

The Dendermonde Rugbyclub is proud to announce you the 23th edition of the "Flanders Open Rugby Tens", an international tournament with 94 teams from all over the world. The tournament provides a competition for Men, Ladies and Old Boys

Our tournament has become one of the most attractive events in European amateur rugby. We don't really attract professional rugby-sides ... they are not really our aim.

As in previous years we are choosing for 10's Rugby as this provides a better game formula for both players and spectators. The game is more energetic and the tries are most often very spectacular. Those present at previous editions of our tournament will certainly confirm this.

During the past 23 years, the tournament has become the biggest in his kind in Europe. Each year, more and more interested clubs react to our invitation. The past years we have had teams from the South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, USA, Canada, Russia, Israel, Senegal, Saudi-



Arabia, Cameroon, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Spain, Portugal, Serbia, Romania, Italy, Switzerland, France, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium.

The tournament-schedule usually provides us with two separated competitions: a high-level Cuptournament and an interesting and social tournament (call it ,beer-cup'). The teams that go for the Cup are usually taking a little bit more care of themselves, while the other teams have clearly other priorities. We play on six pitches and the referees are flown in from England.

FOR THE LOVE OF RUGBY & BEER

To ensure each team experiences the social side of the tournament we've organised opening and closing ceremony parties as well as match day celebrations after each day's play spectators and teams will enjoy the social format and everyone will get to make new rugby playing friends from across the world.



LODGING

A rugbytournament doesn't necessary have to be expensive. On our tournament, everybody sleeps in "Festihuts" or in large and comfortable tents near the pitches. This provides us with a unique tournament-atmosphere.

A Festihut is a cozy little weatherproof wooden hut with a locking door, a small window and equipped with beds and mattresses. Enjoy a carefree visit to the tournament in the pleasant "Festi-village". You can leave the key to your Festihut at the reception area, at the entrance to the Festi-village, and then enjoy the tournament at your ease.



I think you should know that our tournament deserves its reputation by a couple of very strong points, amongst which a very strict (and well announced before) timing and a marvell-

ous evening-atmosphere. It is both our conviction and experience that both totally depend on the presence of the teams in the accommodation that we provide around the grounds.

Oval Greetings

Gert Van den Steen

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Official website - www.flandersopenrugby.com