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Saint Devote Rugby Tournament Saturday 18 March 2017

The 7th Saint Devote Tournament will take place on Saturday 18 March 2017, 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.

H.S.H. Princess Charlene declared: “With 15 teams from 11 countries joining us this year, it is wonderful that this Under-12 event has grown substantially to become our largest ever international Sainte Devote Rugby tournament. Rugby is a sport that has always been close to my heart and the values of discipline, teamwork and respect for others are ones that set an example to the sporting community”.

The **U12-category Tournament** will bring together the following countries and teams: France (Lucciana, Toulon and Aix en Provence), Greece (Athens), Italy (Imperia and Recco), Monaco (Monaco), Morocco (Safi), Russia (Kaliningrad), South Africa (Cape Town), Spain (Barcelona), Switzerland (Lausanne and Geneva), Tunisia (Jemmel) and 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.

The **“Tots Rugby”**, introduction to rugby, will be destined for children aged 3 to 5.

Educational workshops and specially designed courses will be available 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 – A.M.A.P.E.I., Monaco Disease Power – Menton – Foyer des Lucioles – and Nice – ADSEA, Mas de l’Oustaou, L’envol – as well as the SEGPA section from the secondary school Guillaume Vento in Menton, will take part in these meetings.

Furthermore, the **“South Africa - Monaco Rugby Exchange”** is one of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation’s flagship projects in its “Sport & Education” programme. During the Saint Devote Tournament, underprivileged children from South Africa will be invited to the Principality from 14 to 20 March 2017, thanks to a partnership with the South African Rugby Legends Association (SARLA). In turn, a monegasque team will travel to Durban in South Africa during the summer of 2017.

Alongside the rugby tournament, the young athletes from South Africa and children from the Principality will participate in school and leisure activities providing mutual enrichment through their cultural differences.

The Department of Education, Youth and Sport wishes to offer these young South Africans, invited to this competition, the best possible welcome. As is the tradition, they will be able to meet and mix with students from international secondary school classes from Collège Charles III and Collège François d'Assise – Nicolas Barré. For the first time, they will receive a CPR training session from the Monaco Red Cross. At the end of the session, these young South Africans will share a friendly lunch with monegasque students at the Collège Charles III school cafeteria.

A tour of the Aquatic Rescue Center of Monaco and of the Principality's landmarks will also be organised.

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, respect and fair play which help children accept themselves as they are in order to better integrate into society.

Saint Devote Tournament - Saturday 18 March 2017 - Louis II Stadium
Free admission:

9:15am	Start of the Tournament
3:00pm	Educational workshops
4:45pm	Finale
5:15pm	Awards ceremony

The Foundations Cuomo, Sancta Devota, Stavros Niarchos, DM Thomas Foundation for Young People, and organisations such as Telis, Apave, MOI, Aurelys are partners of this event.

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