



The United States participate for the first time in the Saint Devote Rugby Tournament Saturday 11 May 2019

For the first time since the creation of this international tournament, a team from the United States will participate in the 9th Saint Devote Rugby Tournament which will take place on Saturday 11 May 2019, at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco.

Organised by the Monegasque Rugby Federation in collaboration with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation the **U12-category Tournament** will bring together 17 teams from 14 countries: Abu Dhabi (EFR), Andorra (Federation), Dubaï (APRSA), England (London), France (Lucciana, Montpellier, Provence and Toulon), Georgia (Tbilissi), Italy (Imperia), Mauritius (Mauritian Federation Selection), Monaco, Russia (Kaliningrad), South Africa (LIV), Spain (Barcelona), Switzerland (Association of the Canton of Vaud), U.S.A. (U.S.A. West Rugby).

Mixed teams will be another innovation of the 2019 edition: Abu Dhabi, Andorra, Spain and U.S.A. will field their girls and boys teams.

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.

Rugby for Everyone will offer educational workshops and specially designed courses for disabled 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 as well as from the neighbouring department will take part in these meetings.

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.

Monaco city hall, Foundations Cuomo, Sancta Devota, Stavros Niarchos, and organisations such as Orezza, Telis, Apave, Monépi Isolation, Multiprint and Shibuya Production are partners of this event.

Free admission:

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| 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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