

Sopot, May 19th-20th 2018

Polish Veterans Championship

Rugby Veterans Festival

1. Programme

registration

- until May 10th e-mail registration at: ogniworugby@wp.pl;
- at May 19th - Registration Office 9:00-10:30

Saturday 19th

- 11:00 opening ceremony
- 11:00 - 17:00 tournament and festival matches
- 13:00 - 15:00 lunch time
- 16:00 - 17:00 semifinals and final matches
- 17:00 trophy gala
- 18:30 gala dinner
- 20:30 Sopot by night

Sunday 20th

- 12:00 - 14:00 festival matches
- 12:00 hotel check-out
- 14:30 goodbye party

2. Rules

Competitive (Polish Veterans Championship): matches are organized for teams consisting of players aging from 35 with the minimum squad of 20 players. EVRA rules apply. **Semifinals** and **final** will be played between the first 4 (2 in a final) classified, polish only, teams.

Social: matches are organized for teams with only a few under 35's, those with small squads and those who want to have a fun game of rugby, but playing seriously. We only allow **maximum 3 under 35 years** to play on the field at any time Squads can have more under 35's but only 3 can be playing at the same time. World Rugby rules apply (variations of rules can be agreed by the teams and ref.).

Following variations shall apply:

- All 8 forwards must remain bound in the scrum until the ball has been cleared.
- The halfback must not follow the ball around the scrum.
- There must be no pressure, passive scrum, the movement of the scrum not allowed (**i.e. non-contested scrums**).
- There shall be no striking against the head by hookers
- Defending players may kick the ball only in their own 22.

- In lineouts all 8 forwards must take part.
- All lineouts shall be set (no quick lineouts) and without lifting (Social teams are allowed if agreed by captains and ref.)
- Teams scoring a try will restart the game by kicking the ball to the non-scoring team.
- Unlimited substitution of players. Return substitution allowed
- Players must observe the offside rule, particularly that of remaining behind the hindmost foot at rucks, mauls and scrums; lineouts to a minimum of 10 metres.
- The game shall be played over **two 10-minute periods. Final match two 15-minute periods.**
- All players must observe the restrictions on tackling 'older' players. These are identified by coloured shorts.
- Captains will be responsible for the behavior of their players.
- **Other variations may be agreed at the discretion of both captains and the referees.**
- **You cannot wear boots with any metal/aluminium studs.**

(It is prohibited by the organiser's. All players must use either plastic, moulded, rubber or blades for playing).

- **All participants must have a valid, adequate insurance for any injury or sickness that may occur during the festival!**

COLOURED SHORTS

- 35 to 59 years **RED SHORTS** : If a player is wearing red shorts, that means he does not want to be tackled to the ground or pushed off his feet. Any player in red shorts may be "hold" but NOT tackled.

- 60 to 64 years **YELLOW SHORTS** : The player can be held but not brought to the ground.

- 70+ **PURPLE SHORTS** : The player cannot be touched or obstructed in any way. The player has to pass the ball within the distance of 15 meters

3. Insurance

The Team Manager/Captain are responsible to make sure that all team members playing in the games are adequately insured for any injury or sickness that may occur during the Festival.

Neither the organizing committee, Ogniwo Sopot RC nor Polish Rugby Union will be held liable for any costs incurred from any injury or sickness to any participants of the Festival.

Team Managers/Captain will have to sign **The Festival Rules Document** stating that all members of their party are adequately insured for these purposes.

We will require a copy of **your insurance policy** to insure that you can participate to the Festival.

There will be ambulance and medical staff onsite during the Festival and the local hospital is only 10 mins walk from the rugby field.

We also recommend you to bring at the fields the **first aid kit**.

4. Fees

200 zł (equals ca 50 euros)

The basic Festival package includes :

- rugby fields & welcoming party & trophy gala dinner venues
- entrance into the Rugby Festival Tournament with minimum 3 matches
- Polish Federation Referees
- artificial surface field
- Mineral water during the tournament
- Medical Assistance with ambulance and doctor onsite
- Festival Trophies

300 zł (equals ca 75 euros)

The extended Festival package (color ribbon) includes (basic plus):

- Saturday Rugby Tournament Lunch including sandwiches & drinks
- Official Festival Polo Shirt
- beer consumption
- Festival Surprises

Fees paid at the organizing committee account: In polish zloty only (automatic currency change-over may be possible at the account owners bank)

Should you need accommodation, we can provide B&B service at close sites:

Four-five beds cottage houses at the price 35 euro pp

double bed rooms at 3* hotel at the price 48 euro pp

both offers include the breakfast and are located no more than 700 m from Rugby Tournament field.

Contact our liaison officer for details and booking: marczynski@mnkancelaria.com

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