



## **European Rugby Sevens Ranking – Regulations**

### *Preamble*

*This national teams ranking has been approved by the RE Board of Directors in November 2023 to better promote the development and understanding of the Sevens Game in Europe. It rewards the activity of European teams on European Competition, but also on all World Competitions organized by World Rugby and the Olympic Games.*

### **Article 1 – Scope of Application**

The list of Events attributing European Ranking points is the following:

#### Annual Events

1. Rugby Europe European Championships Series, all divisions
2. World Rugby World Series and Challenger Series

#### Quadrennial Events

3. Olympic Games and its European or World Qualifying Events involving European teams
4. World Rugby Sevens Rugby World Cup

### **Article 2 - Purposes of the Ranking**

The ranking will be published on Rugby Europe website and will be used both for technical and communication purposes.

The ranking will list by descending order all the participating unions that took part in the WR or RE competitions in the last four years. Those Unions who participated in events previously will be listed in the ranking but with no points, at the bottom of the table.

The ranking may also be used notably to seed or qualify teams in the various competition they may take part in.

Testing phase: This ranking is in a testing phase. This ranking will be used for seeding and/or qualification purposes only when (and if) the RE Board of Directors will confirm it. It will be then communicated to Unions and inserted where relevant in Terms of Participation of each competition.

### **Article 3 - Key Principles**

This ranking will take in consideration the team's results through their ranking on the four preceding years for the events mentioned in Article 1, following an incremental system of points (more the events are recent, more their ratio is important)

The list of points awarded for each event is available in the Appendix below.



Explanation of the 4 years rolling classification system:

- For the year preceding the year in course, 100 % of the ranking points will be counted until the conclusion of the new edition of the same event, and then the corresponding deduction will apply (25% less)
- For the second year preceding the year in course, only 75% of the ranking points will be counted until the conclusion of the new edition of the same event, and then the corresponding deduction will apply (25% less)
- For the third year preceding the year in course, only 50% of the ranking points will be counted until the conclusion of the new edition of the same event, and then the corresponding deduction will apply (25% less)
- For the fourth year preceding the year in course, only 25% of the ranking points will be counted until the conclusion of the new edition of the same event, and then the points and the events will be cancelled from the ranking.

This system rewards constant investment of unions in their national teams' programs but also gives more importance to the latest results obtained to provide a fair and accurate picture of the Sevens game at the European scale.

Example: For instance, the year of Olympic Games : preceding the Event, a team who participated in the previous edition will still have 25% of the points. After the Event, if it participates once more, it will obtain 100% of the points obtained while the points obtained in the previous edition will be erased.

Progressive implementation: the first version of the ranking that will be published will incorporate results from 2023 season and from 2024 season, not further back in time, as agreed by the Board of Directors. In 2025 season, there will be three seasons incorporated into ranking (2023,2024,2025) and in 2026, the ranking will have its final form, with 4 seasons included (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026). From 2027, the last season will be cancelled (in this case, the season 2023).

#### **Article 4 - Frequency of updates**

Updates will be made after the conclusion of the WR and RE season, (for instance, a global update will be processed once all the RE Championship, Trophy and Conference events have been played), excepted for the Qualification tournaments. In this case, the update will occur only when the Main event will be played (for instance, when the Olympic games concludes, points for the European and Final Qualification Tournament will be added).

Progressive implementation: the first release of the ranking will be done in 2024 after all events have been concluded, therefore after the Olympic Games.



**APPENDIX : TABLE OF POINTS PER EVENT  
RUGBY EUROPE COMPETITIONS**

CHAMPIONSHIP – PER EVENT	
Rank	Pts
1	40
2	38
3	36
4	34
5	32
6	30
7	28
8	26
9	24
10	23
11	22
12	21

TROPHY – PER EVENT	
Rank	Pts
1	20
2	19
3	18
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9

CONFERENCE 1 and 2	
Rank	Pts
1	17
2	16
3	15
4	14
5	13
6	12
7	11
8	10
9	9
10	8
11	7
12	6
13	5
14	4
15	3
16	2
17	1
18	1
19	1
20	1

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Conference levels, as the number of teams may vary, the winner of Conference 2 will be ranked immediately after the last of Conference 1. (ie, the last of Conference 1 is 9<sup>th</sup>, the first of Conference 2 will be ranked “10” and so on.



## WORLD RUGBY COMPETITIONS

For World Rugby Competition, only the ranking of European teams is considered, other teams do not count. Points are awarded not by event, but by the Final ranking of the Competition every year.

HSBC WR SEVENS SERIES	
Final Ranking	Pts
1st European Team	20
2nd European Team	18
3rd European Team	16
4th European Team	14
5th European Team	12

SEVENS CHALLENGER SERIES	
Final Ranking	Pts
1st European Team	10
2nd European Team	8
3rd European Team	6
4th European Team	4

RUGBY WORLD CUP SEVENS	
Rank	Pts
1	40
2	35
3	30
4	25
5	20
6	18
7	16
8	15



## OLYMPIC GAMES AND QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS

For Olympic Games, only the ranking of European teams is considered, other teams do not count.

OLYMPIC GAMES AND QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS		
1st European Team	1	50
2nd European Team	2	45
3rd European Team	3	40
4th European Team	4	35
5th European Team	5	30
Final Olympic Qualifier Repêchage 1st European team not qualified	FOQ1	25
Final Olympic Qualifier Repêchage 2nd European team not qualified	FOQ2	20
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 1st non Qualified team	ROQ1	18
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 2nd non Qualified team	ROQ2	16
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 3rd non Qualified team	ROQ3	14
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 4th non Qualified team	ROQ4	12
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 5th non Qualified team	ROQ5	10
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 6th non Qualified team	ROQ6	8
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 7th non Qualified team	ROQ7	6
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 8th non Qualified team	ROQ8	4
Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament 9th non Qualified team	ROQ9	2

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*These tables can be modified from time to time to reflect, if necessary, changes in events and changes in the number of participating teams.*