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**19° International tournament
old rugby
“Città di Rovigo”**

Rovigo, stadio M. Battaglini - May 2, 2020

 **12 “over 40s” teams + 4 “over 50s” teams**

 **24 matches, 20' long**

 **“Golden Oldies Rugby” international rules**

 **Refreshment kiosks and rugby shops**

 **Free admittance to attendance, starting time 14.00**



TOURNAMENT

In 2019 will be held 18th edition of Old Rugby category International Tournament “Città di Rovigo”, organized by Rugby Club “I Veci del Rugby-Rovigo” with Rugby Rovigo Delta e Junior, AICS and Rovigo Municipality partnership.

It is still recognized as one of the biggest Italians tournaments, having 16 teams participating, and one of the most internationally popular

The event is no profit and all revenues will be donated to charity projects.

**Each team will play 3 matches, one on each field of Battaglini Stadium.
Each match will be 20 minutes long and all teams will play a match on field n.1**

Safety is ensured by continuous presence at the stadium of a medical staff

GAME RULES



1. Normal rugby rules will apply, exception made for

- **Scrum is no contest: scrum half introducing earns ball**
- **Matches are shorter: duration will be agreed at each match/tournament according actual conditions**
- **Scrum and touché players do not leave formation until scrum half has the ball**
- **Players' substitutions are always possible. Player can get back to the field also after being substituted**
- **Captains are responsible for teammates' conduct. Tough playing is not permitted either pardoned. Safety of (old) bones is essential!**
- **Kicking ball is allowed only in 22 metres defending area, but not in case it is brought inside 22 area by a team mate who is outside it.**
- **First 8 players must participate to line outs.**
- **20 metres rule is not applied: player shall not pass the ball after carrying ball for 20 metres.**
- **Mauls shall not be intentionally collapsed**
- **For safety reasons lifting is not allowed in line outs**

2. “really old” rugby players shall wear specifically coloured trousers (see note 4). Referee and teams shall be advised of their participation to match and consequently adapt tackles

3. Minimum age is 35 or 50 at tournament date. Important: younger players are not allowed.

4. Captains shall instruct team mates about match rules before playing, especially: Golden Oldies Rugby is played as no competitive. Festivals are not competitions and score is not significant. There are no winners in Golden Oldies Rugby and only matches' goal is having fun. Because of that prizes do not take into account players' athletic performances. Game purpose is brotherhood and fun. Concerning tackles each player shall look at trousers' colour of opponent, taking care of avoiding personal injuries to him. Red trousers players shall be tackled hugging them.

Gold trousers players shall be tackled making wall in front of them.

Purple trousers players ball carrying shall not be tackled in any case.

All actions which are against game sake will be punished with a red bin. Referee will ask to teams' captains if special rules have to applied. Only rubber or nylon studs shoes are allowed.



THIRD HALF

Third half is held at “Polisportiva Tassina”, Via Vittorio Veneto, about 3 km far from Battaglini Stadium and next to baseball stadium. There is a large parking area and is easily reachable from A13 motorway Bologna-Padova, Rovigo and Rovigo Sud exits. Each team will be accompanied by one appointee.

SUBSCRIPTION



Subscription fee is € 400 for each group of 20 people. Fee includes insurance policy for players and 20 people's dinner. Other participants can be added to dinner with a €20 fee payment. Exact number of people at half time dinner has to be communicated within may 20th 2020.

Subscription is possible until maximum team number is reached.

To confirm subscription get in touch with tournament organization and proceed with fee payment at following bank account

BPER Banca - ROVIGO - IBAN IT22R0538712201000035070291
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Please kindly note that organization can not be held responsible of things and people before, during and after the event.

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