



RUGBY CANADA INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES PARIS 2024 SUMMER OLYMPICS - MEN'S 7S TEAM

1) GENERAL

This version of the Rugby Canada Men's 7s INP was approved on April 6, 2023 and replaces the version of the INP approved on November 22, 2022 and any other previous version of this INP as it relates to the Summer Olympic Games Paris 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. The High-Performance Leadership Group is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the COC for the 2024 Games.
- ii. The national team coaches, in consultation with the team management, are responsible for the implementation of these procedures. All team nominations, including alternates and staff, will be ratified by the High-Performance Leadership Group.
- iii. The high-performance director is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

2) INTRODUCTION

- A. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Rugby Canada for determining those athletes and staff who will be selected to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics as members of the Canadian Men's Rugby team.
- B. **OBJECTIVES:** Rugby Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures have been developed with the objective to assemble the team that gives us the greatest potential to qualify for the medal round at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

3) DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY (DMA)

A. OVERALL DECISION MAKING

High-Performance Leadership Group is responsible for final approval of the process and procedures that will lead to the selection of the Athletes, Staff and alternates that will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics (the "Team Nomination"). The High-Performance Leadership Group will consist of the following individuals from Rugby Canada:

- (i) High Performance Director, National Programs (the "HPD");
- (ii) Managing Director, Rugby Operations
- (iii) Director, Men's Rugby;
- (iv) Director, Women's Rugby;
- (v) Head Coach of the National Men's Team that will compete at the Paris Summer Olympics;

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B. ON-SITE DECISION MAKING

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2024 Summer Olympics, all final decision-making authority will reside with the Head Coach or the Director Men's Rugby (or team leader) in the absence of the Head Coach.

If the Head Coach or Director Men's Rugby is prevented from exercising their functions for any reason, the authority to make decisions in accordance with this INP shall be vested in the High-Performance Director until the Head Coach/Director Men's Rugby is able to resume their functions.

4) INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (IF) CRITERIA

2024 Summer Olympics Qualification Criteria

The team will consist of 12 players and a group of alternates. In the event of a discrepancy between the Rugby Canada Internal Nomination Procedure and the 2024 Summer Olympics Qualification Criteria [Appendix B](#) as published by World Rugby, 2024 Summer Olympics Qualification Criteria shall prevail. In the event World Rugby makes any changes to their 2024 Summer Olympics Qualification Criteria, Rugby Canada will be bound by those changes and if such a change necessitates other changes to this internal nomination procedure, Rugby Canada shall make those changes and inform all affected athletes and the Canadian Olympic Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Eligibility To Play For National Representative Teams

Rugby Canada will follow World Rugby's Eligibility To Play For National Representative Teams outlined in World Rugby's Regulation 8.1 to 8.6 [Appendix A](#). In the event World Rugby makes any changes to their Eligibility To Play For National Representative Teams, Rugby Canada will be bound by those changes and if such a change necessitates other changes to this internal nomination procedure, Rugby Canada shall make those changes and inform all affected athletes and the Canadian Olympic Committee at the earliest opportunity.

5) ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for 2024 Summer Olympics Team selection, an athlete must:

- i. Be a Canadian citizen. (this refers to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter)
- ii. Have a valid Canadian Passport that does not expire on or before February 11th, 2025
- iii. Respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).
Only those athletes who respect and comply to the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of World Rugby, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- iv. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the World Rugby Age Guidelines [Player Welfare Guidelines | World Rugby](#)

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- v. Complete COC registration requirements for Athletes no later than June 24, 2024. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- vi. Compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of the NSO, COC, World Rugby, PASO, and the host country France.
- vii. Must comply with all of the Rugby Canada registration requirements prior to being named to the team.
- viii. Athletes must be a member in "Good Standing" with Rugby Canada.
- ix. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of World Rugby, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program ("CADP") and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility or provisional suspension for an anti-doping rule violation at the time of nomination or during the Games; and
- x. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by World Rugby, and/or CCES.
- xi. Athletes must have signed the current Rugby Canada National Team Member Athlete Agreement.
- xii. Must acknowledge that they are aware of and agrees to be bound by Rugby Canada Code of Conduct for members of National Teams, as well as any other relevant and applicable policies, including, but not limited to, any COC Safe Sport or Code of Conduct policies.
- xiii. Athletes named to compete in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the Rugby Canada Team and the Canadian Olympic Committee. This will include Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy.

6) NSO ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

A. PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION

From August 2023 to June 2024 [Appendix C](#) a set of competitions will be used to identify determine the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics Rugby Canada team members. Athletes playing in domestic, club, academy, global, or professional rugby leagues and tournaments during the period of qualification will also be evaluated for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics Rugby Canada team.

B. PROCESS THAT WILL BE USED

Players in consideration for the roster will be evaluated by the senior national team coaches and management using the Rugby Canada Men's 7's Gold Medal Profile Evaluation Criteria [Appendix D](#). Position specific requirements for the team will be a key consideration in the selection of the athletes. Men's Rugby 7's coaches and management will make recommendations to the High-Performance Leadership Group on the athletes for the team. By June 21st, 2024, 12 athletes will be internally selected & contacted to represent Canada at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics by the High-Performance Leadership Group. A group of position specific players will be selected as alternates on June 24th, 2024, and some athletes from this group may be required to travel with the team.

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C. TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

The High-Performance Leadership Group, in consultation with coaching staff, will nominate athletes and alternates from the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics Athlete Pool to the COC for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic Team, with the objective of putting together the team that will achieve the best result for Rugby Canada's Men's national team program.

In selecting athletes for the national team, the national team coaching staff will consider these three elements:

- the dynamics of the team as a whole and how the candidates for selection fit into this dynamic
- individual and team-play technical, physical and mental skills of the candidates for selection
- Rugby Canada's Objective for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics is to assemble the team that gives us the greatest potential to qualify for the medal round at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

Relevant factors may include but are not limited to:

- Previous and current performance
- International experience
- Positional requirements (primary and backup)
- Present and projected development and/or improvement
- Leadership/contribution to team chemistry
- Performance readiness
- Ability and willingness to work effectively and cooperate within the team environment
- Ability to contribute to overall team cohesiveness and to communicate effectively with coaching staff and other players both on and off the field of play
- Possess a positive attitude including coachability, desire to improve personal skills, and desire to contribute to team objectives.
- Ability and willingness to implement the agreed upon game plan.
- Commitment to training and preparation required to win a Olympic Games gold medal
- Commitment to a lifestyle conducive to support the training and preparation required to win a Summer Olympic Games gold medal

The evaluation criteria outlined in [Appendix D](#) will drive the process to identify athletes for the athlete pool. Athletes in the pool will be evaluated using this system to create a 12-player roster for the Games Team.

D. TEAM NOMINATION DATE - Rugby Canada's High-Performance Leadership Group will nominate 12 athletes to COC for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics no later than, July 3rd, 2024.

E. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT DATE - Rugby Canada in consultation with COC will announce the team no later than July 10th, 2024.

F. ALTERNATE ATHLETES

By no later than July 3rd, 2024, Rugby Canada will nominate a group of alternates for the Men's Rugby 7's Summer Olympic team to adequately prepare substitutes in the

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eventuality of an injury prior to the Games. Position specific requirements will be given consideration in nominating alternate athlete group. Alternate athletes will replace a nominated athlete only in situations of serious injury, sickness, a severe breach of the athlete contract, or any other unforeseen circumstance that may lead a nominated athlete to decline or be removed from their position on the 2024 Men's Summer Olympic Team. Alternate athletes may not be required to travel to the Summer Olympics unless a nominated athlete declines their position or is removed. Substitutions after July 8th, 2024 are subject to approval by the COC Team Selection Committee and the 2024 Paris Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LARP).

7) PERFORMANCE READINESS & INJURIES

PERFORMANCE READINESS

- i. "Competitive ready" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.
- ii. Athletes being considered for selection to the 2024 Paris Summer Olympic team must confirm their willingness to comply with the team preparation plans as set forth by the High-Performance Leadership Group and to make themselves available if selected.
- iii. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made by the High-Performance Leadership Group, using all available information at their disposal including performance results and progress from July 2023 – July 2nd, 2024, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other competitive readiness indicators, submitted medical documentation, consultation with the athlete's personal coach, and any other relevant performance related information.

INJURIES

- i. In the event that an athlete is determined to be injured (or ill) by the High-Performance Leadership Group as a result of having completed an injury/health status assessment by Rugby Canada's chief medical officer and supporting IST's, the High-Performance Leadership Group shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the Summer Olympic Team prior to the COC nomination deadline July 3rd, 2024.
- ii. Injuries or illnesses that occur after the nomination deadline will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LARP).
- iii. If an athlete is injured during the Olympics, a decision regarding their continued participation at the Olympics will be made by the Chef de Mission Team, in consultation with the COC Chief Medical Officer, Rugby Canada Team Leader and the Integrated Support Team (IST) member responsible for the sport, and the athlete, and shall be governed by the terms of the Team Canada Athlete Agreement.

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8) REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE

NOMINATION/QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The High-Performance Leadership Group may, at any time, and at their discretion, remove an athlete from the Canadian Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete has not met any one of the Athlete Eligibility criteria outlined in section 5 of this document. Rugby Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of their decision to remove them from the Canadian Team.

POST NOMINATION

The High-Performance Leadership Group reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination from the Canadian Summer Olympic Games Team:

- i. If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organized by the Rugby Canada prior to the event.
- ii. If the athlete has not followed any previously communicated training program and/or competition requirements
- iii. If the athlete fails to meet any one of the Athlete Eligibility criteria outlined in this document for nomination as specified by Rugby Canada after the COC nomination deadline.

9) 2024 PARIS SUMMER OLYMPICS LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT POLICY

- i. Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after July 8th, 2024 are also subject to the Paris Summer Olympics Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LARP) for Paris Summer Olympics.
- ii. Note that the Canadian Summer Olympic Games Team privileges will be transferred to the incoming athlete while the privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be re-evaluated by the COC and the NSO.

10) AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

COVID CLAUSE

- i. Rugby Canada continues to carefully follow the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and potential impact on 2024 Paris Summer Olympics and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Rugby Canada will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.
- ii. However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.
- iii. Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any

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decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the High-Performance Leadership Group in consultation with the coaches, management, IST's or chief medical officer and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Rugby Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

CANCELED OR POSTPONED EVENTS

- iv. Decisions to cancel or postpone any event specified in this INP shall be made: a) only when absolutely necessary, such as when it has become impossible or unreasonably difficult to hold the event at all or on the originally scheduled date (for example, due to public health restrictions or other circumstances beyond the control of Rugby Canada and b) as soon as reasonably possible after Rugby Canada has become aware that the event cannot be held.

EVENT PARTICIPATION

- v. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rugby Canada may be required, in the best interests of athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety, to not travel to and participate in events indicated in this INP that will be used for nomination to the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics Team, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned. Any such decisions will be made in consultation with relevant experts, including medical and public health safety experts, and will be communicated to all impacted individuals as soon as possible. In such circumstances, Rugby Canada will determine if alternate events may be attended as a substitute for the event that Rugby Canada has decided not to participate in and, if so, will modify this INP accordingly, and inform all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

11) VACCINATION POLICIES & REQUIREMENTS

Where applicable, all selected athletes & staff must comply with the vaccination policies and vaccination requirements of the Rugby Canada, COC, World Rugby, Paris Summer Olympic Games (PASO) and the host country of France.

12) APPEALS

- i. Rugby Canada's nominations to the COC for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Rugby Canada Appeals Procedures as outlined in the Rugby Canada Athlete Agreement [Appendix E](#)
- ii. Any dispute relating to the Rugby Canada Internal Nomination procedures for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics must be brought forward according to said Policy or may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre Canada with consent of all parties.

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13) INP PUBLICATION

Rugby Canada's INP for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics will be published prior to July 26th, 2023. The INP will be circulated via email and presented in person or via a virtual meeting to all eligible athletes prior to August 2nd, 2023. All subsequent amendments to the approved INP will be circulated to all eligible athletes as soon as possible.

14) STAFF SELECTION (COACHES, IST PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT)

The staff will be selected on the principle of sending a team of specialists that are best capable of assisting and supporting the athletes in achieving a podium performance at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics as well as contributing to a winning team culture. Priority is given to the head coach and assistant coach, as well as the IST team.

Staff selections will be based on final confirmation of COC quota allocations. Any decisions on the distribution of accreditations falls within the authority of the High-Performance Leadership Group.

All staff must:

- i. Be a member in good standing with Rugby Canada
- ii. Have a valid passport that does not expire on or before February 11th, 2025.
- iii. Complete COC registration requirements for Coaches and Support staff no later than June 24th, 2024.
- iv. Comply with all COC requirements.
- v. Compliance with vaccination requirements and policies of the NSO, COC, World Rugby, Paris Summer Olympic Games (PASO), and the host country France.
- vi. Staff named to compete in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics will be required to comply with dress code regulations of the Rugby Canada Team and the Canadian Olympic Committee. This will include Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy.

All coaches must also:

- i. Be a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada, either as a Chartered Professional Coach or Registered Coach as per the COC Coach Recognition Policy

NON-ACCREDITED STAFF

Notwithstanding COC staff quota allocations noted above, Rugby Canada may consider the selection of support staff in a non-accredited capacity. Non-accredited staff must comply with all COC requirements. Costs may be associated with this position of which these fees will be covered by Rugby Canada.

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15) TIMELINES SUMMARY

DATE	EVENT
July 26, 2023	INP published/circulated
No later than December 16 th , 2023	Communication with eligible athletes
December 12 th , 2023	Athlete Pool long list named
December 19 th , 2023	COC deadline to submit Athlete Pool long list
August 2023 – June 2024	Rugby Canada Qualification period
January 1 st , 2024	Deadline to declare intent to be considered for selection
February 13 th , 2024	COC Accreditation information deadline
June 21 st , 2024	Team will be internally selected & athletes contacted
June 23 rd , 2024	Date athlete must accept their selection (Yes, they will participate in the Games or No, thanks)
June 24 th , 2024	Deadline to complete COC registration requirements for Coaches, Athletes and Support staff
June 24 th , 2024	Alternate athletes will be selected & contacted
June 28 th , 2024	Deadline for filing an Appeal
No later than July 3 rd , 2024	Team will be nominated to the COC
No later than July 3 rd , 2024	Alternate athletes list will be nominated to COC
July 3 rd , 2024	COC Team Nomination Deadline
July 3-7, 2024	Aa substitution pending COC Team Selection Committee
July 8 th , 2024 onward	Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement (LARP) is in effect
No later than July 10 th , 2024	Date of formal team announcement

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APPENDIX A

REGULATION 8. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

8.1 Subject to Regulation 8.2, a Player may only play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team, the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team and the senior National Representative Sevens Team of the Union of the country with which the Player has a genuine, close, credible and established national link in which:

- (a) the Player was born; or
- (b) one parent or grandparent was born; or
- (c) the Player has completed sixty [1] consecutive months of Residence immediately preceding the time of playing; or
- (d) the Player has completed ten years of cumulative Residence preceding the time of playing.

8.2 Subject to Regulations 8.6 and 8.7, a Player who has played for:

- (a) the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union; or
- (b) the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union; or
- (c) the senior National Representative Sevens Team of a Union,

is not eligible to play for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the senior National Representative Sevens Team of another Union [2].

8.3 For the purposes of this Regulation, a Player is deemed to have played for the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of a Union if:

- (a) The Player is selected for such team to play in an International Match against the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of another Union (or in a fifteen-a-side international Match against another Union's senior or next senior Touring Squad during a World Rugby approved International Tour) and is present at the Match played by that team either as a replacement, substitute or a playing member of that team and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority; or
- (b) The Player is selected to represent a Union's senior Touring Squad on an International Tour which includes an International Match or Matches approved by World Rugby and is present at any fifteen-a-side Match played on that International Tour either as a replacement, substitute or a playing member of a team selected from the Union's senior Touring Squad and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority; or
- (c) The Player is selected to represent a Union's next senior Touring Squad on a World Rugby approved International Tour and during that International Tour the Player is present at a Match

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against the senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team or the next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team of another Union either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of a team selected from the Union's next senior Touring Squad and has, at the time of the Match reached the age of majority.

(d) Before January 1, 2018, the Player is selected to represent the Under 20s National Representative Team of a Union which has been pre-designated as that Union's next senior fifteen-a-side National Representative Team and the Player is part of the team which participates in an International Match as part of the World Rugby Junior World Championships, World Rugby Junior World Rugby Trophy or the Six Nations U20 Championship and is present at the Match played by that Team either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of that Team and has, at the time of the Match, reached the age of majority [3].

8.4 For the purposes of this Regulation, a Player is deemed to have played for the senior National Representative Sevens Team of a Union if the Player is:

(a) selected to represent a Union's senior National Representative Sevens Team in an International Match against the senior National Representative Sevens Team of another Union and is present at the Match played by that Team either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of that Team, and the Player has, on or before the date of the Match, reached the age of majority; or

(b) selected to represent a Union's National Representative Sevens Team in the Olympic Games or the Rugby World Cup Sevens and is present at such tournament either as a replacement, substitute or playing member of that Team having reached the age of majority on or before the date of participation in such tournament.

8.5 Responsibility, breach and penalties for a breach of Regulation 8

8.5.1 Unions

Regulation 8 is a strict liability offence and shall be construed in accordance with the principles of strict liability under English law. It is not, therefore, necessary that fault or intent on the part of a Union be shown in order for a breach of Regulation 8 to be established. Nor is lack of fault or intent on the part of a Union a defence to a breach of Regulation 8. For the avoidance of any doubt (and without limiting a Union's other obligations and responsibilities for the conduct, acts or omissions of its members and Persons under its jurisdiction pursuant to any other Regulation) Unions are responsible and accountable for the conduct of their Players and all Persons under its jurisdiction in relation to compliance with the provisions of Regulation 8 and any breach of Regulation 8 by such Player(s) or Person(s) shall be deemed to be a breach of Regulation 8 by the Union concerned. Each breach of Regulation 8 by a Union, howsoever arising, will result in a minimum fixed fine being imposed on the Union concerned. The minimum fixed fines for each breach of Regulation 8 are as follows:

(a) For a Union that is represented on the Council £100,000 sterling;

(b) For all other World Rugby Member Unions £25,000 sterling.

Based on the facts and circumstances of any breach of Regulation 8 the applicable minimum fixed fine as set out above may be increased. In addition, other penalties as set out in Regulation 19.4 may also be imposed on the Union concerned.

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8.5.2 In exceptional circumstances, a Union in breach of Regulation 8 may make submissions to the relevant disciplinary body appointed under Regulation 19 to adjudicate on the case as to why the Union should not be subject to the applicable minimum fixed fine. For the avoidance of any doubt, however, the relevant disciplinary body shall only be entitled to reduce the applicable minimum fixed fine set out in this Regulation where the Union is able to provide clear and indisputable evidence that truly exceptional circumstances exist and that the Union concerned had taken all necessary steps to comply with Regulation 8.

Players

8.5.3 Notwithstanding Regulations 8.5.1 and 8.5.2 above and without prejudice to any sanction imposed on a Union, Players may also be subject to sanction in accordance with Regulation 19 where they breach Regulation 8 in circumstances where they knew or ought reasonably to have known they were not eligible to play for the relevant Union at the time of participation.

Other Unions

8.5.4 All Unions are obliged to retain accurate and complete Regulation 8 records listing, as a minimum, all Players who have been captured by the Union under Regulation 8 and the date of the relevant Match. Any Union which is requested by another Union, Association or World Rugby to provide clarification in relation to the potential application of Regulation 8.2 to a Player shall conduct reasonable enquiries in relation to the Player within ten business days of the request, save in exceptional circumstances. Promptly upon the conclusion of those enquiries, the Union shall provide to the other Union, Association or World Rugby, as applicable, all information available to the Union upon reasonable enquiry which relates to the application of Regulation 8.2 to the Player. Any Union which: (a) fails to retain a list of captured Players and/or make reasonable enquiries and/or respond to a request within the time period; and/or (b) provides information (without clarification) which it knew or ought reasonably to have known was incorrect, unreliable or incomplete; may be subject to sanction.

Birthright Transfer

8.6 A Player who has represented one Union (as set out in Regulation 8.2 to 8.4) may apply to represent a new Union provided that:

- (i) the Player meets the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 8.1(a) or 8.1(b) in relation to the new Union; and
- (ii) at least three years have passed since the Player last represented their former Union; and
- (iii) the approval of World Rugby is obtained.

8.7 Olympic Transfer

8.7.1 Where a Player who has represented an Olympic Sevens Team associated with a Union wishes to represent an Olympic Sevens Team associated with a different Union in an Olympic Event, the Player may apply to represent the new Olympic Sevens Team provided the Player has, in addition to meeting the requirements of Regulation 8.6;

- (i) met the Olympic Eligibility requirements set out in Regulation 8.9; and

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(ii) obtained the approval of the International Olympic Committee and the relevant National Olympic Committee(s).

8.7.2 Only in respect of transfers to represent Olympic Teams, the standdown period of 36 months may be reduced or even cancelled with the agreement of the World Rugby and the National Olympic Committees concerned and by the IOC Executive Board, which takes into account the circumstances of each case but noting that a Player may not represent two different Unions or a Union and an Olympic Sevens Team(s) of a National Olympic Committee in the same Olympic Event(s).

Limitation on Transfers

8.8 A Player may only transfer pursuant to Regulation 8.6 or 8.7 once so that no Player may represent more than two Unions in their lifetime.

Additional eligibility criteria in relation to Olympic Events

8.9 In addition to complying with the criteria set out in Regulation 8.1 to 8.4 above (which applies equally to all Players), to be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games and/or as part of a potential qualifying team or a pre-qualified team of the host nation of the Olympic Games in Olympic qualification events (together "Olympic Events") or other events governed by the Olympic Charter all members of the senior National Representative Sevens Team(s) of a Union or the selected Olympic Sevens Team(s) of a National Olympic Committee must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee which it is representing in such Olympic Events. For the avoidance of doubt, these Regulations 8.9 to 8.14 do not apply to National Representative Sevens Teams and Olympic Sevens Teams which are participating in an Olympic qualification event but are not able to qualify through that event and/or have already qualified for the Olympic Games via a previous sevens series (save in the case of a pre-qualified team of the host nation of the Olympic Games).

8.10 A Player who is eligible or captured for a Union that cannot participate in an Olympic Event because there is no National Olympic Committee solely for the territory of such Union, may, subject to the Olympic eligibility criteria (in Regulations 8.9 to 8.11), be eligible to play for the Olympic Sevens Team of a National Olympic Committee of which the Player is a national, provided that such team is not associated with any one single Union. In such circumstances the following provisions shall apply:

8.10.1 Where the Player has been captured under Regulation 8.2 for a Union the Player shall remain captured for such Union notwithstanding the Player's representation for the Olympic Sevens Team of a National Olympic Committee in an Olympic Event;

8.10.2 Where the Player has not previously been captured under Regulation 8.2 and they represent the Olympic Sevens Team of a National Olympic Committee in an Olympic Event, they will be deemed to be captured for one of the underlying Unions which support the Olympic Sevens Team of the relevant National Olympic Committee, and the Player must elect which of those underlying Unions they shall be captured by for the purposes of Regulation 8.

8.11 A Player may not represent two different Unions or a Union and an Olympic Sevens Team(s) of a National Olympic Committee in the same Olympic Event(s).

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8.12 Players who participate in the Olympic Events accept and agree that any disputes relating to eligibility shall first be addressed pursuant to the rules of such Olympic Events and the World Rugby Regulations and that all internal procedures (including applicable National Olympic Committee rules/procedures) and/or World Rugby procedures shall be exhausted first.

Thereafter, recourse may be had in respect of Olympic Events only (and not in relation to eligibility matters to which Regulations 8.9 to 8.14 do not apply) to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the provision applicable before such court and which will resolve definitively the dispute in accordance with the code of sports related arbitration. World Rugby has the right to appear, attend and/or participate as a party in any appeal to CAS involving eligibility considerations for Olympic Events.

8.13 Any Union wishing to obtain clarification around the eligibility of a Player to represent it in the Olympic Games or Olympic Events may do so by referring the matter to the World Rugby Regulations Committee in accordance with Regulation 2. The list of Olympic Events is set out in Schedule 2 and shall be updated for each Olympic cycle.

8.14 The provisions of Regulation 8.5 apply equally to any alleged breach of the Olympic eligibility provisions.

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APPENDIX B

PARIS 2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES - QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

RUGBY 7

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's events (1)	Women's events (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Rugby:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	132 (11 teams)	12 (1 team)	144 (12 teams)
Women	132 (11 teams)	12 (1 team)	144 (12 teams)
Total	264 (22 teams)	24 (2 team)	288 (4 teams)

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC)

	Quota places per NOC
Men	12 (1 team)
Women	12 (1 team)
Total	24 (2 teams)

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules:

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

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Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of World Rugby, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. Age requirements

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the World Rugby Elite Rugby Age Guidelines <https://www.world.rugby/the-game/player-welfare>

C.3. Additional IF Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, all athletes must comply with the World Rugby Regulation 8 – Eligibility requirements

<https://www.world.rugby/organisation/governance/regulations/reg-8>

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

Men

Number of quota places	Qualification events
4 teams (48 athletes)	2022/23 World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men The teams ranked 1 to 4 in the final rankings of the 2022/23 World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men will obtain one (1) quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024. It is intended that the 2022/23 World Rugby Sevens World Series for men will consist of eleven (11) tournaments and will commence in November 2022 and finish by 31 May 2023. The number of tournaments in the Series and the dates of each tournament will be confirmed by 30 June 2022.
6 teams (72 athletes)	2023 World Rugby Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournaments for Men The winner of each of the designated 2023 World Rugby Regional Association Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments for Men will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Africa - 1 team○ Asia - 1 team○ Europe - 1 team○ North America - 1 team○ Oceania – 1 team○ South America - 1 team All 2023 World Rugby Regional Association Sevens Olympic Qualification Tournaments for Men are intended to take place between 31 May 2023 and 31 December 2023.

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	<p>Teams that have already qualified quota places for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024 through the 2022/23 World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men are not eligible to participate in the Regional Olympic Qualification tournaments unless otherwise agreed to by World Rugby.</p> <p>The NOCs participating in the 2023 World Rugby Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournaments for Men, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the respective Qualification Tournaments.</p>
1 team (12 athletes)	<p>Final Olympic Repechage Tournament</p> <p>The winner of the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification tournament will qualify a quota place for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024.</p> <p>The Final Olympic Repechage Tournament will be a 12 team tournament with the following quota of the best ranked teams from each World Rugby Region invited to participate, based on rankings from the 2023 Regional Qualification Tournaments for Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Africa - 2 teams○ Asia - 2 teams○ Europe - 2 teams○ North America - 2 teams○ Oceania - 2 teams○ South America - 2 teams <p>Teams that have already qualified quota places for their NOC to the Olympic Games Paris 2024 are not eligible to participate in the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.</p> <p>The NOCs participating in the Final Olympic Repechage Qualification Tournament, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to World Rugby in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament</p> <p>The tournament will take place at a time between the end of the Regional Qualification process and 23 June 2024.</p>

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E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

World Rugby will publish the results of the event within 3 days after the event on its website <https://www.world.rugby/>

World Rugby will confirm in writing to the NOCs within three (3) days after the last day of each event, the quota places they have obtained. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm to World Rugby if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section **H. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Men

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the team qualified through the 2022/23 World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the 2022/23 Series.
- If the team qualified through the Regional Qualification Tournament, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the same Regional Qualification tournament subject to validation of the World Rugby Executive Committee (ExCo) based on ongoing and regular participation of the team in World Rugby approved international high-performance Rugby Sevens competitions.
- In respect of the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament, the NOCs of all teams that have qualified to participate in the tournament must confirm prior to the tournament that the NOC will accept the qualification place. If due to exceptional circumstances the quota place cannot be filled then it will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the Final Olympic Repechage Tournament.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Men

If the host country NOC does not wish to use its allocated quota place, it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team from the 2022/23 World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men. Should host country qualify through the World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men, the place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, from the World Rugby Sevens World Series for Men.

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G. AP ATHLETES

Definition:

“Ap” athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the “Ap” accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These participants are not part of the athlete quota as described in paragraph **B. Athlete Quota**. “Ap” alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Eligibility:

“Ap” athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to two (2) “Ap” athletes.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
By 30 th June 2022	NOC of France to confirm use of Men's and Women's Host Country places to World Rugby
By 14 th May (women) and 21 st May 2023 (men)	2022/23 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series for Men and Women completed
By 18 th May (women) and 25 th May 2023 (men)	World Rugby confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.

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By 29 th May (women) and 5 th June 2023 (men)	The NOCs to confirm to the World Rugby the use of the allocated quota places.
By 5 th June (women) and 12 th June 2023 (men)	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places.
By 31 st December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Africa Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournament(s) for Men and Women - (<i>Men August 2023, dates. venue TBC & Women 14-15 October 2023, TUN, venue TBC</i>)-Asia Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournament(s) for Men and Women-Europe Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournament(s) for Men and Women - (<i>Men and Women As part of the European Games, Krakow-Małopolska, 21 June-2 July 2023. Exact days TBC</i>)-North America Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournament(s) for Men and Women-Oceania Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournament(s) for Men and Women - (<i>Men and Women event, November 2023, dates and venue TBC</i>)-South America Regional Association Olympic Qualification Tournament(s) for Men and Women
TBC Within three days after the event	World Rugby confirms in writing to the NOC the quota places obtained.
TBC Two weeks after the event	The NOC to confirm to World Rugby the use of the allocated quota places.
TBC Within five days after the previous step	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places.
TBC by 23 rd June 2024	Final Olympic Repechage Tournament for Men and Women
TBC Within three days after the event	World Rugby confirms in writing to the NOC the quota places obtained.
TBC Two weeks after the event	The NOC to confirm to World Rugby the use of the allocated quota places.
TBC Within five days after the previous step	World Rugby to reallocate all unused quota places.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024

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APPENDIX C

PERIOD OF QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

Men's 7s – Selection Events, 2023-24				
Priority Key:	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	Auxiliary
Date	Event			Priority
August 2023 to June 2024	National Senior Team Daily Training Environment			
August 2023 – May 2024	Pacific Pride Academy			
19-20 August	RAN Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifier			
September 2023 – June 2024	Maple Leaf Development 7s Program			
September – November 2023	USport 15s			
September 2023 – April 2024	BC Premier League			
29 October – 4 November 2023	Pan American Games			
November 2023	Senior Men's 15s Tour			
November 2023	Men's University Championships			
2-3 December 2023	WRSS 1 – Dubai			
9-10 December 2023	WRSS 2 – Cape Town			
January – March 2024	USport 7s			
26-28 January 2024	WRSS 3 – Perth			
23-25 February 2024	WRSS 4 – Vancouver			
February – July 2024	Major League Rugby			
2-3 March 2024	WRSS 5 – Los Angeles			
5-7 April 2024	WRSS 6 – Hong Kong			
3-5 May 2024	WRSS 7 - Singapore			
31 May-2 June 2024	WRSS 8 - Madrid			
June 2024	Repechage – Final Paris Qualification Event			

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APPENDIX D

RUGBY CANADA MEN'S 7'S EVALUATION CRITERIA

GOLD MEDAL PROFILE EVALUATION TOOL

TECHNICAL COMPONENTS (9)

GMP #	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	SUBJECT DESCRIPTOR	RATING	COMMENTS
1	AERIALIST (KICKOFF)	Basic starting position - lacks drive to the ball, off the mark for jump, lacks knee drive, hands below head - no catch or swipe	1	
	POSSIBLE N/A (NOT APPLICABLE)	Good starting position - inconsistent drive to the ball, good use of arc keeping ball in front, good mark for jump, knee drive makes contact, hands at head height - poss. catch or swipe	3	
		Excellent starting position - Great drive to the ball, uses arc well, 3 step jump, high knee drive, high elbows, high hands - confident catch or powerful swipe	5	
2	RECEIVER (KICK REC.)	Lifter - Late move, to spot, bent arms on lift, bent legs on lift. Jumper - Late move, to spot, poor jump, poor arm ext.	1	
		Lifter - Good move, to spot, straight arms on lift, good leg ext., square lift. Jumper - Good move, does not catch ball at full ext. (timing issue)	3	
		Lifter - Great move, full arm ext., full leg ext., split lift. Jumper - Great move, catches ball at full ext. in front of face (great timing)	5	
3	PASS / CATCH	Pass - Ball off target. Catch - No target, dropped pass.	1	
		Pass - Ball high/low. Catch - Target given, not clean catch.	3	
		Pass - Ball in front at top speed. Catch - Clear target, clean catch.	5	
4	PLAYMAKER	Basic footwork, scanning, communication, decision making, knowledge of role, rarely executes under pressure.	1	
		Good footwork, scanning, communication, decision making, knowledge of role, sometimes executes under pressure.	3	
		Excellent footwork, scanning, communication, decision making, knowledge of role, often executes under pressure.	5	
5	POWER FORWARD	Weak ball carries, rarely makes gainline. Set Piece - Basic knowledge of roles. (Scrum/LO/Tap Pen)	1	
		Good ball carries, sometimes makes gainline. Set Piece - Good knowledge of roles. (Scrum/LO/Tap Pen)	3	
		Strong ball carries, often makes gainline, and draws in defenders. Set Piece - Excellent knowledge of roles. (Scrum/LO/Tap Pen)	5	
6	SPEED / FINISHER	Basic acceleration, avg. speed, avg. change of direction, rarely scores tries.	1	
		Good acceleration, good speed, good change of direction, sometimes scores tries.	3	
		Excellent acceleration, top end speed, change of direction, try scorer mentality - often scores tries.	5	
7	DEFENDER / TACKLER	System - Doesn't understand the sys. Tackle - Rarely executes. (Footwork, drop height, punch arms / shoulder, head, wrap, chase, roll)	1	
		System - Understands the sys. Tackle - Sometimes executes. (Footwork, drop height, punch arms / shoulder, head, wrap, chase, roll)	3	
		System - Understands and adheres to sys. Tackle - Often executes. (Footwork, drop height, punch arms / shoulder, head, wrap, chase, roll)	5	
8	JACKAL	Tactical - Doesn't understand when / where to implement. Technical - Rarely executes. (Entry, on feet/footwork, body height, knife, lift)	1	
		Tactical - Sometimes understands when / where to implement. Technical - Sometimes executes. (Entry, on feet/footwork, body height, knife, lift)	3	
		Tactical - Often understands when / where to implement. Technical - Often executes. (Entry, on feet/footwork, body height, knife, lift)	5	
9	KICKER (KO/CONVERSIONS) POSSIBLE N/A (NOT APPLICABLE)	KO - Rarely contestable in the allocated zone. Conversion - Rarely makes conversion.	1	
		KO - Sometimes contestable in the allocated zone. Conversion - Sometimes makes conversion.	3	
		KO - Often contestable in the allocated zone. Conversion - Often makes conversion.	5	

PHYSICAL COMPONENTS (5)

GMP #	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	SUBJECT DESCRIPTOR	RATING	COMMENTS
10	CONDITIONING	Unable to complete half a match at moderate intensity levels. Consistently poor conditioning gpa scores.	1	
		Good ability to achieve high intensity levels but unable to hold these levels late into games and over competition weekends.	3	
		Great conditioning, hitting high level gpa scores consistently. Able to sustain high levels of intensity throughout individual matches and also over	5	
11	SPEED	Does not break the gain-line in attack and misses too many tackles on defence due to not being able to keep up to the speed of the game.	1	
		Good speed when you're fresh means you're able to beat defenders and make the appropriate tackles, but when you fatigue you're a lesser threat on attack and can be a target on defence. Good acceleration and top end speed when fresh.	3	
		Great speed and acceleration; when you break the line you can run clear for the score in attack and on defence you can catch attackers when they break through even late in game when fatigue is high. Optimal speed for performance.	5	
12	JUMPING	On solo jump, often gets beat for height	1	
		On solo jump, sometimes gets beat for height	3	
		On solo jump, rarely gets beat for height	5	
13	LOWER BODY POWER	Rarely able to break tackles and win counter-rucks	1	
		Sometimes able to break tackles and win counter-rucks	3	
		Often able to break tackles and win counter-rucks	5	
14	UPPER BODY POWER	In Attack you are liable to be tackled and manipulated easily by the defence, also you lose possession often from big collisions and from defenders ripping the ball away. Can be injured more often than stronger more powerful players.	1	
		Good in helping you avoid big collisions, you often fend and push off. You often maintain poss. whilst giving yourself the ability to rip the ball off oppo. players. You're a good defender missing few tackles with the ability to turn the oppo. over. Strong upper bodies also assists in helping maintain a strong core which in turn helps makes you bullet proof and more resistant to injury.	3	
		Great in helping you avoid big collisions you always fend and push off. You always maintain poss. whilst giving yourself the ability to rip the ball off oppo. players. You're a great defender and make your tackles with the ability to turn the oppo. over. Strong upper bodies also assists in helping maintain a strong core which in turn helps makes you bullet proof and more resistant to injury.	5	

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MENTAL COMPONENTS (7)				
GMP #	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	SUBJECT DESCRIPTOR	RATING	COMMENTS
15	COMPETITIVENESS	Average / limited work rate on and off the ball. Walks between plays. Inconsistent competitiveness on and off the pitch.	1	
		Good work rate on and off the ball. Resets and reloads well between plays when fresh but drops off when fatigued. Often competitive on and off the pitch in games and practices, but levels drop off when games or situations are challenging.	3	
		Great work rate on and off the ball. Consistent high level competitor in all training and competitive environments. Never quit attitude, especially when behind, or in challenging situations. Big match competitor that wants the opportunity to make things happen.	5	
16	GRIT / DETERMINATION	Average / limited training and casual performances. Often walks in between exercises and game play. Often poor body language and communications to staff and team-mates.	1	
		Regularly competes to their best capability, but sometimes their attitude drops off, they can get frustrated with themselves and team-mates if the play becomes too challenging and scenarios don't go their way.	3	
		Consistently competes with passion and perseverance for their long-term goals. Has prolonged stamina and is also able to control their emotions and energy appropriately in difficult situations reflected by how they can refocus especially after an error or poor ref. call.	5	
17	TEAM PLAYER	Average buy in and limited flexibility put into team agreed attack & defence framework and systems. Difficult to collaborate with and also to initiate meaningful conversations.	1	
		Good role player that regularly collaborates with team-mates. Participates in the team activities play on and off the pitch but sometimes their attitude drops off and they can get frustrated with themselves and team-mates if the play becomes too challenging and.	3	
		Positive team player that knows their role and also leads by example. Has strong communication skills, will collaborate and share with others, is an active listener and is flexible to learn other roles if needed to support the team.	5	
18	COMMUNICATION	Avg / limited and aloof comms. between staff and team-mates during competition and in the DTE. Body language dictated by mood or circumstance. Slow or unresponsive with staff out of competition.	1	
		Good comms. able to pass detailed info. with staff and team-mates when fresh, but inconsistent relay of messages when fatigued. Also good body language when fresh again less so when fatigued. Involved in discussions on and off the pitch, listens to instructions well prior	3	
		Great communicator - before comp. - Indi & unit roles with team-mates to ensure cohesion, during comp. - constant in game small talk, detailed and even while fatigued, after comp. - unit reviews. well and able to effectively listen to instructions and very good non-verbal.	5	
19	LEADERSHIP	Average / limited integrity by not doing your best, poor listening skills by always wanting it done your way, avg. respect from team-mates and staff, inconsistent habits on and off the pitch.	1	
		Good role model on and off the pitch during positive and negative situations. Often does what they say and can sometimes let the competition and challenging conditions affect their comms. with team-mates and staff. Well respected and trustworthy but would rather	3	
		Great role model on and off the pitch during positive and negative situations. Does what they say, communicates well, very self-aware and humble. Influences those around by also being grateful for the responsibility. Is courageous and takes control of what is needed in meetings, our DTE, and in competition.	5	
20	COACHABILITY	Avg. / limited humility so unable to follow coach instruction, defensive when receiving feedback, limited source of positivity for team-mates, does not demonstrate commitment to the team by going away from the game plan.	1	
		Listens to coaches but sometimes doesn't provide meaningful feedback and takes an extended period to adapt their new learnings into their game play. Will ask for support and willing to work with team-mates to develop their game. Often positive and encouraging but can get frustrated when the situation or competition becomes challenging.	3	
		Humble and respectful of team-mates and staff. Actively listens to constructive work-ons from coaches and applies that feedback in practice and competitions. Also pro-actively seek feedback from staff. A source of positivity and encouragement for teammates. Demonstrates commitment to the team and the game-plan.	5	
21	LIFE HABITS	Sometimes only motivated for the "big" games or tours, "cheats" or tries to get away with things to gain an advantage. Displays the following poor habits around sleep, rest, time management, diet and nutrition, which means they're often mentally stressed which transfers into them having a poor work ethic in our DTE and competition.	1	
		Often plays with motivation and confidence because they strive off and on the pitch to get solid sleep and rest in, manage their time well, eat a good diet whilst using some forms of mental de-stress exercises, but they can be inconsistent with 2 - 3 of these and this can	3	
		Plays with heart and determination because they have a great program in place to address the following habits - sleep & rest routines, time management, diet and nutrients plan, a mental de-stress program and working towards a future after their rugby career finishes, which shows they're a highly motivated athlete.	5	
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APPENDIX E

RUGBY CANADA – APPEAL POLICY

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APPEAL POLICY

Purpose

1. This *Appeal Policy* provides Participants with a fair and expedient appeal process.

Scope and Application of this Policy

2. This Policy applies to all Participants.
3. Any Participant who is directly affected by a decision made by the Organization shall have the right to appeal that decision provided that there are sufficient grounds for the appeal under the **Grounds for Appeal** section of this Policy.
4. This Policy **will apply** to decisions relating to:
 - a) Eligibility
 - b) Selection Decisions
 - c) Conflict of Interest
 - d) Discipline
 - e) Membership
5. This Policy **will not apply** to decisions relating to:
 - a) Employment
 - b) Infractions for doping offenses
 - c) The rules of the sport
 - d) Creation, content and criteria of team selection or carding criteria
 - e) Substance, content and establishment of team selection or carding criteria
 - f) Volunteer/coach appointments and the withdrawal or termination of those appointments
 - g) Budgeting and budget implementation
 - h) The organization's operational structure and committee appointments
 - i) Decisions or discipline arising within the business, activities, or events organized by entities other than the Organization (appeals of these decisions shall be dealt with pursuant to the policies of those other entities unless requested and accepted by the organization at its sole discretion)
 - j) Commercial matters for which another appeals process exists under a contract or applicable law
 - k) Decisions made under this Policy

Timing of Appeal

6. Participants who wish to appeal a decision have seven (7) days from the date on which they received notice of the decision to submit the following:
 - a) Notice of the intention to appeal
 - b) Their contact information
 - c) Name and contact information of the Respondent and any Affected Parties, when known to the Appellant
 - d) Date the Appellant was advised of the decision being appealed
 - e) A copy of the decision being appealed, or description of decision if written document is not available
 - f) Grounds for the appeal
 - g) Detailed reasons for the appeal
 - h) All evidence that supports these grounds
 - i) Requested remedy or remedies

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j) An administration fee of two hundred dollars (\$200), which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld

7. A Participant who wishes to initiate an appeal beyond the seven (7) day period must provide a written request stating the reasons for an exemption. The decision to allow, or not allow an appeal outside of the seven (7) day period will be at the sole discretion of the Appeal Manager and may not be appealed.

Submitting an Appeal

8. Appeals of decisions made by a Club or a Provincial Union can be submitted to the Provincial Union to be heard pursuant to this Policy. Alternately, Rugby Canada may hear appeals of decisions made by a Provincial Union or Club at its discretion.
9. Appeals of decisions made by Rugby Canada can be submitted to Rugby Canada to be heard pursuant to its *Appeal Policy*.

Discipline Chair Decision – Clubs

10. A decision made by a Club's Discipline Chair may be appealed to the Club's Provincial Union in accordance with the terms of the *Appeal Policy*.
11. The Provincial Union shall appoint an Appeal Manager and shall follow the process outlined in the *Appeal Policy*.

Discipline Chair Decision – Provincial Union

12. A decision made by a Provincial Union's Discipline Chair may be appealed to the Provincial Union in accordance with the terms of the *Appeal Policy*.
13. The Provincial Union shall appoint an Appeal Manager and shall follow the process outlined in the *Appeal Policy*.

Discipline Panel Decision – Provincial Unions

14. A decision made by a Provincial Union's Discipline Panel pursuant to the *Discipline and Complaints Policy* may be appealed to the Provincial Union in accordance with the terms of the *Appeal Policy*.
15. Rugby Canada shall appoint an Appeal Manager and shall follow the process outlined in the *Appeal Policy*.

Discipline Chair or Discipline Panel Decision – Rugby Canada

16. A decision made by Rugby Canada's Discipline Chair or a decision made by Rugby Canada's Discipline Panel, may be appealed to Rugby Canada in accordance with the terms of the *Appeal Policy*.
17. Alternatively, by agreement between the parties, the internal appeal process may be bypassed, and the appeal may be heard directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).
18. Except where an appeal proceeds before the SDRCC, Rugby Canada shall appoint an Appeal Manager and shall follow the process outlined in the *Appeal Policy*.

Grounds for Appeal

19. A decision cannot be appealed on its merits alone. An appeal may only be heard if there are sufficient grounds for appeal. Sufficient grounds include the Respondent:
 - a) Made a decision that it did not have the authority or jurisdiction (as set out in the Respondent's governing documents) to make

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- b) Failed to follow its own procedures (as set out in the Respondent's governing documents)
- c) Made a decision that was influenced by bias (where bias is defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the decision-maker appears not to have considered other views)
- d) Made a decision that was patently unreasonable

Screening of Appeal

20. The parties may first attempt to resolve the appeal through the *Dispute Resolution Policy*.
21. Appeals resolved under the *Dispute Resolution Policy* will result in the administration fee being refunded to the Appellant.
22. Should the appeal not be resolved by using the *Dispute Resolution Policy*, the Organization will appoint an independent Appeal Manager (who must not be in a conflict of interest or have any direct relationship with the parties) who has the following responsibilities:
- a) To determine if the appeal falls under the scope of this Policy
 - b) To determine if the appeal was submitted in a timely manner
 - c) To decide whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal
23. If the Appeal Manager denies the appeal on the basis of insufficient grounds, because it was not submitted in a timely manner, or because it did not fall under the scope of this Policy, the Appellant will be notified, in writing, of the reasons for this decision. This decision may not be appealed.
24. If the Appeal Manager is satisfied there are sufficient grounds for an appeal, the Appeal Manager will appoint an Appeal Panel which shall consist of a single Arbitrator (who is not in a conflict of interest and was not involved in the decision being appealed), to hear the appeal. In extraordinary circumstances, and at the discretion of the Appeal Manager, an Appeal Panel composed of three persons may be appointed to hear the appeal. In this event, the Appeal Manager will appoint one of the Panel's members to serve as the Chair.

Determination of Affected Parties

16. In order to confirm the identification of any Affected Parties, the Appeal Manager will engage the Organization. The Appeal Manager may determine whether a party is an Affected Party in their sole discretion.

Procedure for Appeal Hearing

25. The Appeal Manager shall notify the Parties that the appeal will be heard. The Appeal Manager shall then decide the format under which the appeal will be heard. This decision is at the sole discretion of the Appeal Manager and may not be appealed.
26. If a party chooses not to participate in the hearing, the hearing will proceed in any event.
27. The format of the hearing may involve an oral in-person hearing, an oral hearing by telephone or other electronic means, a hearing based on a review of documentary evidence submitted in advance of the hearing, or a combination of these methods. The hearing will be governed by the procedures that the Appeal Manager and the Panel deem appropriate in the circumstances, provided that:
- a) The hearing will be held within a timeline determined by the Appeal Manager
 - b) The Parties will be given reasonable notice of the day, time and place of an oral in-person hearing or oral hearing by telephone or electronic communications.
 - c) Copies of any written documents which the parties wish to have the Panel consider will be provided to all Parties in advance of the hearing

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- d) The Parties may be accompanied by a representative, advisor, or legal counsel at their own expense
- e) The Panel may request that any other individual participate and give evidence at an oral in-person hearing or oral hearing by telephone or electronic communications.
- f) The Panel may allow as evidence at the hearing any oral evidence and document or thing relevant to the subject matter of the appeal, but may exclude such evidence that is unduly repetitious and shall place such weight on the evidence as it deems appropriate
- g) If a decision in the appeal may affect another party to the extent that the other party would have recourse to an appeal in their own right under this Policy, that party will become an Affected Party to the appeal in question and will be bound by its outcome
- h) The decision to uphold or reject the appeal will be by a majority vote of Panel members

28. In fulfilling its duties, the Panel may obtain independent advice.

Appeal Decision

29. The Appellant must demonstrate, on a balance of probabilities, that the Respondent has made a procedural error as described in the **Grounds for Appeal** section of this Policy and that this error had, or may reasonably have had, a material effect on the decision or decision-maker.
30. The Panel shall issue its decision, in writing and with reasons, within seven (7) days after the hearing's conclusion. In making its decision, the Panel will have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Panel may decide to:
- a) Reject the appeal and confirm the decision being appealed;
 - b) Uphold the appeal and refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision; or
 - c) Uphold the appeal and vary the decision.
31. The Panel will also determine whether costs of the appeal, excluding legal fees and legal disbursements of any parties, will be assessed against any party. In assessing costs, the Panel will take into account the outcome of the appeal, the conduct of the parties, and the parties' respective financial resources.
32. The Panel's written decision, with reasons, will be distributed to all parties, the Appeal Manager, and the Organization. In extraordinary circumstances, the Panel may first issue a verbal or summary decision soon after the hearing's conclusion, with the full written decision to be issued thereafter. The decision will be considered a matter of public record unless decided otherwise by the Panel.

Timelines

33. If the circumstances of the appeal are such that adhering to the timelines outlined by this Policy will not allow a timely resolution to the appeal, the Appeal Manager and/or Panel may direct that these timelines be revised.

Confidentiality

34. The appeals process is confidential and involves only the parties, the Appeal Manager, the Panel, and any independent advisors to the Panel. Once initiated and until a decision is released, none of the Parties will disclose confidential information to any person not involved in the proceedings.

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35. No action or legal proceeding will be commenced against the Organization or Participants in respect of a dispute, unless the Organization has refused or failed to provide or abide by the dispute resolution process and/or appeal process as set out in governing documents.

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