



GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISING A EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBYFESTIVAL

The event should be a rugby festival based on "Fun, Friendship, Fraternity". The Golden Oldie players should be able to take part and enjoy the game they love and look back on the event as a memorable experience. Who wins on the pitch is irrelevant.

To support this, Festival Organisers should try to follow these Guidelines:

1. Registration

1.1. Invitations are open for all Golden Oldies teams from Europe plus non-European teams, who may be accepted at the discretion of the local Festival Organising Committee.

Invitations to participate should be sent out 15 months prior to the event,

1.2. Entries from individual players or spectators will also be accepted.

1.3. The maximum number of teams able to participate will be decided by the Local Organising committee.

1.4. Teams will be asked which type of Golden Oldies Rugby they wish to play – contested (usually age group 35 – 50 years) or uncontested (usually age 50+ and injured players).

All matches will be played according to the Golden Oldies Laws of Game,

1.5. The Team Package Entry Fee should also include the annual fee for EGOR membership if this payment has not already been made direct to EGOR.

1.6. The Individual Package Entry Fee will not require a payment to EGOR.

2. Participation

2.1. It is hoped that participating teams comprise of a minimum 20 players, including a 'Team Manager' and if possible a referee.

2.2. Each Team will be asked to pay the 'Festival Team Package'.

2.3. Each Individual, not part of a team, will be asked to pay the 'Festival Individual Package'.

2.4. Teams from outside Europe may participate in the Festival at the discretion of the Organising Committee. If the festival is over subscribed preference should be given to European Teams.

2.5. All Festival participant teams are obliged to pay the EGOR membership fee of _____ Euro.

3. Festival Package

3.1. The Festival Package Fee pays for:

- The 'Welcome Party',
- Two matches on the first day of play.
- Two matches on the second day of play
- 'A Farewell Dinner',
- Transfer by shuttle bus service to and from the festival hotels to the Welcome Party, the team's scheduled festival matches and to the Farewell Dinner.
- Transfer by shuttle bus from the local rail station or airport at the start and end of the festival.
- A Liaison officer for each of the visiting teams to be made available during the Festival to help teams with any language difficulties.
- A Festival souvenir from the organisers.

3.2. The same Festival Package offer is valid for a team's supporters and for individual entrants.

4 Accommodation

4.1. Differing categories of official Festival Hotels (ranging from student hostels to four star hotels) will be recommended for the four nights the festival. These hotels will offer twin and double or three bedded rooms (bed and breakfast). Teams are requested to select their accommodation from the approved list and are responsible for settling their own hotel bills

5. Travel arrangements

5.1. Teams are asked to organise their own travel arrangements themselves,

5.2. Transfer costs from the local airport(s) train Station(s) to the team's festival approved hotel are part of the Festival Package.

6. Festival Programme

1st Day – Thursday, Arrival and Welcome Party

- All participating teams will be welcomed on arrival at the local airport or train station and transport will be provided to the team's hotel.
- Upon arrival at the hotel the team manager will receive a copy of the festival programme with identification badges for the each member of his team.
- The team will be taken by bus to the Welcome Party.
- Welcome Party.
- Return by bus to the team's hotel

2nd Day – Friday, Matches and Festivities

- Team Managers, Captains and Referees to meet the representatives of Local Organising and EGOR committees before the matches start and re-confirm acceptance of the EGOR playing laws of the game,
- First round of matches, each team will play two matches,
- The matches will be played at the designated pitches chosen for the festival.
- A lunch break with catering facilities will be taken at the playing fields.
- Changing rooms with showers and toilet facilities will be provided for all teams.
- Medical services from First Aid up to Ambulance facilities with oxygen and qualified physiotherapists are to be available at all playing locations.
- Water and ice must be on hand for all teams.
- Loudspeaker system is required.
- A separate referee's room/tent should be provided.

3rd Day – Saturday, Free day.

- An optional excursion programme should be suggested by the local committee these costs are not included in the festival package.

4th Day – Sunday, Matches and Farewell Dinner

- Second Round of games, each team scheduled to play two matches,
- Games to finish between 5 and 6 p.m.
- Farewell dinner - suggested start time 8.00 p.m. It is advisable for the programme for the farewell dinner to be distributed to all team managers one day in advance.

- Programme should include the awards ceremony and possibly a period for individual team performances. (Suggested time allowed for such performance - maximum 5 minutes),
- It is usual to arrange a separate table for the Local Organising Committee, members of the EGOR Committee and FIRA/AER Representatives,
- Bus transfer for all to be organised to / from the place of Farewell Dinner.

5th Day – Monday, Departure day

- Team managers to arrange pick up times from their hotels with the local committee representatives for transport to airport or train station.

7. Insurance

It is the responsibility of the team manager to make sure that all persons travelling with the team, whether playing or non-playing, are adequately insured for any injury, sickness or loss/damage of personal property which may occur when participating in the Festival.

Team managers will be required to sign a document, prior the start of the Festival, prepared by the local Organising Committee, stating that all members of their party have such insurance.

8. Conditions of payment for the Festival Package

8.1. Festival Package Fee (Team or Individual) must be paid in full four months before the Festival.

8.2. Festival costs for accommodation, travel/travel agents fees; etc should be paid to meet the individual requirements taking full advantage of cheap early booking arrangements.

8.3. Teams must keep the local committee informed concerning their hotel/travel plans and commitments.

9. Special Note

9.1. The team EGOR Annual Subscription Fee will be included in the Festival Package Fee.

9.2. The local Organising Committee is obliged to pay Euros _____ to EGOR from the income from the festival for the exclusive privilege of holding the EGOR biennial Festival

9.3. The profit from the festival should be used for the development of rugby in the local area/country.

9.4. The total amount of the EGOR Annual Subscription Fee, paid by the participating teams and collected as the part of Festival Package fee, should be paid by the organising committee into the EGOR bank account in Verona (Italy) immediately prior to the festival.

9.5. The 'Agreement' between EGOR and the Local Festival Organiser should be signed at least eighteen months prior to the opening of the Festival.

9.6. A 'Final Festival Report' to assist future festival organisers should be sent to the EGOR secretary no later than four months from the close of the festival.

9.7. The Festival Organiser is requested to provide a room(s), if possible in one of the festival hotels, for the EGOR biennial conference of participating team delegates (approx. 50 persons attending) and for an EGOR committee meeting (approx. 10 persons attending). The meetings normally take place consecutively on Saturday, the festival 'Free Day'.

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