Cécile Ciofani  
A heptathlete before finding rugby, to say Ciofani comes from a sporting family is an understatement: both her parents were Olympians in the 1980s and her sisters are hammer throwers. A tall and rangy player, she covers the ground well and knows her way to the try-line.

**SQUAD LIST**

- Coralie Bertrand
- Anne-Cécile Ciofani
- Caroline Doulin
- Camille Grasineau
- Lina Guerin
- Fanny Horta (captain)
- Shannon Izar
- Chloe Jacquet
- Carla Nielsen
- Séraphine Okemba
- Chloé Pelle
- Jade Ulutule
- Joanna Grisze

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**CANADA**

**Rio 2016:** Bronze medallists  
**Tokyo 2020 seeding:** 2

**Interim head coach:** Mick Byrne (AUS)  
**Captain:** Ghislaine Landry

**2020 series ranking:** Third  
**2020 series top try / point scorer:** Bianca Farella (18 tries) / Ghislaine Landry (170 points)

**Did you know ...?** Canada’s Ghislaine Landry is the leading point-scorer in series history with 1,356 points.

**Player to watch:** Charity Williams  
The sight of Williams racing away from defences is a regular one on the Series and Canadians will hope to see plenty of that at Tokyo 2020. A silver medallist at the Youth Olympic Games and a bronze medallist at Rio 2016, she gets better with every year that passes.

**SQUAD LIST**

- Elissa Alarie
- Olivia Apps
- Brittany Benn
- Pam Bussa
- Bianca Farella
- Julia Greenshields
- Ghislaine Landry (captain)
- Kaili Lukun
- Kayla Moleschi
- Breanne Nicholas
- Karen Paquin
- Keyara Wardley
- Charity Williams

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**FIJI**

**Rio 2016:** Eighth  
**Tokyo 2020 seeding:** 8

**Coach:** Saiasi Fuli  
**Captain:** Rusila Nagasau

**2020 series ranking:** Seventh  
**2020 series top try / point scorer:** Ana Maria Naimasi (12 tries) / Tokasa Seniysa (67 points)

**Did you know ...?** Within a matter of weeks in November 2019 Fiji qualified for the Tokyo Olympic Games and a first-ever Rugby World Cup in 15s.

**Player to watch:** Raijieli Daveua  
A dual international for Fiji in netball and rugby sevens, Daveua made her series debut in December 2016 and made an instant impact on the global stage, earning the Rookie of the Year accolade. She did return to netball in 2018 but is now back causing defences problems in sevens.

**SQUAD LIST**

- Lavena Cavuru
- Rejieli Daveua
- Sesenieli Donu
- Laisana Likuvalu
- Rusila Nagasau (captain)
- Ana Maria Naimasi
- Aloesi Nakaki
- Roela Radinayavuna
- Viniana Rwai
- Vasilii Solikoviti
- Tokasa Seniyasi
- Reapi Uluinayau

**Traveling reserves:**  
Lavenia Tinai, Ana Maria Roqica, Rejieli Uluinayau

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**CHINA**

**Rio 2016:** Did not qualify  
**Tokyo 2020 seeding:** 9

**Coach:** Euan Mackintosh (GBR)  
**Captain:** Yang Min

**2020 series ranking:** 13th (non-core team)  
**2020 series top try / point scorer:** Lui Xiaoqian and Yang Feifei (two tries) / Chen Keyi (15 points)

**Did you know ...?** China secured Olympic qualification under the coaching of Sean Horan, who led New Zealand’s women to the silver medal at Rio 2016.

**Player to watch:** Chen Keyi  
One of China’s most experienced and exciting players, Chen has the pace, power and skill-set to create opportunities for both herself and others. An inspiration to those around her, she scored nine tries as China booked their ticket to Tokyo 2020 via the Asian qualifier in Guangzhou.

**SQUAD LIST**

- Chen Keyi
- Gu Yao Yao
- Liu Zhaoqian
- Ruan Hangjing
- Tang Minglin
- Wang Wanyu
- Wu Juan
- Xu Xiaoyan
- Yan Meiling
- Yang Feifei
- Yang Min (captain)
- Yu Liping
- Yu Xiaoming

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**SQUAD LIST**

- Coralie Bertrand
- Anne-Cécile Ciofani
- Caroline Doulin
- Camille Grasineau
- Lina Guerin
- Fanny Horta (captain)
- Shannon Izar
- Chloe Jacquet
- Carla Nielsen
- Séraphine Okemba
- Chloé Pelle
- Jade Ulutule
- Joanna Grisze
GREAT BRITAIN

Rio 2016: Fourth
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 7
Coach: Scott Forrest
Co-captains: Abbie Brown and Megan Jones
2020 series ranking: Eighth
2020 series top try / point scorer: Deborah Fleming (11 tries, 55 points)
Did you know ...? Three players will return for a second Olympic Games in Abbie Brown, Natasha Hunt and Jasmine Joyce.

Player to watch: Jasmine Joyce
The only non-English player in the Team GB squad at Rio 2016, Joyce has played at the highest level for Wales in both 15s and sevens. An instinctive player blessed with pace and a real eye for the try-line, she will be hungry to go one better than fourth on her Olympic debut.

NEW ZEALAND

Rio 2016: Silver medallists
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 1
Coach: Felix Oloro
Captain: Philadelphia Olando
Nickname: Lionesses
2020 series ranking: Did not play

Player to watch: Grace Adhiambo
A versatile player and important part of the Lionesses’ squad since making her debut aged 17, Adhiambo describes herself as ‘small but lethal’ and certainly knows the way to the try-line. Rugby has helped her build self-confidence, a far cry from the girl who trained in secret as her mother didn’t want her playing a contact sport.

JAPAN

Rio 2016: 10th
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 10
Coach: Hare Makiri (NZL)
Co-captains: Rachael Bativakaloto and Mayu Shimizu
Nickname: Sakura Sevens
2020 series ranking: 11th (non-core team)
2020 series top try / point scorer: Fumiko Otake (four tries, 20 points)

Player to watch: Rinka Matsuda
A relative newcomer to the Sakura Sevens having made her only World Series appearance in Kitakyushu in 2019, Matsuda is one of the younger generation being given a chance at Tokyo 2020 and her speed and power mean the 19-year-old is one to keep an eye on in the years to come.

KENYA

Rio 2016: 11th
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 12th
Coach: Felix Oloro
Captain: Philadelphia Olando
Nickname: Lionesses
2020 series ranking: Did not play

Player to watch: Grace Adhiambo
A versatile player and important part of the Lionesses’ squad since making her debut aged 17, Adhiambo describes herself as ‘small but lethal’ and certainly knows the way to the try-line. Rugby has helped her build self-confidence, a far cry from the girl who trained in secret as her mother didn’t want her playing a contact sport.

SQUAD LIST

JAPAN

Rachael Bativakaloto (co-captain)
Yukako Hara
Yume Kirano
Haruka Hirotsu
Marin Kajiki
Mifuyu Koide
Rinka Matsuoka
Hana Nagata
Mei Ohtani
Miyu Shiiroko
Honoka Tsutsumi

SQUAD LIST

KENYA

Philadelphia Olando (captain)
Sheila Chajira
Stella Watuwa
Christabel Lindo
Leah Wambui
Judith Okumu
Vivian Okwach
Sarah Ndunge
Grace Adhiambo
Camilla Atieno
Janet Okelo
Sinaida Omondi
Diana Ochieng

SQUAD LIST

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Rio 2016: Did not play
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 6

Coach: Andrey Kuzin
Captain: Alena Tiron (nee Mikhal’tsova)

2020 series ranking: Sixth
2020 series top try / point scorer: Elena Zdrokova
(10 tries) / Kristina Seredina (65 points)

Did you know ...? The Russian Olympic Committee team secured their place via the Repechage in Monaco in June, having missed out on Rio 2016 after losing 19-12 to Spain in the Repechage final in Dublin.

Player to watch: Baizat Khamidova
The first Russian to play 30 tournaments and score 100 tries on the Series, Khamidova will be fuelled by the disappointment of missing out on Rio 2016 and the knowledge she may never get another Olympic opportunity. A tall and powerful player who works tirelessly for her team.

SQUAD LIST

Anna Baranchuk
Iana Danilova
Baizat Khamidova
Marina Kukina
Daria Lushina
Daria Noritsina
Maria Pogrebniak
Kristina Seredina
Daria Shestakova
Nadezhda Sozonova
Alena Tiron (captain)
Elena Zdrokova

USA

Rio 2016: Fifth
Tokyo 2020 seeding: 4

Coach: Chris Brown
Co-captains: Abby Gustaitis and Kris Thomas

2020 series ranking: Fifth
2020 series titles: 1 (Glendale)
2020 top try / point scorer: Alev Kelter
(21 tries, 171 points)

Did you know ...? USA were involved in the only draw at Rio 2016, 12-12 with Australia in their Pool A encounter at the Deodoro Stadium.

Player to watch: Alev Kelter
Heartbroken after failing to make the cut for the USA ice hockey team for the Sochi Winter Olympics, Kelter hasn’t looked back since taking up Ric Suggitt’s invitation to a sevens training camp in January 2014. Tough and determined, with an eye for gap she can make something happen out of nothing.

SQUAD LIST

Kayla Canett
Lauren Doyle
Cheta Emba
Abby Gustaitis (co-captain)
Nicole Heavirland
Alev Kelter (captain)
Kristi Kirshe
Izona Maher
Jordan Matyas
Ariana Ramsey
Naya Tapper
Kris Thomas (co-captain)
Nia Toliver

CANADA V BRAZIL
## MATCH SCHEDULE - WOMEN'S

### DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 29 JULY, 2021 - TOKYO

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26 | 9th Place Play-Off | Winner #19 | - | Winner #20 | 09:30
27 | 5th Place SF 1 | Loser #21 | - | Loser #22 | 10:00
28 | 5th Place SF 2 | Loser #23 | - | Loser #24 | 10:30
29 | Medal SF 1 | Winner #21 | - | Winner #22 | 11:00
30 | Medal SF 2 | Winner #23 | - | Winner #24 | 11:30
31 | 7th Place Play-Off | Loser #27 | - | Loser #28 | 16:30
32 | 5th Place Play-Off | Winner #27 | - | Winner #28 | 17:00
33 | Bronze medal match | Loser #29 | - | Loser #30 | 17:30
34 | Gold medal match | Winner #29 | - | Winner #30 | 18:00

Victory ceremony 18:30
A - Z of Sevens stars to watch in Tokyo

**A**
Aleks Kelter (USA) A former ice-hockey player who found another path to become an Olympian after her dreams of making the USA squad for Sochi 2014 were ended. Kelter is tough and aggressive with the confidence to back her skillset and ability to spot a gap in the defence.

**B**
Michaela Blyde (New Zealand) A travelling reserve at Rio 2016, she is now one of the most lethal finishers on the series with her footwork and turn of pace and has twice been named World Rugby Women’s Sevens Player of the Year.

**C**
Chen Keyi (China) The stand-out player in a China side that have shown significant improvement in recent years with overseas coaches strengthening their skills and instilling confidence in a young squad. China could spring a surprise in Tokyo if Chen is on top of her game.

**D**
Branco du Preez (South Africa) The Blitzboks’ most-capped player on the series with 75 tournaments, this will be Du Preez’s first Olympic Games after missing out on Rio. A man for the big moments, the Blitzboks’ most-capped player on the Series with 75 tournaments, he has 200 tries on the Series in Los Angeles in 2020.

**E**
Cheta Emba (USA) A soccer goalkeeper at Harvard who took up rugby as a way to cross-train at college, Emba has played in Rugby World Cups in both sevens and 15s. A travelling reserve for Rio 2016, her jumping and catching ability honed in soccer make her a real threat at restarts.

**F**
Bianca Farella (Canada) One of only two women to cross the try-line 150 times on the World Series, 2016, her jumping and catching ability honed in soccer make her a real threat at restarts.

**G**
Gaston Revol (Argentina) The elder statesman having made his Series debut in 2009, playing alongside coach Santiago Gómez Cora, he will hope for happier times at Tokyo 2020, having been left in tears after missing a last-gasp penalty that would have given Argentina a semi-final spot.

**H**
Nathan Kirayama (Canada) A long-time servant of Canada and the third-highest point scorer in Series history with 1,859. With him pulling the strings and unlocking defences the Canadian team and with her pace and quick feet she doesn’t need much space to leave defences trailing in her wake.

**I**
Carlin Isles (USA) Long regarded as the fastest man in world rugby – although perhaps now with competition from Australia’s sprinter turned sevens player Trae Williams – he became the first American to score 200 tries on the Series in Los Angeles in 2020.

**J**
Jong Seo-gmin (Republic of Korea) His sudden-death extra-time try against Hong Kong in the final of the Asia regional qualifier secured Korea’s place at Tokyo 2020, giving his side a rare opportunity to mix it with the world’s best on the biggest stage of all.

**K**
Terry Kennedy (Ireland) One half of Ireland’s dynamic duo in sevens, his almost telepathic understanding with Jordan Conroy was evident in the Repechage as they combined for 20 tries to secure victory. His vision, pace and quick feet will ensure Ireland are a team to watch in Tokyo.
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Craig Evans (Wales, Great Britain)
Francisco González (Uruguay) *
Sam Grove-White (Scotland, Great Britain)
Noriaki Hashimoto (Japan)
Richard Haughton (England)
Damon Murphy (Australia)
Nehuen Jauri Rivero (Argentina) *
Matt Rodden (Hong Kong)
Damas Schneider (Argentina) *
Jordan Way (Australia)

**WOMEN’S OFFICIALS**

Sara Cox (England, Great Britain) *
Amy Perrett (Australia) *
Hollie Davidson (Scotland, Great Britain)
Lauren Jenner (New Zealand) *
Adam Jones (Wales, Great Britain)
Paulo Duarte (Portugal) *
Tyler Miller (Australia)
Madeleine Putz (Australia) *
Tevita Rakovereni (Fiji)
Selica Winiata (New Zealand)
Julianne Zussman (Canada)

* = Refereed at Rio 2016
^ = Refereed at Youth Olympic Games 2018

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**CANADA V GREAT BRITAIN**
RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019 LEGACY

Rugby sevens is expected to be one of the most enthusiastically followed sports at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games thanks to the outstanding success of the record-breaking Rugby World Cup 2019, which was hosted across Japan and saw the Brave Blossoms capture the nation’s imagination.

With a record 99.3 per cent attendance across the tournament resulting in 1.84 million tickets being sold, in addition to more than 113 million people filling the official Fanzones and 242,000 international visitors enjoying the incredible hospitality of hosts Japan, the first Rugby World Cup in Asia was undoubtedly the most impactful and ground-breaking Rugby World Cup in history.

Japan 2019 also smashed records for fan engagement around the globe with an incredible 2.1 billion digital video views and worldwide broadcast audience of 857 million, including a domestic all-time record television audience of 54.8 million for the unforgettable Japan v Scotland pool match following the events of Typhoon Hagibis.

Off the pitch Japan 2019 also proved to be the most impactful in history with more than 2.25 million new rugby participants across Asia, including 1.18 million in Japan, as part of World Rugby’s Impact Beyond legacy programme. While the generosity of the global rugby family has seen a record-breaking £2 million raised for the Child’s and Pass It Back initiative, Rugby World Cup’s principal charity partner, benefiting more than 25,000 underprivileged young people in Asia via rugby and life skills programmes.

With a record ¥437 billion economic impact delivered for Japan, Rugby World Cup 2019 not only put a spotlight on rugby in Asia but contributed significantly to business and commercial communities.

The inclusion of rugby sevens for the first time in the Olympic Games at Rio 2016 had a profound effect on the sport, attracting an estimated 30 million new fans globally and it is anticipated that Tokyo 2020 could capture an even greater audience, building on the legacy created by Rugby World Cup 2019.

RUGBY A GLOBAL SPORT

- 128 member unions in World Rugby membership
- Across the globe, interest in rugby is soaring; it is up to 63% in established nations and 30% in emerging nations
- Rugby interest in eight key emerging nations has doubled since May 2013 (Brazil, China, Germany, India, Russia, Korea, Spain and USA)
- 857 million people viewed Rugby World Cup 2019 – a 26% increase on England 2015
- 877 million rugby followers in 2019 – up 11% year-on-year
- 405 million fans – up 18% year-on-year
- In emerging nations, the average length of time a fan has been following the sport is just five years
- Two thirds of all new followers were introduced by rugby sevens or touch rugby

FRANCE v SPAIN
RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019
A GAME CHANGER FOR JAPAN AND ASIA

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019, HOSTED BY JAPAN, WAS THE MOST WATCHED RUGBY EVENT EVER

857M
PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WATCHED THE ACTION

A 26% INCREASE FROM THE 2015 EDITION

JAPANESE PUBLIC WERE CAPTIVATED BY THE TOURNAMENT, 68% OF THOSE AWARE OF THE TOURNAMENT AGREEING THAT IT WAS THE BEST SPORTING EVENT THEY HAD WATCHED IN 2019

EMERGING NATIONS IN ASIA HAVE SEEN A HUGE GROWTH IN RUGBY INTEREST. IN INDIA, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA AND VIETNAM, AVID FANS OF THE GAME HAVE AT LEAST DOUBLED SINCE 2017

88%
OF JAPANESE PEOPLE AWARE THAT THE TOURNAMENT WAS HOSTED IN JAPAN AGREED THAT HOSTING THE RUGBY WORLD CUP IN ASIA FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER WAS GOOD FOR THE SPORT. WHILE 85% AGREED THAT RUGBY WILL BECOME MORE POPULAR AS A RESULT

76% OF THOSE AWARE OF RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019 IN EMERGING NATIONS AGREE THAT THE TOURNAMENT HAS ENCOURAGED THEM TO WATCH MORE RUGBY

IN JAPAN, INTEREST IN MEN'S RUGBY GREW FROM 37% TO 59%

INTEREST IN THE WOMEN'S GAME ROSE TO 47% FROM 28% DURING 2019

AHEAD OF THE TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES INTEREST IN RUGBY SEVENS ALSO INCREASED CONSIDERABLY, FROM 36% TO 53%
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