



Rugby Europe Member Unions

Paris, Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Subject: Rugby Europe Board of Directors Decisions on 2019/20 Competitions

Dear Member Unions, Dear Friends,

Please find below a number of decisions taken by Rugby Europe Board of Directors earlier today during an exceptional call on the status of our coming competitions for the current season. As we already informed you, despite the huge impact of the Covid-19 on both our society and sport, Rugby Europe is at work and has been monitoring the evolution of the situation in all our Member Unions while collaborating closely with all stakeholders. After undertaking a thorough consultation process with Hosts and Unions, Rugby Europe Age Grade Competitions and Development Committee Chairman as well as our President and General Secretary, the Rugby Europe Board of Directors have today decided on the following points, in the best interest of the European rugby family:

- The Men's Senior XV Conference1, Conference2, Development and Women's Trophy divisions have been called off. No remaining game for the 2019-2020 season will be played. No Champions will be designated. There will be no promotion or relegation this year. The same pools will be kept for the 2020-2021 season.
- The remaining game of Women's Senior XV Trophy has been cancelled.
- The Men & Women's Senior Sevens Conference 1 and 2 tournaments have been cancelled. There will be no promotion nor relegation to and from these divisions this year. The same pools will be kept in place for the 2021 Season.
- All U18 games and tournaments in XV and Sevens Rugby have been cancelled. No events will take place in 2020. This includes the XV U18 Championship scheduled in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- The U20 XV European Championship in Coimbra, Portugal has been cancelled. No event will take place in 2020.

The Rugby Europe Board of Directors has decided to postpone all other games and tournaments below listed. In a view to safeguard the health and safety athletes and of our community, which is our utmost priority and responsibility, they shall be played as soon as all conditions are in place, meaning health conditions and readiness of the teams to compete again. Therefore, no immediate announcement will be made on rescheduling option at this time.

- Club Sevens Championship and Beach Rugby competitions.
- Women's XV Rugby Europe Championship matches (2 matches remaining).
- Men's XV Rugby Europe Championship matches (3 games remaining).
- Men's XV Rugby Europe Trophy (6 games remaining), with the understanding that no team will be forced to play and that no sanctions will apply in the case of an inability to play. There will also be no relegation from the Trophy to Conference 1 this year.
- Men and Women Senior Sevens Championships and Trophy Divisions, with the understanding that no teams will be relegated from the Trophy to Conference 1 this year



Rugby Europe will continue to monitor the evolution of the Covid-19 situation and further developments with our Unions, local governments and relevant health authorities to ensure that all measures are taken to protect the wellbeing of our athletes and fans and mitigate the impact of the virus on public health.

The Rugby Europe Board of Directors will re-assess the postponed events in a month's time in light of the situation prevailing at that time in Europe.

Thanks a lot for your input and cooperation, may we stay unified in facing together this unprecedented crisis globally.

Best regards.

Florent MARTY, Rugby Europe CEO