

Tokyo 2020
women's rugby
sevens in numbers



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WOMEN'S RUGBY SEVENS AT TOKYO 2020

The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 were the second to feature rugby sevens with 12 women's teams taking to the Tokyo Stadium pitch from 29-31 July, 2021.

We take a look back at the key numbers from the Tokyo 2020 women's competition.

- 0** – There were no draws, leaving only one in Olympic history in the women's event with Australia and USA drawing 12-12 in Rio
- 0** – There were no penalty goals in the women's competition in Tokyo. There was only one at Rio 2016, kicked by Brazil's Raquel Kochhann
- 1** – Tokyo 2020 saw the first women's Olympic match go to extra-time with New Zealand and Fiji locked at 17-17 when the full-time whistle of their enthralling medal semi-final was blown. New Zealand would ultimately progress thanks to Gayle Broughton's extra-time
- 1** – New Zealand's gold medal makes them the first team to complete the quartet of major honours in the sevens game, adding the Olympic title to their previous successes in the World Rugby Sevens Series, Rugby World Cup Sevens and Commonwealth Games. Australia's women and the Fiji and New Zealand men's teams have managed three of the four.
- 2** – First-time medallists in France and Fiji, who claimed silver and bronze respectively. Fiji's bronze was the nation's first Olympic medal won by women and only third in total, with all coming in rugby sevens
- 2** – The number of women's teams to make their Olympic debut in Tokyo. China finished highest in seventh after beating fellow debutants the Russian Olympic Committee in their final match.
- 2** – The number of points scored that saw the Russian Olympic Committee pip Canada to the last place in the medal quarter-finals after both teams finished the pool stage on five competition points, -12 point difference and -2 try difference.
- 4** – Four players scored hat-tricks at Tokyo 2020, matching the tally from Rio 2016. Emma Tonegato (Australia), Michaela Blyde (New Zealand), Reapi Ulunisau (Fiji) and Charity Williams (Canada) all crossed the whitewash three times.
- 4** – Fiji's Reapi Ulunisau created history by becoming the first player – men's or women's – to score four tries in an Olympic match, against Brazil in their final pool match
- 7** – The seconds gone when USA co-captain Kris Thomas scored the opening try of the fifth place semi-final with China. This was the fastest try of Tokyo 2020
- 7** – Members of the New Zealand team who now have two Olympic medals, one silver and one gold. They are captain Sarah Hirini, Kelly Brazier, Gayle Broughton, Theresa Fitzpatrick, Tyla Nathan-Wong, Ruby Tui and Portia Woodman
- 8** – Tries scored by Reapi Ulunisau in her first global tournament for Fiji, one more than New Zealand's Michaela Blyde, Great Britain's Jasmine Joyce and France's Anne-Cécile Ciofani

- 8** – The most tries scored by a side in a single women's match at Tokyo 2020, by Australia in their opening 48-0 defeat of Japan. Australia also scored the most in Rio with nine in a 53-0 win against Colombia
- 11** – The most wins by a women's team on the Olympic stage with New Zealand having won 11 of their 12 matches, their only defeat by Australia in the 2016 gold medal match
- 12** – Yellow cards brandished at Tokyo 2020, three of them to Brazil's Bianca Silva.
- 15** – New Zealand's Portia Woodman remains the leading women's try-scorer in Olympic history after adding five tries to her 10 from Rio 2016
- 20** – The most points scored in a match, by Fiji's Reapi Ulunisau with her four tries against Brazil
- 21** – The most points scored by a losing team in the women's competition, by Great Britain after New Zealand fought back from 21-0 down to triumph 26-21 in their Pool A match
- 28** – The number of tries scored by gold medallists New Zealand, the most at Tokyo 2020 and matching the tally of Australia during their victorious campaign at Rio 2016
- 34** – The number of matches in the competition
- 40** – Points scored by New Zealand's Tyla Nathan-Wong and Fiji's Reapi Ulunisau, the most at Tokyo 2020 but 10 shy of Portia Woodman's tally scored in Rio
- 48** – Most points scored by a team in a women's match in Tokyo – the tally Australia put on hosts Japan in their opening Pool C encounter. This is the sixth highest in Olympic history with 56 the record set by Argentina's men against the Republic of Korea in Tokyo
- 156** – The number of players in the women's competitions with 13 players in every squad
- 172** – Most points scored by a team at Tokyo 2020, by gold medallists New Zealand. This is the most in a single Olympic Games, beating Australia's 166 scored in Rio
- 194** – Tries scored across the 34 matches in the women's competition in Tokyo, 14 more than in Rio
- 1,214** – Points scored across the 34 matches at Tokyo 2020, an increase of 119 on Rio.