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"THE MOST AMBITIOUS RUGBY WORLD CUP EVER STAGED"

There is a palpable sense of anticipation as we look ahead to Men's Rugby World Cup 2027. With a year to go, we are anticipating the most ambitious Rugby World Cup ever staged, a defining moment and a giant leap forward for our game, 40 years on from the tournament's debut.

Twenty-four years on, Australia is ready to welcome the world and put on a show. Seven iconic host cities, world-class venues, and a bold new format featuring 24 nations will showcase how rugby is thriving and expanding across every continent. Expect breathtaking skill, fierce competition, and the kind of unity that draws people together. This is rugby at its best, with that unmistakable Aussie spirit, captivating millions of fans around the world and inspiring a new generation to fall in love with the game.

Everything in this 11th edition has been carefully designed for success: from weekend fixtures that maximise attendance and festival atmospheres, to a new round of 16 that will deliver more drama, jeopardy and knockout rugby than ever before, to a robust legacy programme supported by the Australian Government to ensure the tournament leaves a lasting impact across Australia, Oceania and the wider rugby community.

None of this would be possible without the extraordinary commitment of our host cities, governments, partners, broadcasters and stakeholders, whose support is helping bring this tournament to life. Just as importantly, every dollar generated by Rugby World Cup 2027 will be reinvested into the growth and development of rugby around the world.

As teams fine-tune their preparations and our own teams work tirelessly to deliver an exceptional tournament, we extend a genuine invitation to everyone to join us for this remarkable celebration of sport, culture and connection. Together, we will create memories that endure long after the final whistle, inspire future generations, and demonstrate what is possible when the rugby family comes together to Go All Out.

Brett Robinson // World Rugby Chair



ONE YEAR TO CREATE HISTORY

With less than 365 days to go until Men's Rugby World Cup 2027, preparations are firmly on track for the most ambitious men's Rugby World Cup ever staged.

Anticipation in Australia and around the world had reached another peak for this milestone with over half of all available tickets across the tournament already secured. The 250,000 international fans expected to travel Down Under will transform the seven host cities into a nationwide festival of rugby and generate significant economic and tourism benefits for communities across the country.

In the next 12 months, the tournament will continue to work on making it a unique celebration of the sport, working on fan and team experience, working closely with the cities, partners and local governments to transform this amazing opportunity into a magnificent spectacle with positive impact off the pitch as well.



"This competition belongs to everyone, from the players who dream of competing on rugby's biggest stage, to the volunteers, communities, partners and supporters who will help bring it to life. We look forward to uniting fans from around the world next year and encourage supporters everywhere to secure their place and be part of a celebration that will create memories to last a lifetime."

Chris Stanley // Managing Director of Men's Rugby World Cup 2027

RWC 2027 IN NUMBERS

1
Team making their Men's Rugby World Cup debut in Hong Kong China

5
Record number of teams from the Americas in the tournament (Argentina, Canada, Chile, Uruguay and USA)

7
Host cities

8
World-class venues

11TH
Edition of the men's tournament

16
A round of 16 will be used for the first time at a RWC

24
Teams, expanded from 20

AUD$ 30
million invested by the Australian Federal Government in Impact Beyond legacy

29
Outdoor Training Venues

36
Years between Zimbabwe's last Rugby World Cup in 1991 and their return in 2027

52
Matches

100M
One million tickets will be available for under AUD$100

220,000
Rugby participants in Australia expected by 2029

250,000
International visitors expected in Australia

2.5M+
Tickets available for RWC 2027, more than ever before

AUD$ 1.3BN
Direct visitor expenditure across the country expected post-event



AUSTRALIA, VIBRANT HOSTS READY TO GO ALL OUT

Men’s Rugby World Cup 2027 in Australia marks the dawn of a transformative era for the sport. This 11th edition will be the moment rugby takes a giant leap forward, becoming more inclusive, exciting, and ambitious than ever before.

For six weeks from 1 October-13 November, 2027, Australia will welcome the world to a nationwide festival of rugby, celebrating its rich culture and heritage, and kicking off a new era of rugby that will have a positive impact for Australia, Oceania and the game globally.

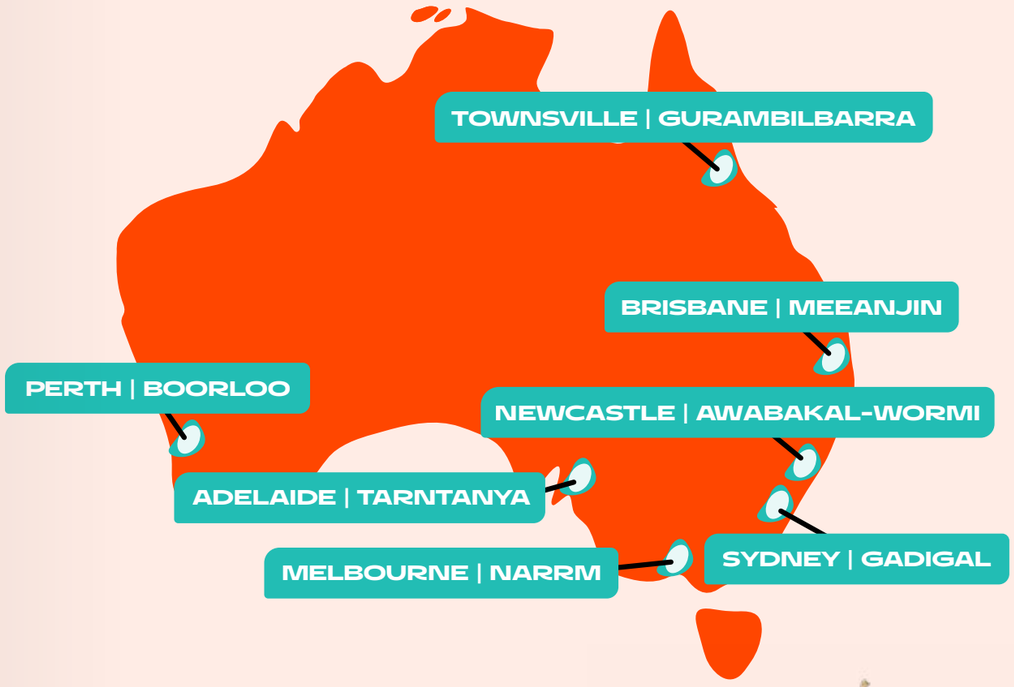
With an expanded format contested by the world’s top 24 teams over 52 matches, Men’s Rugby World Cup 2027 will inspire an entire generation and break down barriers by making rugby even more accessible, relevant and inclusive, boosting rugby’s fanbase and participation globally.

This will be the first time that Australia hosts the tournament since 2003. Australia also co-hosted the inaugural tournament with New Zealand in 1987 and were crowned world champions twice in Europe, in 1991 and 1999.

In a nation renowned for hosting some of the world’s most iconic sporting events, Men’s Rugby World Cup 2027 will carve its own place in history, a spectacular tournament that invites everyone to be part of the action.

All revenue generated by Men’s RWC 2027 will be reinvested into the sport, supporting World Rugby’s global growth ambition, its 135 member unions and six regional associations.

Rugby World Cup 2027 will take place in seven host cities across Australia, which were selected for their vibrant culture, world-class hospitality and scenic landmarks.



Celebrating First Nations Heritage

Each host city for Men’s Rugby World Cup 2027 is recognised by its original name in the language of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as a meaningful acknowledgement of Country and a tribute to the rich cultures, enduring knowledge, and vital contributions of First Nations communities to the story of Australia – past, present and future.



SEVEN HOST CITIES



ADELAIDE
TARNTANYA

Adelaide | Tarntanya, South Australia, is a vibrant hub of culture, flavours, events, and entertainment. Just an hour from the city, you'll find world-renowned wine regions like McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills, perfect for indulging in premium wines. Back in the city, savour award-winning cuisine at top restaurants nestled in the heart of Adelaide | Tarntanya.

Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 will add to an exciting line-up of festivals and events that keep the city alive year-round. From the bustling Adelaide Central Market and the serene Adelaide Botanic Garden to pristine metropolitan beaches, there's something for everyone in South Australia's capital. For sports enthusiasts, the iconic Adelaide Oval RoofClimb offers breathtaking views and a unique way to explore the city's rich sporting history.

Adelaide | Tarntanya is also a gateway to some of Australia's finest wine regions and boasts exceptional restaurants, hotels, spirits, and local produce. Punching well above its weight, this city dishes up world-class experiences at every turn.



BRISBANE
MEEANJIN

With the iconic Brisbane River at its heart, Brisbane | Meeanjin has sport pulsing through its veins and sets the stage for Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 like no other. Fans and teams will relish the famous atmosphere of 'the cauldron' – Australia's premier rectangular stadium – just a short journey from the city centre via Brisbane's iconic Caxton Street precinct.

Visitors can explore trendy cafés, lush parks and a vibrant arts scene, or venture further to discover epic islands, national parks and World Heritage rainforests. Idyllic spring temperatures see the city's jacarandas trees burst into bloom and allow for plenty of outdoor exploration and enjoyment of the city's attractions and alfresco dining.

Brisbane has a storied rugby history dating back to the late 1800s. Brisbane was the backdrop for five matches at Rugby World Cup 1987 and seven matches at Rugby World Cup 2003 and regularly hosts international test matches.

Get ready to experience the ultimate blend of adrenaline-pumping rugby action and the vibrant energy of urban life in Brisbane!



MELBOURNE
NARRM

Melbourne | Narrm is a diverse city that knows how to live. A city that's jam-packed with things to see and do, from its roaring sports stadiums to the labyrinth of colourful laneways.

Choose from high-end cuisine to basement rock gigs, plays, festivals and blockbuster sporting events – all happening across a city full of parks, gardens and historic architecture. There's always something exciting happening in Melbourne | Narrm, whatever your taste.

Explore historic arcades and laneways lined with fine dining restaurants, chic cafés, hidden bars and fashion boutiques or head to one of the many lush gardens throughout the city.

In Melbourne | Narrm everything is live and full of energy. Turn up the volume at a concert hall, bar or pub with music from local and international acts taking over venues across the city.



TOWNSVILLE | GURAMBILBARRA

Welcome to Townsville | Gurambilbarra, where the spirit of rugby meets the tranquillity of Queensland's tropical paradise. As the gateway to the wonders of North Queensland, Townsville | Gurambilbarra invites you to experience the thrill of Men's Rugby World Cup against a backdrop of sun-kissed beaches and lush rainforests.

Visitors can explore the Great Barrier Reef's clear waters and vibrant marine life or hop on a ferry to Magnetic Island for secluded beaches and wildlife encounters. October coincides with the start of the mango season and seafood lovers can indulge in a feast of freshly caught barramundi, coral trout and mud crab.

Townsville | Gurambilbarra hosted three matches during Rugby World Cup 2003. The open-air design of North Queensland Stadium takes full advantage of Townsville | Gurambilbarra's stunning backdrop and enviable climate. The stadium hosted the historic 100th test between New Zealand and South Africa in 2021 and has also hosted the Wallabies.



NEWCASTLE
AWABAKAL-WORIMI

Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi revolves around the water, whether you're swimming in gem-like ocean pools, surfing reliably good waves, or just gazing out over the harbour from a scenic waterside perch. It is also Australia's second-oldest colonial city, with bountiful cultural attractions taking you from the cosmopolitan heart of town – with its atmospheric neighbourhoods and historic sites – to buzzing new precincts distinguished by cutting-edge architecture and blazing street art.

Visitors to Newcastle I Awabakal-Worimi can take part in a wide range of activities, from a range of unique cultural and arts experiences to scenic walks. The coastal city also has a delicious range of high-quality and authentic dining and drinking options.

Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi is a two-hour drive north from Sydney | Gadigal along the Pacific Highway. Newcastle Airport is a 30-minute drive from the city centre, and there are regular daily flights from Sydney | Gadigal.

For more information on visitor experiences in Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi, go to **visitnsw.com**



PERTH
BOORLOO

The 60,000-seat world-class Perth Stadium will host the opening match for Men's Rugby World Cup 2027. Boasting views of the picturesque Swan River and Perth city, Perth Stadium has been voted the Most Beautiful Sports Facility in the World.

Perth | Boorloo has successfully hosted sell-out Bledisloe Cups, Wallabies test matches and is the Australian home to the SVNS series. With weather as welcoming as its friendly locals, Australia's sunniest capital city of Perth offers adventures for everyone. You can relax on one of Perth's 19 pristine beaches, explore the historic and bohemian port city of Fremantle | Walyalup, swim with playful wild dolphins, or cruise to Rottnest Island to meet quokkas, the world's happiest animal.

Add a thriving metropolis of luxury hotels, shopping precincts, rooftop bars and waterfront dining at Elizabeth Quay | Goomup, and it's easy to see why Perth | Boorloo is where dream events happen.



SYDNEY
GADIGAL

Sydney | Gadigal is Australia's gateway and its only truly global, multicultural city. With something for everyone, it boasts dynamic neighbourhoods that celebrate diversity, golden beaches and breathtaking National Parks, cutting-edge dining and retail, a vibrant arts scene, and an ever-evolving calendar of world-class events.

As the major events capital of the Asia Pacific, Sydney | Gadigal plays host to exclusive international sporting competitions, Australian premieres of blockbuster musicals, and an impressive line-up of cultural events, including the iconic Sydney Festival, Mardi Gras, Biennale of Sydney, and the world-renowned Vivid Sydney.

This city seamlessly blends a 24-hour, beachside lifestyle with extraordinary natural beauty and unique cultural experiences that can't be found anywhere else in the world.

In 2024, Sydney | Gadigal was recognised as the world's top destination by Condé Nast and earned a top 10 ranking on the Global Destination Sustainability Index (GDS-Index), solidifying its place as an extraordinary destination for all.

For more information on visitor experiences in Sydney | Gadigal, visit **sydney.com**

EIGHT STADIUMS

Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 will be played across eight world-class stadiums in seven Australian host cities, providing the perfect stage for the most ambitious Rugby World Cup ever staged. Selected in close collaboration with Host Governments, the venues combine outstanding facilities with a nationwide footprint designed to maximise accessibility and engagement for local and travelling fans alike. From the tournament's opening match at Perth Stadium to the final at Sydney's iconic Stadium Australia, fans, teams and media will experience some of the country's premier sporting venues, delivering exceptional experiences and a uniquely Australian atmosphere.

The venue line-up reflects both the rich heritage and exciting future of rugby in Australia. Five stadiums return from Rugby World Cup 2003, including Adelaide Oval and Brisbane Stadium, while North Queensland Stadium in Townsville will make its Rugby World Cup debut. Melbourne's Docklands Stadium adds a distinctive indoor experience with its retractable roof, while Sydney becomes the only host city to feature two tournament venues, with Sydney Football Stadium joining Stadium Australia on rugby's biggest stage.



ADELAIDE TARNTANYA

Adelaide Oval – Located on the riverside and known for its stunning blend of heritage and modern design, it hosted matches at Rugby World Cup 2003, including Australia's record victory over Namibia.

Capacity: **53,000** Matches: Six pool matches



BRISBANE MEEANJIN

Brisbane Stadium – Known as "The Cauldron", it is one of Australia's most iconic rugby venues offering an electric atmosphere with fans close to the action. The stadium hosted nine Rugby World Cup matches in 2003 and featured 13 of the 2027 qualified teams.

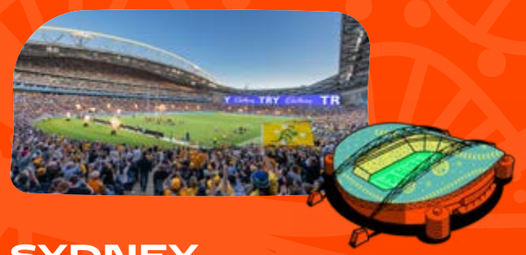
Capacity: **52,500** Matches: Six pool matches, two round of 16 and two quarter-finals



PERTH BOORLOO

Perth Stadium – Opened in 2018 by the Swan River, the multi-award-winning venue is recognised globally for its design and fan experience. A regular host to Wallabies test matches, the stadium will host the RWC 2027 opening match on 1 October, 2027.

Capacity: **60,000** Matches: Five pool matches (including the opening) and two round of 16



SYDNEY WANGAL

Stadium Australia – The biggest stadium used across the tournament, it joins iconic venues Eden Park, Twickenham and Stade de France as the only stadiums in history to host a Men's Rugby World Cup final for a second time.

Capacity: **82,000** Matches: Two pool matches, two quarter-finals, two semi-finals, bronze final and final

90%
OF AUSTRALIANS LIVE WITHIN A TWO-HOUR DRIVE OF A MATCH VENUE

(Estimate derived from the latest available ABS Estimated Resident Population (ERP) 2024 for the five capitals, coupled with recognised population for Newcastle and Townsville, and adjusted qualitatively for the commuter belts that sit within two hours of each city)



MELBOURNE NARRM

Docklands Stadium – The only fully enclosed venue used for the tournament. The roof will remain closed for all matches, ensuring perfect conditions for players and fans. Hosted seven RWC matches in 2003.

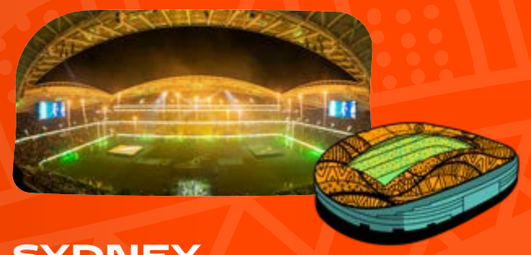
Capacity: **53,000** Matches: Six pool matches and two round of 16



NEWCASTLE AWABAKAL-WORIMI

Newcastle Stadium – Set to host Rugby World Cup matches for the first time in 2027. The venue's rugby heritage includes the British and Irish Lions' 1989 match against NSW Country and the Wallabies' 2012 test against Scotland.

Capacity: **30,000** Matches: Four pool matches



SYDNEY GADIGAL

Sydney Football Stadium – Reopened in 2022 after a complete rebuild, the most modern stadium of RWC 2027 located in the heart of Sydney will offer fans an electric atmosphere and cutting-edge facilities.

Capacity: **42,500** Matches: Three pool matches and two round of 16



TOWNSVILLE GURAMBILBARRA

North Queensland Stadium – Opened in 2020 and making its Rugby World Cup debut, the stadium's striking roof design is inspired by the tropical pandanus plant, native to the North Queensland region.

Capacity: **25,000** Matches: Four pool matches



COMPETITION FORMAT

Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 will be the first to feature 24 teams, reflecting rugby's global growth with more nations than ever before competing on the sport's biggest stage in a bid to hold aloft the Webb Ellis Cup in Sydney on 13 November, 2027.

POOL A
- NEW ZEALAND
- AUSTRALIA
- CHILE
- HONG KONG CHINA

POOL B
- SOUTH AFRICA
- ITALY
- GEORGIA
- ROMANIA

POOL C
- ARGENTINA
- FIJI
- SPAIN
- CANADA



The new expanded format features six pools (A, B, C, D, E and F) of four teams, replacing the four pools of five teams that had been in place since Australia last hosted the tournament in 2003.

With Hong Kong China making their Men's Rugby World Cup debut in Australia and Zimbabwe and Spain returning to the tournament for the first time this century, they joined the other 21 teams eagerly awaiting the draw in Sydney in December 2025.

Two-time Rugby World Cup winner Dan Carter, Olympic gold medallist Alicia Lucas and Australia's most-capped player James Slipper joined World Rugby Chair Brett Robinson to draw the pools which threw up some mouthwatering matches, not least the first-ever meeting of Australia and New Zealand in the pool stage.

Hosts Australia will face Hong Kong China in the opening match at Perth Stadium in Perth | Boorloo on 1 October, while Zimbabwe's first RWC match in 36 years will be against Wales a day later in Adelaide | Tarntanya and Spain will meet Fiji in Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi on 4 October.

For some teams the draw provided a sense of déjà vu, placing them in a pool with a team they faced when Australia hosted the tournament in 1987 or 2003, including South Africa and Georgia in Pool B and France, Japan and USA in Pool E.

While this format does mean an increase in the number of matches from 48 to 52, it doesn't mean more games for the players – a team lifting the Webb Ellis Cup would still play seven matches, just as South Africa did at France 2023.

World Rugby have adopted this reimagined format to ensure maximum jeopardy, drama and excitement for teams and spectators, while importantly not compromising on player welfare with five-day minimum rest periods for teams between games still in place despite the reduction in the tournament duration from seven to six weeks.

POOL D
- IRELAND
- SCOTLAND
- URUGUAY
- PORTUGAL

POOL E
- FRANCE
- JAPAN
- USA
- SAMOA

POOL F
- ENGLAND
- WALES
- TONGA
- ZIMBABWE

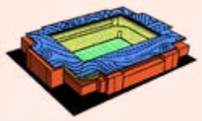
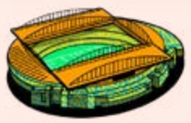
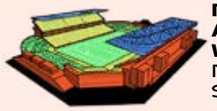
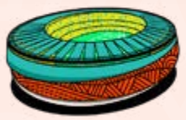
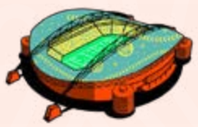
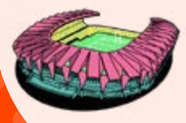
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MATCH SCHEDULE



POOL PHASE

KNOCKOUT PHASE

	FRI 1 OCT	SAT 2 OCT	SUN 3 OCT	MON 4 OCT	FRI 8 OCT	SAT 9 OCT	SUN 10 OCT	MON 11 OCT	FRI 15 OCT	SAT 16 OCT	SUN 17 OCT	SAT 23 OCT	SUN 24 OCT	SAT 30 OCT	SUN 31 OCT	FRI 5 NOV	SAT 6 NOV	FRI 12 NOV	SAT 13 NOV
 **ADELAIDE / TARNTANYA** ADELAIDE OVAL		WAL v ZIM 12:15	RSA v ITA 14:15		ENG v ZIM 20:15		FIJ v CAN 12:15		JPN v USA 20:00	ARG v FIJ 13:15									
 **BRISBANE / MEEANJIN** BRISBANE STADIUM		ENG v TGA 20:15		ARG v CAN 18:45		FRA v JPN 18:45	RSA v GEO 16:45			AUS v CHI 15:10	SCO v POR 16:15	R16(2) A1 v C|E|F3 15:45	R16(7) A2 v E2 18:15	QF2 W R16(1) v W R16(3) 18:45	QF3 W R16(5) v W R16(6) 16:00				
 **MELBOURNE / NARRM** DOCKLANDS STADIUM		FRA v USA 17:45	SCO v URU 17:15		WAL v TGA 18:15		ARG v ESP 15:15		NZL v HKG 17:15		IRE v URU 14:45	R16(3) E1 v D2 19:15	R16(6) D1 v B|E|F3 16:45						
 **NEWCASTLE / AWABAKAL-WORIMI** NEWCASTLE STADIUM			JPN v SAM 12:15	FIJ v ESP 14:15				URU v POR 17:15			ITA v GEO 12:15								
 **PERTH / BOORLOO** PERTH STADIUM	AUS v HKG 18:45	NZL v CHI 13:15				USA v SAM 12:15	IRE v SCO 17:45				RSA v ROU 19:15	R16(4) B1 v D|E|F3 18:45	R16(8) F1 v B2 18:45						
 **SYDNEY / WANGAL** STADIUM AUSTRALIA						NZL v AUS 17:10				ENG v WAL 19:45				QF1 W R16(2) v W R16(4) 16:45	QF4 W R16(7) v W R16(8) 20:00	SF1 W QF1 v W QF2 20:00	SF2 W QF3 v W QF4 20:00	BRONZE FINAL RU SF1 v RU SF2 19:45	FINAL W SF1 v W SF2 20:00
 **SYDNEY / GADIGAL** SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM				IRE v POR 17:15				ITA v ROU 19:45			FRA v SAM 19:45	R16(1) C2 v F2 14:15	R16(5) C1 v A|E|F3 14:15						
 **TOWNSVILLE / GURAMBILBARRA** NORTH QUEENSLAND STADIUM			GEO v ROU 20:15			CHI v HKG 20:15			TGA v ZIM 20:15	ESP v CAN 20:15									

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PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

Emirates · Asahi SUPER DRY · VISA

READY TO GO ALL OUT?

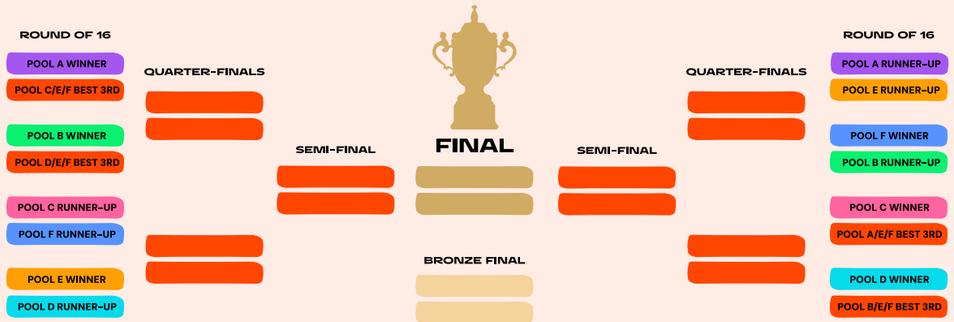
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A FORMAT MADE FOR OPPORTUNITIES



Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 will be the first to feature a round of 16 with the top two teams from each of the six pools plus the four best third-placed teams qualifying for the knockout phase in Australia.



This will give sides such as Italy, Georgia, Portugal and USA a chance to reach the knockout phase for the first time, while also ensuring that every match counts throughout the pool phase and bringing more entertainment to the competition.

In the round of 16, the four best third-placed finishers will play the winners of Pool A, B, C and D, determined by their finish in the pool stages, whereas the winners of Pool E and F will face the runners-up from Pool D and B. This leaves the runners-up in Pool A and C to face the second-placed teams from Pool E and F.

The teams will be ranked in their pools according to how many competition points they have picked up. If two or more teams have the same competition points then various criteria are used to split teams, from head-to-head, to points difference, points scored and tries scored.

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THE WEBB ELLIS CUP

In early 1987, as the first Rugby World Cup approached in New Zealand and Australia, a remarkable trophy waited in the vaults of Garrards, the Royal Jewellers on Regent Street in London, England. Crafted in 1906 as a reproduction of an 18th Century design by renowned Huguenot silversmith Paul de Lamerie, the Webb Ellis Cup is made of sterling silver, gilded in 24-carat gold, and bears the distinctive artistry of its era: a satyr and a nymph on its cast scroll handles, and intricate masks and vine motifs across its surface.

Chosen by John Kendall-Carpenter (Chair of the RWC 1987 Organising Committee) and Bob Weighill (Honorary Secretary of the International Rugby Football Board, the precursor to World Rugby), the trophy's Victorian character was seen as the perfect bridge between rugby's heritage and its future. The committee unanimously agreed that this would become one of sport's great symbols.

It was engraved "The Webb Ellis Cup" in honour of William Webb Ellis, the schoolboy from Rugby School who, according to legend, picked up the ball during a football match and ran with it, a symbolic spark that later came to represent the birth of rugby.

The trophy's legend began in earnest on 22 May, 1987 as New Zealand and Italy opened the first Rugby World Cup, and it claimed its place in history a month later when All Blacks captain David Kirk lifted it at Eden Park. Since then, it has travelled the globe and been seen by people from every culture and walk of life.

Each presentation has added to its story: Nelson Mandela to Francois Pienaar in 1995, Queen Elizabeth II to Nick Farr-Jones in 1991 and John Eales in 1999, John Howard to Martin Johnson in 2003, Syd Millar to John Smit in 2007, Bernard Lapasset to Richie McCaw in 2011 and again in 2015, Crown Prince Akishino of Japan and Bill Beaumont to Siya Kolisi in 2019; and once more to Kolisi in 2023 as South Africa secured back-to-back titles.

And woven through this tradition is one of the trophy's most powerful symbols of reverence: it may only be lifted by players who have earned the right to call themselves Rugby World Cup winners. A reminder that the Webb Ellis Cup is more than silver and gold; it is a living emblem of rugby's spirit, history and unity.

DID YOU KNOW?

> Only the World Rugby Chair, Heads of State and Government, and Rugby World Cup winners are allowed to touch the Webb Ellis Cup without gloves.

> Only one team from the northern hemisphere has lifted the trophy (England, 2003)

> There is only one Webb Ellis Cup, its value is priceless.

> The Webb Ellis Cup always travels as cabin baggage, always accompanied by an authorised World Rugby representative.



ID CARD

> Height: **472mm**

> Width: **319mm**

> Weight: **4.5kg**

> Sterling silver, plated in 24 carat gold



MEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP AUSTRALIA 2027

A UNIQUE IDENTITY

Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 will be a tournament like no other.

The first to feature 24 teams, 52 matches and a round of 16 required a unique identity that engages fans around the world and embodies Australia as a country of light and energy, reflecting the spirit of its people while celebrating its rich heritage and the diverse social and cultural fabric of the country.

The logo itself draws inspiration from Australia's natural beauty, with a vibrant orange hue evoking the warmth of its sun and distinctive earth. The lines take cues from the coastlines, layered rock formations and winding rivers, seamlessly flowing with energy and converging around the Rugby World Cup ball at its core.

The tapestry subtly woven into the visual identity was created by an artist of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, specialising in contemporary Indigenous art. The design takes inspiration from various First Nations artistic styles and textures across the country, symbolising Australia's land, sea and sky – three elements of spiritual significance in First Nations cultures. Together, the components symbolise the diverse geography of Australia, reflecting a nation united as a whole.



We Are 27 Creative indigenous artist and designer of the tapestry, Riki Salam said: "With permission, cultural knowledge and deep respect, our goal was to represent the diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands cultures from across Australia in a contemporary design.

I'm truly impressed with the outcome and how seamlessly my work integrates into the Rugby World Cup 2027 visual identity, while also contributing to greater global awareness of Indigenous peoples and cultures."

A TOURNAMENT FOR ALL

One million tickets available under AUD$100 across the tournament

RWC 2027 will be the biggest and most accessible tournament in history with more than 2.5 million tickets available, placing fans firmly at the heart of the process and a programme that embodies a new era of openness and inclusivity to open the sport's biggest stage to all.

Making Australia 2027 as accessible as possible for everyone was a key focus in the planning, be they a lifelong supporter, a family discovering the tournament together or visitors experiencing rugby on Australian soil for the first time.

Ticket prices start from AUD$40 for adults and AUD$20 for children with more than one million tickets available under AUD$100 across the tournament, offering an option to all budgets and allowing families to enjoy world-class rugby and create lasting memories together.

3 DECEMBER, 2025
RWC 2027 DRAW

3 FEBRUARY, 2026
MATCH SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENT

FEBRUARY 2026
PRESALE

MAY 2026
APPLICATION PHASE

28-30 SEPTEMBER
VISA PRIORITY SALE

1 OCTOBER
GENERAL SALE



1.3 million tickets purchased by fans from **164 countries** (as of 1 October, 2026)

TOP RWC 2027 TICKET HOLDERS BY COUNTRY

#1	Australia
#2	United Kingdom
#3	France
#4	New Zealand
#5	Japan
#6	Ireland
#7	USA
#8	South Africa
#9	Chile
#10	Canada

ONE SHARED VISION

Using the power of Rugby World Cup to unite communities, grow the game and create a positive legacy across Australia and the Pacific.

CREATING A LASTING LEGACY ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

Rugby World Cup is about more than what happens on the field.

As Australia prepares to host Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 and Women's Rugby World Cup 2029, World Rugby, Rugby Australia, Oceania Rugby and the Australian Government are working together to ensure the tournaments leave a lasting legacy for communities across Australia and the Pacific.

Backed by AUD$30 million in Australian Government investment, Impact Beyond is the long-term legacy programme designed to grow the game, enrich lives and create opportunities that will endure long after the final whistle. Half of the investment is dedicated to Australia, with the other half supporting communities and unions across the Pacific.

Together, Impact Beyond Australia and Impact Beyond Pasifika will strengthen participation, improve capability, support inclusion and help build a stronger, more sustainable future for rugby across the region.

IMPACT BEYOND AUSTRALIA

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Hosting two Rugby World Cups presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to grow rugby across Australia.

Delivered by Rugby Australia and its member unions, Impact Beyond Australia focuses on creating stronger, safer and more inclusive community rugby environments, expanding access to the game and ensuring clubs are ready to welcome new players inspired by the biggest events in rugby.

A particular focus will be placed on increasing opportunities for women and girls, recognising the transformative impact that both Rugby World Cups can have on participation and visibility.

BY 2029, IMPACT BEYOND AUSTRALIA AIMS TO:

> Grow rugby participation to more than **220,000 players (+38%)**

> Increase community rugby participation by **one-third**

> Increase accredited coaches and match officials by **30%**

> Double participation in national club programmes such as **Get Into Rugby** and **Tri-Tag Rugby**

> Increase women's and girls' participation by **70%**

"More players. More opportunities. More inclusive communities. A stronger game for generations to come."

IMPACT BEYOND PASIFIKA

STRENGTHENING RUGBY'S PACIFIC HEARTLAND

The Pacific Islands have helped shape rugby's global story for generations. Impact Beyond Pasifika is designed to ensure the benefits of Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 and Women's Rugby World Cup 2029 are shared across the region that contributes so much to the game.

Delivered by World Rugby and Oceania Rugby and supported by the Australian Government, the programme will support Pacific-led initiatives that strengthen performance pathways, community rugby, governance and long-term sustainability.

The ambition is simple: empower Pacific unions, invest in people and create lasting opportunities that help rugby thrive across Oceania.

"A stronger Pacific rugby community, empowered to lead, inspire and thrive on and off the field."

FOCUS AREAS

> International performance development

> Governance and financial sustainability

> Community rugby development

> Greater visibility and engagement for Pacific rugby on the global stage

LEGACY COMMITMENTS

> Greater opportunities for women and girls across the region

> Increased support for female coaches and leaders

> Enhanced coaching and technical capability in Fiji, Samoa and Tonga

> Region-wide safeguarding and governance programmes supporting safe and sustainable rugby environments

IMPACT BEYOND BY THE NUMBERS

AUD$30M
Australian Government investment

AUD$15M
Dedicated to Impact Beyond Australia

AUD$15M
Dedicated to Impact Beyond Pasifika

220,000+
Target rugby participants in Australia by 2029

+70%
Growth target for women's and girls' participation in Australia



JOURNEY TO AUSTRALIA 2027

Samoa became the 24th and final team to qualify for Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 after a nail-biting 13-13 draw with Belgium saw them win the Final Qualification Tournament in November 2025. Both teams went unbeaten through the tournament but a draw was enough for Samoa to deny Belgium a first-ever Rugby World Cup and ensure a 10th consecutive appearance of their own on the sport's biggest stage.

The Journey to Australia 2027 had actually begun at RWC 2023 when 12 nations confirmed their place via a top-three finish in their pools: Argentina, Australia, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Scotland, Wales, runners-up New Zealand and champions South Africa.

That left 12 places to be filled by a regional qualification process, which began in 2024 with preliminary rounds in Africa, Asia and South America but truly ramped up when Europe delivered the first four qualifiers in February 2025.

Over the next nine months, eight other teams would join Georgia, Portugal, Romania and Spain on the plane to Australia for RWC 2027, among them first-time qualifiers Hong Kong China and Zimbabwe, who last contested a Rugby World Cup in 1991.

AFRICA

Eight teams converged on Kampala for the Rugby Africa Men's Cup 2025 in July with the Webb Ellis Cup in attendance on an opening day that saw defending champions Zimbabwe, Algeria, Namibia and Kenya progress to the semi-finals.

Zimbabwe and Namibia would go on to contest the final, ensuring there would be no first-time qualifier from Africa at RWC 2027. A tense decider went right down to the wire after Namibia fought back in the final 20 minutes, only to miss a long-range penalty late on to win the match.

While Zimbabwe could celebrate a return to the Rugby World Cup stage, Namibia had to negotiate a play-off against Asia runners-up the United Arab Emirates to reach the Final Qualification Tournament. They did so with ease, running out 86-29 winners.



ASIA

With Japan qualifying directly via their RWC 2023 performance, Asia would have two teams at a Men's Rugby World Cup for the first time with Hong Kong China strong favourites to create history by winning the Asia Rugby Emirates Men's Championship 2025 title.

To do so, they would have to beat Korea, Sri Lanka and UAE to retain their title, which they duly did in impressive fashion, scoring 191 points and conceding only 39 in three matches.

EUROPE

The eight-team Rugby Europe Men's Championship 2025 would deliver four qualifiers, the identity of whom was confirmed as defending champions Georgia, Portugal, Romania and Spain each won their opening two matches to confirm their places in the semi-finals.

Georgia would retain the title for an eighth consecutive year after beating Spain 46-28 in the final in March, but Los Leones still had plenty to celebrate having qualified for a first Men's Rugby World Cup this century, having made their debut in 1999.

Belgium also ended their campaign on a high, beating the Netherlands 31-10 to finish fifth and confirm their place in the Final Qualification Tournament which would deliver the 24th and last team for RWC 2027.

PACIFIC

The Asahi Super Dry Pacific Nations Cup 2025 provided three qualifiers with Canada, Samoa, Tonga and USA bidding to join the already qualified Fiji and Japan at Australia 2027. Tonga and Canada were first to secure their places by reaching the semi-finals, wins over Samoa and USA respectively in the pool phase proving decisive.

That left USA and Samoa to fight it out for the one remaining place in the fifth-place play-off. Samoa had moved 13-8 ahead just past the hour mark but the Men's Eagles responded with three late tries to book their ticket to Australia after missing out on France 2023.

SOUTH AMERICA

Uruguay and Chile reached the Sudaméricano 2025 final after beating Paraguay and Brazil in their two-legged semi-finals, setting the long-time rivals against each other with the ultimate prize of a place at RWC 2027 on the line. Uruguay took a 12-point lead into the second leg at home in Montevideo, which proved to be enough to qualify despite going down 21-18 to Chile.

That left Brazil and Paraguay to meet in a play-off for third place and a spot in the Final Qualification Tournament. Brazil had emphatically won their last meeting in 2024, but Paraguay won both legs this time around. However, Paraguay would withdraw after discovering they fielded an ineligible player, sending Brazil to Dubai instead.

SOUTH AMERICA/ PACIFIC PLAY-OFF

Samoa's loss to USA pitted them into a South America/Pacific play-off against Chile, the Sudaméricano 2025 runners-up, in September. Samoa fought back from 17 points down at half-time to secure a 32-32 draw in the first leg but, roared on by a crowd of 20,000 in Viña del Mar a week later, Chile ran out 31-12 winners to become the 23rd qualifier for RWC 2027.

FINAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

Belgium, Brazil, Namibia and Samoa converged on Dubai in November 2025 for a round-robin tournament to determine the final team bound for Australia 2027. Top seeds Samoa overcame Brazil and Namibia to set up the decider with Belgium, who had needed a last-gasp winning try to see off the brave Brazilians in round two.

Samoa's two bonus-point wins to Belgium's one meant a draw was enough for the Pacific Islanders, a result they ultimately got after an enthralling contest which saw Belgium captain Jean-Maurice Decubber tie the scores with five minutes to go. His side had to score again to realise their dream of RWC 2027 qualification, Samoa though held firm to break Belgian hearts.





TEAM PROFILES

POOL A

AUSTRALIA

Coach: Les Kiss
Captain: Harry Wilson
Nickname: Wallabies

World Ranking: **6**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v England on 23 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 57 – Won 44, Drawn 0, Lost 13

Best placing: **Champions** (1991, 1999)

Points for/against: 1,887 / 845

Tries for/against: 241 / 65

Most RWC appearances: 21 – James Slipper

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Australia were the first nation to lift the Webb Ellis Cup twice after successes in 1991 and 1999. They only conceded one try in winning their second title.

> The Wallabies have lost their two finals since, to England on home soil in 2003 and New Zealand in 2015.

> Australia hold the record for the biggest margin in a pool match, having beaten Namibia 142-0 at RWC 2003.

> They lost two pool matches at RWC 2023, only one fewer than in the previous nine tournaments combined. This meant Australia failed to reach the knockout stages for the first time.

> Australia will play in the opening match of a Men's Rugby World Cup for the third time after 1995 (v South Africa) and 2003 (v Argentina).

> The Wallabies will face New Zealand for the first time in the pool stage.

> They will also play their other Pool A opponents Chile and Hong Kong China for the first time.

AUS v HKG
1 OCTOBER
18:45 – v Hong Kong China
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

AUS v NZL
9 OCTOBER
17:10 – v New Zealand
Stadium Australia,
Sydney | Wangal

AUS v CHI
16 OCTOBER
15:10 – v Chile
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

ARGENTINA

Coach: Felipe Contepomi
Captain: Julián Montoya
Nickname: Los Pumas

World Ranking: **8**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Fiji on 25 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 48 – Won 25, Drawn 0, Lost 23

Best placing: **Third** (2007)

Points for/against: 1,283 / 995

Tries for/against: 134 / 100

Most RWC appearances: 22 – Agustín Creevy

POOL C

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Argentina beat host nation France twice on the way to recording their best-ever finish of third in 2007.

> Los Pumas have twice had the top points scorer at a tournament, Gonzalo Quesada with 102 in 1999 and Nicolás Sánchez with 97 in 2015.

> Argentina will face Canada and Spain for the first time at a Rugby World Cup.

> They have also been drawn in a pool with Fiji for the first time since the inaugural tournament in 1987.

ARG v CAN
4 OCTOBER
18:45 – v Canada
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

ARG v ESP
10 OCTOBER
15:15 – v Spain
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

ARG v FIJ
16 OCTOBER
13:15 – v Fiji
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya





CANADA

POOL C

Coach: Steve Meehan
Captain: Lucas Rumball

World Ranking: **22**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Tonga on 24 May, 1987

Appearances: **9** – 1987-2019

Record: Played 32 – Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 23

Best placing: **Quarter-finalists** (1991)

Points for/against: 541 / 1,015

Tries for/against: 58 / 134

Most RWC appearances: 15 – DTH van der Merwe

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> While Canada's women have twice reached a Rugby World Cup final, their men have reached the knockout stage only once, in 1991.

> Canada have featured in two of the four draws in Men's Rugby World Cup history, both against Japan in 2007 and 2011.

> They have been drawn in a pool with Argentina and Spain for the first time.

> Canada will face Fiji for the fourth time in a pool, the Flying Fijians joining France as their most-common pool opponent.

CAN v ARG
4 OCTOBER
18:45 – v Argentina
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

CAN v FIJ
10 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Fiji
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

CAN v ESP
16 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Spain
North Queensland Stadium,
Townsville | Gurambilbarra

CHILE

Coach: Pablo Lemoine
Captain: Martín Sigren
Nickname: Los Cóndores

World Ranking: **16**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Japan on 10 September, 2023

Appearances: **1** – 2023

Record: Played 4 – Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 4

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 27 / 215

Tries for/against: 4 / 30

Most RWC appearances: 4 – 12 players

POOL A

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Chile became the 26th team to play at a Men's Rugby World Cup at France 2023.

> They are one of a record five teams from the Americas at RWC 2027, the last of Argentina, Canada, Uruguay and USA to qualify.

> They played in the first all-South American match in the tournament's history in 2023, losing 59-5 to Argentina in Nantes.

> Chile will face Australia and New Zealand for the first time.

> Los Cóndores faced their other Pool A opponents Hong Kong China in the World Rugby Nations Cup in July 2026, winning 38-17 in Viña del Mar.

CHI v NZL
2 OCTOBER
13:15 – v New Zealand
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

CHI v HKG
9 OCTOBER
18:45 – v Hong Kong China
North Queensland Stadium,
Townsville | Gurambilbarra

CHI v AUS
16 OCTOBER
15:10 – v Australia
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin





POOL F

ENGLAND

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> England's Jonny Wilkinson is the record points scorer in Men's Rugby World Cup history with 277.

> They are the only northern hemisphere team to lift the Webb Ellis Cup.

> England are the only host nation not to reach the knockout stages – RWC 2015 was also the only time they have failed to progress from the pool phase.

> Henry Arundell equalled Josh Lewsey's 20-year-old England record for most tries in a pool stage match with his five-try haul against Chile in 2023.

> England will play Zimbabwe for the first time in a test at RWC 2027, while they last faced Tonga at Japan 2019.

> They lost their only previous pool match with Wales, on home soil in 2015.

Coach: Steve Borthwick
Captain: Maro Itoje

World Ranking: **5**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Australia on 23 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 57 – Won 42, Drawn 0, Lost 15

Best placing: **Champions** (2003)

Points for/against: 1,790 / 885

Tries for/against: 190 / 76

Most RWC appearances: 22 – Jason Leonard

ENG v TGA
2 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Tonga
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

ENG v ZIM
8 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Zimbabwe
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

ENG v WAL
16 OCTOBER
19:45 – v Wales
Stadium Australia,
Sydney | Wangal

FIJI

Interim coach:
Senirusi Seruvakula
Captain: Tevita Ikanivere
Nickname: Flying Fijians

World Ranking: **10**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Argentina on 24 May, 1987

Appearances: **9** – 1987-91, 1999-2023

Record: Played 37 – Won 13, Drawn 0, Lost 24

Best placing: **Quarter-finalists** (1987, 2007, 2023)

Points for/against: 844 / 1,084

Tries for/against: 98 / 127

Most RWC appearances: 14 – Nicky Little

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Fiji's Josua Tuisova became the first player to score a try in an Olympic gold medal match and in a Rugby World Cup match, against Georgia at RWC 2019.

> Their quarter-final appearance at RWC 2023 was Fiji's first since the tournament was last held in France in 2007.

> This is the first time since RWC 2003 that Fiji won't play Wales in the pool stage.

> Fiji have been drawn in a pool with Argentina for the first time since the inaugural tournament in 1987.

> They will face Spain at a Rugby World Cup for the first time and Canada for the fourth time but first since 2007.

FIJ v ESP
4 OCTOBER
14:15 – v Spain
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

FIJ v CAN
10 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Canada
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

FIJ v ARG
16 OCTOBER
13:15 – v Argentina
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

POOL C





POOL E

FRANCE

Coach: Fabien Galthié
Captain: Antoine Dupont
Nickname: Les Bleus

World Ranking: **4**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Scotland on 23 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 57 – Won 40, Drawn 1, Lost 16

Best placing: **Runners-up** (1987, 1999, 2011)

Points for/against: 1,823 / 1,027

Tries for/against: 213 / 100

Most RWC appearances: 18 – Raphaël Ibanez

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> France drew their opening Rugby World Cup match 20-20 with Scotland – one of only four draws in the tournament's history.

> Les Bleus are the only team to reach the final and not lift the Webb Ellis Cup after defeats in 1987, 1999 and 2011.

> France are one of only three teams to lose two pool matches and still reach the quarter-finals of a Rugby World Cup (2011, the others being Fiji in 1987 and 2023).

> France will face Samoa in a pool match for the first time.

> Les Bleus have been drawn in a pool with USA for the fourth time, joining Canada as their most-faced pool opponent.

> The first time came in Australia in 2003 when France also faced Japan.

FRA v USA
2 OCTOBER
17:45 – v USA
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

FRA v JPN
9 OCTOBER
18:45 – v Japan
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

FRA v SAM
17 OCTOBER
19:45 – v Samoa
Sydney Football Stadium,
Sydney | Gadigal

GEORGIA

Coach: Pierre Broncan
Captain: Beka Gorgadze
Nickname: Lelos

World Ranking: **13**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v England on 12 October, 2003

Appearances: **6** – 2003-23

Record: Played 24 – Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 18

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 326 / 759

Tries for/against: 30 / 100

Most RWC appearances: 15 – Mamuka Gorgodze, Merab Kvirikashvili

POOL B

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Georgia made their Rugby World Cup debut when Australia last hosted the tournament.

> The Lelos were involved in the fourth draw in Men's Rugby World Cup history in 2023, after an 18-18 stalemate with Portugal in Toulouse.

> Georgia scrum-half Vasil Lobzhanidze is the youngest player in Men's RWC history at 18 years and 340 days against Tonga in 2015.

> They will face South Africa for the first time since their debut tournament in 2003.

> Georgia have been drawn in a pool with Italy for the first time, while the only previous time they have played Romania came at RWC 2011.

GEO v ROU
3 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Romania
North Queensland Stadium,
Townsville | Gurambilbarra

GEO v RSA
10 OCTOBER
16:45 – v South Africa
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

GEO v ITA
17 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Italy
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi





POOL A

HONG KONG CHINA

Coach: Logan Asplin
Captain: Joshua Hrstich

World Ranking: **24**

RWC STATISTICS

Hong Kong China have qualified for a first Men's Rugby World Cup.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Hong Kong China qualified for RWC 2027 by winning the Asia Rugby Emirates Men's Championship 2025, beating Korea, Sri Lanka and UAE.

> Hong Kong China's debut at RWC 2027 will come 10 years after their women's national team appeared for the first time at Ireland 2017.

> They are only the second Asian team to play at a Men's Rugby World Cup after Japan.

> Hong Kong China will face Australia for the first time, in the RWC 2027 opener in Perth | Boorloo.

> They have also never faced New Zealand before, while they were beaten 38-17 by Chile in the World Rugby Nations Cup in July 2026.

HKG v AUS
1 OCTOBER
18:45 – v Australia
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

HKG v CHI
9 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Chile
North Queensland Stadium,
Townsville | Gurambilbarra

HKG v NZL
15 OCTOBER
17:15 – v New Zealand
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

IRELAND

Coach: Andy Farrell
Captain: Caelan Doris

World Ranking: **5**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Wales on 25 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 45 – Won 28, Drawn 0, Lost 17

Best placing: **Quarter-finalists** (1987-95, 2003, 2011-23)

Points for/against: 1,345 / 809

Tries for/against: 164 / 78

Most RWC appearances: 18 – Conor Murray

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Ireland have never gone beyond the quarter-final stage despite reaching it eight times.

> Ireland boast the only two forwards to score four tries in a RWC match, Brian Robinson v Zimbabwe in 1991 and Keith Wood v USA in 1999.

> They have been drawn in a pool with Portugal and Uruguay for the first time.

> Ireland will face Scotland for the third consecutive tournament, having tasted victory in both 2019 and 2023.

IRE v POR
4 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Portugal
Sydney Football Stadium,
Sydney | Gadigal

IRE v SCO
10 OCTOBER
17:45 – v Scotland
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

IRE v URU
17 OCTOBER
14:15 – v Uruguay
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

POOL D





POOL B

ITALY

Coach: Gonzalo Quesada
Captain: Michele Lamaro
Nickname: Azzurri

World Ranking: **12**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v New Zealand on 22 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 35 – Won 15, Drawn 0, Lost 20

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 741 / 1,158

Tries for/against: 83 / 147

Most RWC appearances: 15 – Sergio Parisse

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Italy are the only team to have appeared at every Rugby World Cup never to reach the knockout stage.

> Italy played in the first-ever RWC match in 1987, losing 70-6 to New Zealand at Eden Park when future Azzurri coach John Kirwan scored a famous try.

> The Azzurri have been drawn in a pool with Georgia for the first time.

> Italy have only met South Africa once on the RWC stage, losing 49-3 in Japan in 2019.

> They will face Romania for the third time but first since RWC 2015.

ITA V RSA
3 OCTOBER
14:15 – v South Africa
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

ITA V ROU
11 OCTOBER
19:45 – v Romania
Sydney Football Stadium,
Sydney | Gadigal

ITA V GEO
17 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Georgia
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

JAPAN

Coach: Eddie Jones
Captain: Warner Dearns
Nickname: Brave Blossoms

World Ranking: **9**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v USA on 24 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 37 – Won 10, Drawn 2, Lost 25

Best placing: **Quarter-finals** (2019)

Points for/against: 753 / 1,454

Tries for/against: 85 / 197

Most RWC appearances: 17 – Michael Leitch

POOL E

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Japan have played in two of the four draws in Men's Rugby World Cup history, both against Canada, in 2007 and 2011.

> The Brave Blossoms went 24 years between their first and second RWC victories (1991 v Zimbabwe to 2015 v South Africa).

> Japan conceded the most points in a RWC match, losing 145-17 to New Zealand in 1995.

> Samoa will become Japan's most-common pool opponents after the sides were drawn together for the fifth time and fourth tournament in a row.

> Japan met France on two previous occasions, the first time coming in Townsville | Gurambilbarra at RWC 2003 when Les Bleus won 51-29.

> Two of their three previous Rugby World Cup meetings with USA have come on Australian soil, in Ballymore in 1987 and Gosford in 2003.

JPN V SAM
3 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Samoa
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

JPN V FRA
9 OCTOBER
18:45 – v France
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

JPN V USA
15 OCTOBER
20:00 – v USA
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya





POOL A



NEW ZEALAND

Coach: Dave Rennie
Captain: Ardie Savea
Nickname: All Blacks

World Ranking: **2**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Italy on 22 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 63 – Won 54, Drawn 0, Lost 9

Best placing: **Champions** (1987, 2011-15)

Points for/against: 2,588 / 842

Tries for/against: 396 / 71

Most RWC appearances: 26 – Samuel Whitelock

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> New Zealand beat Italy 70-6 in the first-ever Rugby World Cup match in 1987.

> The All Blacks won 18 consecutive RWC matches before their 2019 semi-final loss to England.

> New Zealand were the first team to successfully defend the Webb Ellis Cup.

> Marc Ellis holds the record for most tries in a pool match with six against Japan in 1995, a game in which Simon Culhane scored a record 45 points.

> New Zealand suffered a first pool-stage loss in the RWC 2023 tournament opener against hosts France, ending a run of 31 consecutive victories.

> The All Blacks will complete the set when they face Australia at RWC 2027, the last of the teams to play every tournament they will meet in the pool stage.

> New Zealand will face both Chile and Hong Kong China for the first time in test history.

NZL v CHI
2 OCTOBER
13:15 – v Chile
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

NZL v AUS
9 OCTOBER
17:10 – v Australia
Stadium Australia,
Sydney | Wangal

NZL v HKG
15 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Hong Kong China
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm



PORTUGAL

Coach: Simon Mannix
Co-captains: Tomás Appleton and José Madeira
Nickname: Os Lobos

World Ranking: **14**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Scotland on 9 September, 2007

Appearances: **2** – 2007, 2023

Record: Played 8 – Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 6

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 102 / 312

Tries for/against: 12 / 44

Most RWC appearances: 4 – 23 players

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Portugal had to wait 16 years after their first Rugby World Cup appearance in 2007 to return at France 2023.

> They lost their first five pool matches before drawing 18-18 with Georgia in Toulouse. Os Lobos followed that with an historic 24-23 defeat of Fiji.

> This is the first time Portugal have not been the last team to qualify for a Rugby World Cup, securing their place via the Rugby Europe Men's Championship 2025.

> Portugal will face Ireland and Uruguay in a pool for the first time.

> Scotland will become the first team that Os Lobos face twice at a Rugby World Cup, having made their debut against the same opponents in 2007.

POR v IRE
4 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Ireland
Sydney Football Stadium,
Sydney | Gadigal

POR v URU
11 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Uruguay
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

POR v SCO
17 OCTOBER
16:15 – v Scotland
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

POOL D





POOL B



ROMANIA

Coach: David Gérard
Captain: Cristi Boboc
Nickname: Oaks

World Ranking: **21**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Zimbabwe on 23 May, 1986

Appearances: **9** – 1987-2015, 2023

Record: Played 32 – Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 26

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 397 / 1,355

Tries for/against: 44 / 184

Most RWC appearances: 14 – Ovidiu Tonita, Romeo Gontineac

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Romania completed the biggest comeback in Men's RWC history when they recovered from 15-0 down against Canada in 2015 to score 17 unanswered points in the final 28 minutes.

> The Oaks played in the first-ever test played in Tasmania at RWC 2003, beating Namibia 37-7.

> RWC 2023 was the third time Romania have returned home without a win, after 1995 and 2011.

> Romania will face long-time rivals Georgia for the first time since RWC 2011.

> The Oaks have been drawn in the same pool as South Africa for the second successive tournament, having lost 76-0 in 2023.

> Romania and Italy will meet at a Rugby World Cup for the third time, but first since 2015.

ROU V GEO
3 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Georgia
North Queensland Stadium,
Townsville | Gurambilbarra

ROU V ITA
11 OCTOBER
19:45 – v Italy
Sydney Football Stadium,
Sydney | Gadigal

ROU V RSA
17 OCTOBER
19:15 – v South Africa
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo



SAMOA

Coach: Lemalu Tusiata Pisi
Captain: Theo McFarland
Nickname: Manu Samoa

World Ranking: **20**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Wales on 6 October, 1991

Appearances: **9** – 1991-2023

Record: Played 36 – Won 14, Drawn 0, Lost 22

Best placing: **Quarter-finalists** (1991, 1995)

Points for/against: 804 / 935

Tries for/against: 94 / 96

Most RWC appearances: 18 – Brian Lima

POOL E

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Samoa were the 24th and last team to qualify for RWC 2027 after a 13-13 with Belgium in the Final Qualification Tournament decider in Dubai on 18 November.

> Samoa legend Brian Lima was the first player to appear at five Rugby World Cups (1991-2007).

> Western Samoa, as they were known at the time, arrived with a bang on the RWC stage, beating Wales 16-13 at Cardiff Arms Park in their first match.

> Samoa have been drawn in a pool with France for the first time.

> They will face Japan for the fourth consecutive tournament and fifth time in total, meaning the Brave Blossoms join Argentina as Samoa's most-common pool opponent.

> Samoa have played the USA twice before at a Rugby World Cup, in 2007 and 2015.

SAM V JPN
3 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Japan
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

SAM V USA
9 OCTOBER
12:15 – v USA
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

SAM V FRA
17 OCTOBER
19:45 – v France
Sydney Football Stadium,
Sydney | Gadigal





POOL D

SCOTLAND

Coach: Gregor Townsend
Captain: Sione Tuipulotu

World Ranking: **6**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v France on 23 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 46 – Won 26, Drawn 1, Lost 19

Best placing: **Fourth** (1991)

Points for/against: 1,407 / 874

Tries for/against: 167 / 89

Most RWC appearances: 15 – Chris Paterson

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Scotland drew their first Rugby World Cup match, 20-20 with France in 1987. This would be the only draw across the first five tournaments.

> Scotland have failed to reach the knockout stages at the last two tournaments.

> They have only topped their pool at one tournament, in 1991 when they went on to finish fourth.

> Scotland have been drawn in the same pool as Ireland for the third successive tournament.

> Ireland will join Romania and Japan as Scotland's most-common pool opponents on four.

> They will face Uruguay for the first time since 1999 when Scotland ran out 43-12 winners at Murrayfield.

> Scotland will face Portugal for the second time, becoming the only team that Os Lobos will meet twice at a Rugby World Cup after they last met at France 2007.

SCO v URU
1 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Uruguay
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

SCO v IRE
10 OCTOBER
17:45 – v Ireland
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

SCO v POR
17 OCTOBER
16:15 – v Portugal
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

SOUTH AFRICA

Coach: Rassie Erasmus
Captain: Siya Kolisi
Nickname: Springboks

World Ranking: **1**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Australia on 25 May, 1995

Appearances: **8** – 1995-2023

Record: Played 50 – Won 42, Drawn 0, Lost 8

Best placing: **Champions** (1995, 2007, 2019-23)

Points for/against: 1,720 / 641

Tries for/against: 201 / 45

Most RWC appearances: 20 – Schalk Burger

POOL B

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> South Africa are the most successful team in RWC history with four titles. They are seeking to become the first team to win three in a row at Australia 2027.

> The Springboks have only scored tries in one of their four finals, against England in 2019.

> South Africa are the only team to lose a pool match and go on to lift the Webb Ellis Cup (against New Zealand in 2019 and Ireland in 2023).

> Bryan Habana shares the record for most tries in Men's Rugby World Cup history with Jonah Lomu (15).

> South Africa have only lost four pool matches, against England (2003), Japan (2015), New Zealand (2019) and Ireland (2023).

> The Springboks will face Georgia at a Rugby World Cup for the first time since they won 46-19 in Sydney in 2003.

> They will face Romania for the third time, having first been drawn together in 1995.

> South Africa will meet Italy for the second time after their 2019 meeting in Japan.

RSA v ITA
3 OCTOBER
14:15 – v Italy
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

RSA v GEO
10 OCTOBER
16:45 – v Georgia
Brisbane Stadium,
Brisbane | Meeanjin

RSA v ROU
17 OCTOBER
19:15 – v Romania
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo





POOL C

SPAIN

Coach: Pablo Bouza
Captain: Jon Zabala
Nickname: Los Leones

World Ranking: **17**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Uruguay on 2 October, 1999

Appearances: **1** – 1999

Record: Played 3 – Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 3

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 18 / 122

Tries for/against: 0 / 18

Most RWC appearances: 3 – 13 players

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Spain are yet to score a try on the Rugby World Cup stage.

> This will be Spain's first Rugby World Cup this century after booking their place via the Rugby Europe Men's Championship 2025.

> Ukrainian-born playmaker Andrey Kovalenco kicked all of Spain's points in a 27-15 loss to Uruguay on their RWC debut in 1999.

> Spain will meet three new opponents on the RWC stage, having faced Scotland, South Africa and Uruguay in their only previous Rugby World Cup in 1999.

> Los Leones have lost all four previous tests against Fiji, the most recent in 2025 (41-33).

> Spain haven't played Argentina since a 62-3 loss in Madrid in August 2023.

> Their last meeting with Canada went into the history books as the highest-scoring draw in test history, 42-42 in the World Rugby Nations Cup 2026.

ESP v FIJ
4 OCTOBER
14:15 – v Fiji
Newcastle Stadium, Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

ESP v ARG
10 OCTOBER
15:15 – v Argentina
Docklands Stadium, Melbourne | Naarm

ESP v CAN
16 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Canada
North Queensland Stadium, Townsville | Gurambilbarra

TONGA

Coach: Tevita Tu'ifua
Captain: Ben Tameifuna
Nickname: 'Ikale Tahi

World Ranking: **19**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Canada on 24 May, 1987

Appearances: **9** – 1987, 1995-2023

Record: Played 33 – Won 9, Drawn 0, Lost 24

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 568 / 1,143

Tries for/against: 66 / 141

Most RWC appearances: 12 – Sione Kalamafoni, Sione Piutau, Sonatane Takulua

POOL F

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Tonga are the only one of the three Pacific Island nations to have contested a Rugby World Cup not to reach the knockout stage.

> Their biggest scalp at a Rugby World Cup was a 19-14 win over France in 2011, Kurt Morath kicking 14 of Tonga's points.

> Tonga last failed to win a match in a tournament in 2003 – only the second time in nine tournaments they have returned home winless after 1987.

> The 'Ikale Tahi won their most recent meeting with Zimbabwe, 36-26 in the World Rugby Nations Cup 2026.

> Tonga will face Wales for the first time since a 29-16 loss at the inaugural tournament in 1987.

> They will met England for the third time, having been draw together in 1999 and 2019.

TGA v ENG
2 OCTOBER
20:15 – v England
Brisbane Stadium, Brisbane | Meeanjin

TGA v WAL
8 OCTOBER
18:15 – v Wales
Docklands Stadium, Melbourne | Naarm

TGA v ZIM
15 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Zimbabwe
North Queensland Stadium, Townsville | Gurambilbarra





POOL D



URUGUAY

Coach: Guzmán Barreiro
Captain: Manuel Leindekar
Nickname: Los Teros

World Ranking: **18**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Spain on 2 October, 1999

Appearances: **5** – 1999-2003, 2015-23

Record: Played 15 – Won 3, Drawn 0, Lost 12

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 253 / 882

Tries for/against: 27 / 129

Most RWC appearances: 12 – Agustín Ormaechea, Andrés Vilaseca

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Uruguay have qualified for a fourth consecutive Rugby World Cup as Sudaméricano 2025 champions.

> The Ormaechea name is synonymous with Uruguay's RWC journey, Diego captaining Los Teros in their first tournament in 1999 before his sons Juan and Agustín also graced the RWC stage.

> Diego scored Uruguay's first-ever RWC try and is also the oldest player in the tournament's history at 40 years and 26 days.

> Los Teros have not faced Scotland at a Rugby World Cup since a 43-12 defeat at Murrayfield in their maiden tournament in 1999.

> Uruguay will face Portugal for the first time at a Rugby World Cup.

> They will face Ireland for the first time in a test match.

URU V SCO
3 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Scotland
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

URU V POR
11 OCTOBER
17:15 – v Portugal
Newcastle Stadium,
Newcastle | Awabakal-Worimi

URU V IRE
17 OCTOBER
14:45 – v Ireland
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm



Coach: Scott Lawrence
Captain: Jason Damm
Nickname: Men's Eagles

World Ranking: **15**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Japan on 24 May, 1987

Appearances: **8** – 1987-91, 1999-2019

Record: Played 29 – Won 3, Drawn 0, Lost 26

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 402 / 1,048

Tries for/against: 44 / 143

Most RWC appearances: 11 – Mike MacDonald, Blaine Scully, Chris Wyles

POOL E

USA

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> USA will host the men's and women's Rugby World Cups in 2031 and 2033 respectively.

> They have lost their last 10 RWC matches since a 13-6 defeat of Russia in 2011.

> USA failed to qualify for RWC 2023 after drawing 16-16 with Portugal in the Final Qualification Tournament deciding match to leave no North American presence in a Rugby World Cup for the first time.

> France and Japan will become USA's joint most-common pool opponent, joining England on four tournaments.

> The Men's Eagles were beaten 41-14 by France in Woollongong at RWC 2003.

> This will be USA's third RWC meeting with Japan on Australian soil, the Men's Eagles triumphing 21-18 at Ballymore in 1987 and 39-26 in Gosford in 2003.

> USA have met Samoa twice before on the RWC stage, in 2007 and 2015.

USA V FRA
2 OCTOBER
17:45 – v France
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

USA V SAM
9 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Samoa
Perth Stadium,
Perth | Boorloo

USA V JPN
15 OCTOBER
20:00 – v Japan
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya





POOL F

WALES

Coach: Steve Tandy
Captain: Dewi Lake

World Ranking: **11**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Ireland on 25 May, 1987

Appearances: **10** – 1987-2023

Record: Played 49 – Won 30, Drawn 0, Lost 19

Best placing: **Third** (1987)

Points for/against: 1,398 / 953

Tries for/against: 159 / 104

Most RWC appearances: 21 – Alun Wyn Jones

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Wales topped their pool for a second consecutive tournament in 2023 – and fourth time in total after 1987 and 1999.

> Their best placing came in the inaugural tournament in 1987 when they beat Australia to finish third.

> Dan Biggar's first-minute drop goal against Australia at RWC 2019 is the fastest in the tournament's history.

> Wales have been drawn in a pool with Zimbabwe for the first time.

> They will face Tonga at a Rugby World Cup for the first time since the tournament was last held in Australia in 2003, when Wales ran out 27-20 winners in Canberra.

> Wales won their only previous RWC pool stage meeting with England in 2015.

WAL V ZIM
2 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Zimbabwe
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

WAL V TGA
8 OCTOBER
18:15 – v Tonga
Docklands Stadium,
Melbourne | Naarm

WAL V ENG
16 OCTOBER
19:45 – v England
Stadium Australia,
Sydney | Wangal

ZIMBABWE

Coach: Pieter Benade
Captain: Hilton Mudariki
Nickname: Sables

World Ranking: **25**

RWC STATISTICS

Debut: v Romania on 23 May, 1987

Appearances: **2** – 1987-91

Record: Played 6 – Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 6

Best placing: **Pool stage**

Points for/against: 84 / 309

Tries for/against: 11 / 52

Most RWC appearances: 6 – Michael Martin

POOL F

INTERESTING STATISTICS

> Zimbabwe return to the Rugby World Cup stage for the first time in 36 years, having been the first side to represent Africa in 1987 and 1991.

> Zimbabwe are still seeking a first Rugby World Cup victory, the closest they have come being a 21-20 loss to Romania in their first match in 1987.

> They have conceded 50 points or more in every RWC match bar that narrow defeat.

> Zimbabwe will face England for the first time in a test at RWC 2027.

> The Sables will met Wales for the first time this century, having last met in 1998 in Harare.

> That was also true of Tonga, until the sides meet in the World Rugby Nations Cup in July 2026, the Pacific Islanders running out 36-26 winners.

ZIM V WAL
2 OCTOBER
12:15 – v Wales
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

ZIM V ENG
8 OCTOBER
20:15 – v England
Adelaide Oval,
Adelaide | Tarntanya

ZIM V TGA
15 OCTOBER
20:15 – v Tonga
North Queensland Stadium,
Townsville | Gurambilbarra



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RWC 1987

Hosts: **Australia and New Zealand**

Champions: **New Zealand**

Teams: **16** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, Scotland, Tonga, USA, Wales, Zimbabwe)



RWC 1991

Hosts: **England, France, Ireland, Scotland and Wales**

Champions: **Australia**

Teams: **16** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, USA, Wales, Zimbabwe)



RWC 1995

Hosts: **South Africa**

Champions: **South Africa**

Teams: **16** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, New Zealand, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, Wales)



RWC 1999

Hosts: **Wales**

Champions: **Australia**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Tonga, Uruguay, USA, Wales)



RWC 2003

Hosts: **Australia**

Champions: **England**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, Uruguay, USA, Wales)



RWC 2007

Hosts: **France**

Champions: **South Africa**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, USA, Wales)



RWC 2011

Hosts: **New Zealand**

Champions: **New Zealand**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Romania, Russia, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, USA, Wales)



RWC 2015

Hosts: **England**

Champions: **New Zealand**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, Uruguay, USA, Wales)



RWC 2019

Hosts: **Japan**

Champions: **South Africa**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Russia, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, Uruguay, USA, Wales)



RWC 2023

Hosts: **France**

Champions: **South Africa**

Teams: **20** (Argentina, Australia, Chile, England, Fiji, France, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Namibia, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga, Uruguay, Wales)

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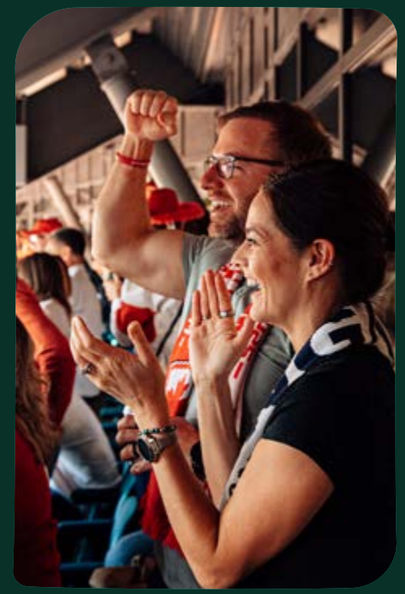
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