

## THE ANNUAL “XV DE GAULE” TOURNAMENT IN ATHENS (GREECE) SINCE 2007



The **XV de Gaule** adventure began in 2007. On its first occasion, it gathered over 100 participants (kids, players, spectators). During the last three years, over 500 persons have participated to this major rugby-family-social event of Athens.

In **2014**, the tournament will take place on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The day (always a Saturday) starts around 12:00 with two hours of games played by the kids of the academy (around 50 kids from 5 to 17 y.o.). On some occasions, a short parents-children game is also played.

Following the kids, the “Tournoi du XV de Gaule” takes place. In general, two or three teams compete. One is always the “XV de Gaule” team, composed of French nationals living in Greece, - mostly veterans. The others are visiting teams and/or a team set up with international (non-French) veterans of Greece. The formula is usually:

- If two teams: one game
- If three teams: three games of 40 minutes (two for each team).

Apart from spending a nice and fun family day out, the aim of this tournament is to gather funds for the amateur Attica Springboks team to cover the expenses related to its functioning and its participation in the Hellenic Rugby championship.

There is no participation fee. For all persons coming to this event (including kids, players, club members, board members, visiting teams), all food or beverage consumed is charged according to a priced catalogue.

There is a shop with club's souvenirs for sale, and a raffle with nice prizes organised.

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