



Press release
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Saint Devote Rugby Tournament **Saturday 11 April 2015**

In collaboration with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation, the Monegasque Rugby Federation will organise the 5th Saint Devote Tournament on Saturday 11 April 2015 at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco.

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 to accept themselves as they are in order to better integrate into society.

To encourage these budding athletes, there will also be top international players, such as Stefan Terblanche, former player with the Sharks and Springboks and currently Director of the South African Rugby Legends Association (SARLA).

This year, the U12-category tournament will bring together international teams from Abu Dhabi, South Africa, Spain (Barcelona), France (Rugby Club Toulon, Lucciana), Italy (Imperia, Mirano and Pro Recco), Switzerland (Gland), Tunisia and Monaco. As this year was named the “Year of Russia” in Monaco, a Russian team will also participate in the Tournament.

The Saint Devote Challenge (named after the Patron Saint of the Principality and Corsica) will be played by Lucciana (Corsica) and Monaco.

For the first time, a Tots Rugby session will be presented in the Louis II Stadium, open to children aged 3 to 5.

In parallel, educational workshops and specially designed courses will be available for disabled young people (Educational Medical Institutes), for an entertaining introduction to rugby. These children will be supervised by the U15 (Monegasque Rugby Federation members under age 15), wishing to share their passion for rugby and the ideals it conveys. Specialised institutions in Monaco (AMAPEI, Monaco Disease Power) and Menton (Les Lucioles, La Pierre & le Sable, St-Exupéry, SEGPA) will take part in these meetings.

Moreover, students in a secondary-school vocational class (Diploma in Professional Management-Administration) in Monaco’s Lycée Technique & Hôtelier will participate in the framework of the curriculum, by organising the “Rugby Initiation Trail.”

Their marks obtained will count towards their vocational diploma.

Furthermore, in 2015 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, the Foundation has invited underprivileged children from South Africa, selected for their excellence in sport, to the Principality from 8 to 15 April, thanks to a partnership with SARLA. In turn, a Monegasque team will travel to South Africa during the summer of 2015.

Alongside the Rugby Tournament, 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 National Education, Youth and Sport wished to offer these young South Africans the best possible welcome. They will be able to meet and mix with students from international secondary school classes (6th grade) at Collège Charles III and Collège François d'Assise-Nicolas Barré, who prepared a booklet on the Principality for this exceptional occasion. The visitors will share South African themed lunch with Monegasque students at the Collège Charles III school cafeteria. A tour of the Monaco Aquatic Rescue Center and of Monaco's landmarks will be organised for the South African guests. Also scheduled are a meeting and training sessions with South African players from the Rugby Club de Toulon.

Saturday 11 April 2015 - Louis II Stadium - Admission free:

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| 9:30am | Start of the Tournament |
| 2:00pm | Educational workshops |
| 3:30pm | Tots Rugby |
| 4:15pm | Final |
| 4:45pm | Awards ceremony |

The Cuomo Foundation, Sancta Devota Foundation, Stavros Niarchos Foundation and Société Monegasque de Transport are partners of this event.

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