



Call for Applications: **Student-Athletes and Assistant Coach/Team Lead for U Sport 2019 (Men's Rugby 7-a-Side Championships in Naples, Italy).**

Rugby Sevens entered the programme of the FISU World University Championships in 2004 with a first edition organised in Beijing (CHN), which welcomed 159 rugby players from 9 countries. Since then, the number of participants has constantly grown, as well as the number of participating countries, reaching the record number of 273 participants from 17 countries at the 2010 edition hosted by the Portuguese University Sport Federation in Porto. The 5th World University Rugby 7 Championship was organised in the city of Brive-la-Gaillarde, France, one of the homelands of rugby.

World University Rugby Sevens Championship

Naples, Italy July 3-14, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Lead: Paul-Henri van Thiel - Manager, Men's Logistics & DTE

Time Commitment:

Pre-Event Training Camp/Tournament (TBC in the East and West)
June 2018

World University Rugby Sevens Championship

Naples, Italy
July 3-14, 2019

Please note that the selection and preparation events have been tentatively scheduled based on previous preparation scheduling for previous events. A confirmed schedule will be available once all the arrangements have been finalized.

Financial Commitment

Financial Commitment Rugby Canada in partnership with Own the Podium is able to partially fund this event. Costs to athletes will be approx. \$4500 and include transportation.

Selection Process

All player and staff applications are due no later than 5:00 pm EST on **Wednesday May 17th, 2019**



1. Rugby Canada and U SPORTS are issuing this call for applications for male student-athletes interested in being considered for selection to Team Canada.

Athlete Eligibility

Canadian athletes attending any accredited post-secondary institution (Canadian or otherwise) that meets eligibility standards can compete for Team Canada. To qualify, athletes must be:

- a) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;
- b) Former student of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event (2018).

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) Be a national of the country they represent
- b) Be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1 in the year of the event.

All athletes must complete the FISU Certificate of Academic Eligibility in order to be considered eligible for participation:

<https://usports.ca/en/international/wuc/2018>

Athlete Selection Criteria In addition, certain selection criteria have been identified as prerequisites for consideration. Under these, the athletes must:

- ♦ have been selected as a U SPORTS All-Canadian; or
- ♦ been named to the U SPORTS Championship All-star team; or
- ♦ be long-listed with the National Men's Team program; or
- ♦ be nominated by their U SPORTS university rugby program.
- ♦ Provide game footage of recent 7s play
- ♦ Provide a recent 40m sprint and a 1600m time

All player applications are due by Wednesday May 17th 2019

Interested athletes must submit a brief resumé of their playing experience, particularly relating to 7-a-side rugby, via email to: pvanthiel@rugby.ca

Players applications will be reviewed by NSM 7s staff and selected coaches



2. Rugby Canada and U SPORTS are issuing this call for applications for coaches interested in being considered for selection to Coach Team Canada

Positions: There is two staff positions to be filled: **Coach & Assistant Coach/Team Leader**
Please note the assistance coach will also take the role of team leader and be will be responsible for some administrative tasks pre, during and post competition.

Coach & Assistant Coach/Team Leader

- a) Previous experience as a coach in 7-a-side rugby.
- b) Previous experience coaching university sevens (*preferred*).
- c) Minimum NCCP level 2 coaching certification or equivalent (*preferred*).
- d) Previous international or national team experience as a coach, manager or athlete.
- e) Previously demonstrated strong administrative and communication skills.
- f) Bilingual (*preferred*).
- g) Current World Rugby, Concussion Management (General Public), Rugby Ready and Laws online modules.
- h) Appropriate background screening information

Applicants for these positions:

- 1) Must be committed to providing a positive international sporting experience for the players of Team Canada.
- 2) Coaches and team leaders are active rugby coaches at a Canadian post secondary institution (*preferred*)
- 3) Must be available to participate at the **World University Rugby Sevens Championship in Naples, Italy July 3-14, 2019**
- 4) Must be willing to participate in event organization, including liaising with Team Canada players prior to the event to ensure that they are properly prepared for the World Games.

Applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume of their rugby experience, particularly relating to 7-a-side rugby by **May 17th 2019** via e-mail to:

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Manager, Men's Logistics & DTE Rugby Canada

The successful applicants will be notified Friday May 25th 2019.