



Saint Devote Rugby Tournament

Saturday 31 March 2018

16 teams from 13 countries will participate in the 8th Saint Devote Tournament which will take place on Saturday 31 March 2018, at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco.

Organised by the Monegasque Rugby Federation in collaboration with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation in order to celebrate rugby and its different approaches, this day promises to be particularly intense.

HSH Princess Charlene declared: “The Saint Devote Rugby Tournament continues to grow each year.

For the 2018 edition, we welcome 16 teams representing 13 nations. I am happy to say once again that sport is a vehicle for exchanges, for surpassing oneself starting at a young age and for creating friendships across borders.

I wish all the participants a wonderful day, to be shared in the spirit of fair play.

I would also like to thank all the people who contribute their time and effort to this rugby tournament, which has turned into a true international event.”

Frédéric Michalak – 4-time winner of the 6 Nations Tournament and of the European Cup, two-time French Champion, he became in 2015 the best striker in the French National Team’s history – will be present to encourage and give valuable advice to the young players.

The **U12-category Tournament** will bring together the following teams: France (Aix en Provence, Lucciana and Toulon), Georgia (Tbilissi), Greece (Athens), Italy (Imperia), Latvia (Mitava), Mauritius (Mauritian Federation Selection), Monaco, Russia (Kaliningrad), Scotland (Edinburgh), Spain (Barcelona), Switzerland (Geneva and Swiss French Selection), Tunisia (Jemmel), United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi).

The **“Saint Devote Challenge”** – named after the Patron Saint of the Principality and Corsica – will be played by Lucciana and Monaco.

In parallel with the competition, the **“Tots Rugby”**, introduction to rugby, will be destined for children aged 3 to 5.

At the same time, **Rugby for Everyone** will offer educational workshops and specially designed courses for children and young people from Educational Medical Institutes, for an entertaining introduction to rugby. These children will be supervised by the U15 and U16 (Monegasque Rugby Federation members under age 16), wishing to share their passion for rugby and the ideals it conveys.

Specialised institutions in Monaco – Monaco Disease Power, So Monaco – as well as from the neighbouring department – Mas de l'Oustaou, Ime Henri Matisse, Association Adsa 06, Chemin des Rêves, L'Envol, CAJ Eugène Sala, Baou de Vence – will take part in these meetings.

For the first time since the creation of this international tournament, the Scottish team will be accompanied by a pipe. In the pure Scottish tradition, the band will play on the 31st of March for the Tournament's opening and awards ceremony.

The purpose of this tournament is to highlight the values of rugby, dear to the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation, beyond its physical aspects. These meetings illustrate team spirit and the notions of generosity, sharing, solidarity and respect which help children accept themselves as they are in order to better integrate into society.

The Foundations Cuomo, Sancta Devota, Stavros Niarchos, and organisations such as Orezza, Telis, Eden Park, Apave, MOI, Marché U, Monépi Isolation, Multiprint, Ekinsport, Shibuya Production and Be Rugby are partners of this event.

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Free admission:

8:45am	Start of the Tournament
3:30pm	Tots Rugby and Rugby for Everyone
5:15pm	Finale
5:30pm	Awards ceremony

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