

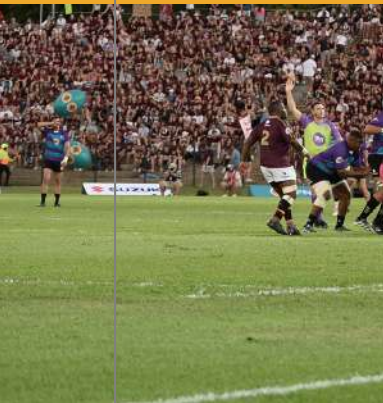
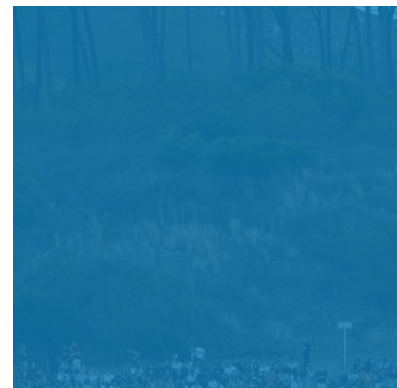


STELLENBOSCH 2026

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BULLETIN TWO

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FISU President Message

Dear student-athletes, dear friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Stellenbosch, for the FISU World University Championship Rugby 7s. I would like to address you first, dear student-athletes, who are and who always be the beating heart of FISU.

Competing at the World University Championships is a career highlight for many of you. For others, it is a step up to the next level of performance. What you all have in common is your love of sport, your commitment, your fair play and your respect. You come together as rivals, from different places and different backgrounds, but you will almost certainly leave as friends.

Despite the challenging times we are all facing, you remind us of the special power of young people to reassure us that a better world is possible. You remind us of the need to prioritise sport, sustainability, inclusivity and healthy social exchange. FISU firmly believes that university athletes are the role models and future leaders the world needs.

Over the following 3 days, you will compete along side some of the best student-athletes on the planet. The FISU World University Championships demand skill, athleticism, and single-minded determination to do your best. But beyond the competition, FISU urges you to have fun. May you return home with memories that will last a lifetime!

None of FISU's events would be possible without the generosity of our hosts. I want to extend our sincere gratitude to the National University Sports Federation of South Africa, the organisers for their dedication and the volunteers for their passion.

FISU is also grateful for the ongoing support of the International Sports Federations. Together, we aim to provide the highest level of technical excellence on and off the field of play.

I am confident that the FISU World University Championship Rugby 7s 2026 in Stellenbosch will give you every opportunity to shine, to interact and to grow as people.

I wish you the best of luck!



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FISU President

Gearing up for your Arrival!

The 2026 FISU World Championship Rugby Sevens kicks off in Stellenbosch, South Africa in just over two months - and we are preparing to welcome the world's top student-athletes to our magnificent venue.

Hosted by University Sport South Africa and organised by Maties Sport at Stellenbosch University, we are now fine-tuning plans that will celebrate rugby excellence, showcase cultural diversity, and create lasting memories.

“We promise a world-class competition in a sporting carnival atmosphere that is sure to build camaraderie and connections between players, officials and guests that will thrive long after the final whistle,” says General Manager, Drikus Hancke.

“Our talented team has worked tirelessly to plan for your safety, effortless transportation, the best medical and technical support, great food, easy communications, the best accommodation, and flawless competition logistics.

“We are counting down to welcoming you all at Cape Town International Airport, and sharing our passion and professionalism with you.” For all those who have signed up, please ensure that you have obtained your visas, and take note of the Cancellation Policy below.



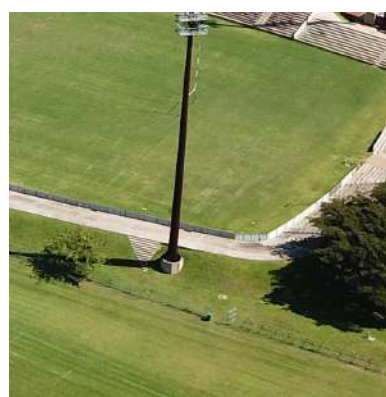
A venue like no other!

The 2026 FISU World University Championship Rugby Sevens competition grounds will be Maties Sport's historic and spectacular Coetzenburg sporting campus, with all facilities in close proximity to each other. All matches, rehabilitation, training and recreational facilities are within walking distance from each other – and Coetzenburg is a picturesque, short stroll to the centre of town along oak-lined avenues.

All teams and guests will stay in the Winelands Protea Hotel that will serve as a competition village just six kilometres from Coetzenburg. Officials will stay a two-minute walk from the venue at the Stellenbosch Academy of Sport.

On offer to fans and all participants will be an outdoor seating area, food trucks, a beer tent, music, and a jumbo screen to ensure that no one misses the big clash between South Africa and New Zealand on September 6!

For participants and guest, meals will be served in our multi-purpose Coetzenburg Centre, and our 18 000-seater Danie Craven Stadium.



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Getting you from A to B ... and back again!

Delegation travel details should be submitted in advance through the FISU Global Management System (GMS), through the Arrivals & Departures Module, by 30 July, 2026, to allow the Organising Committee (OC) to organise timely and efficient transfers to the accommodation sites.

Delegations experiencing delays in finalising travel arrangements are requested to communicate directly with the Organising Committee as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

HELLO!

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Championship -
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STELLENBOSCH,
SOUTH AFRICA
September
4 - 6
2026

- Airport Transfers will be arranged to and from the airport by the OC in the week of the championship from Monday, August 31, 2026 - (arrivals) to Sunday, September 7, 2026 (departures).
- Separate or grouped transfers may be arranged depending on the size of the delegation and arrival schedules.
- If, after the submission of the travel plan through the GMS or during the trip there is any incidence, delay or change, please communicate to the OC as soon as possible.
- If travelling by other means (eg, private car), the OC will provide details about arrival procedures and parking options where applicable

Volunteers with clear 2026 FISU World University Championship Rugby Sevens signage will meet incoming flights at Cape Town International Airport, and lead them and luggage to awaiting, accredited bus and mini-bus transport directly to accommodations.

At the close of the competition, Players, officials and guests will be collected at their accommodations and returned to Cape Town International Airport for their return flight. This service will be tailored to accommodate itineraries four hours before departure times.

Dedicated shuttle services will run throughout the competition week between the accommodations and the competition grounds. Details will be provided on the event communications platform. All participants and guests will have access to our Padlet platform from registration for the duration of the competition that will provide general and competition information, as well as real-time announcements.

For details, explore Google Maps:

Cape Town International Airport to [Stellenbosch Academy of Sport/Protea Hotel Stellenbosch], and [Stellenbosch Academy of Sport/Protea Hotel Stellenbosch] to Coetzenburg Centre.



Cancellation Policy

This cancellation policy applies to all delegations, athletes, and officials participating in the 2026 FISU World University Championship Rugby Sevens. The Participation Fee is linked to official participation days (6 days).

The Participation Fee covers accommodation, meals, internal transport, airport transfers, and all Organising Committee (OC) services from arrival to departure, in accordance with the FISU General Handbook.

All cancellations or changes must be communicated in writing to:
FISURugby7s@ussa.org.za

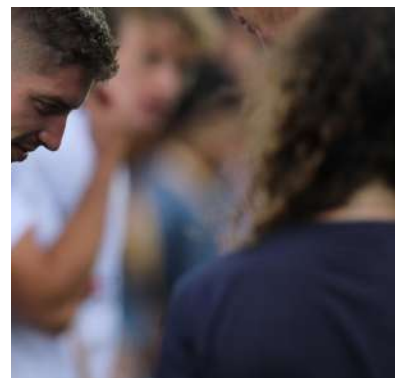
1. Full Cancellation of Participation

In the event of a cancellation, the Organising Committee (OC) will make reasonable efforts to reassign the freed-up places to delegations on the waiting list. However, if reallocation is not possible, the following conditions will apply:

- Up to 2 months before the event (before 04 July 2026) 50% of the full Participation Fee payable
- Less than 2 months before the event (after 05 July 2026) 100% of the full Participation Fee payable

New Arrival Date

01 SEPT 2026



Cancellation Policy

2. Change of Arrival Date

Official arrival date: 01 September 2026

- Up to 1 month before the event (before 04 August 2026)
- Change free of charge
- Less than 1 month before the event (after 05 August 2026)
- Participants may change their arrival date from 01 September 2026 to 02 September 2026, but will still be charged for the first day
- After 05 August 2026, it will not be possible to revert the arrival date from 01 September 2026 to 02 September 2026

3. No-Show Policy

Delegations, athletes, or officials who fail to arrive without prior written cancellation will be charged 100% of the Participation Fee.



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Have you sorted your VISA?



To participate in the 2026 FISU World University Championships Rugby Sevens each delegation must comply with the entry regulations of the host country, South Africa.

1. General Requirements

Delegations are responsible for checking visa requirements and initiating the application process in a timely manner. You can consult the visa policy at:

<https://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/>



Let's get you started!

2. Invitation Letters

To support visa applications, the Organising Committee will issue official invitation letters to registered participants. To obtain these letters:

- Submit the required passport information and personal details of your delegation members by June 30, 2026.
- If final team selection is pending, a long list of all potential athletes and officials may be submitted to avoid delays.

Late requests may not be processed in time. Please respect the indicated deadline provided in the event's invitation letter or website.

3. Who Needs a Visa?

- Visa requirements vary depending on the nationality of the applicant. It is the responsibility of each delegation to verify the current regulations through the embassy or consulate of the host country in their respective country.

4. Points to Remember

- Make sure passports are valid for at least six months beyond the expected date of departure.
- Incomplete or inaccurate information may delay the issuance of invitation letters or the visa process.
- FISU and the Organising Committee cannot guarantee the issuance of visas; it remains at the discretion of the host country's immigration authorities.





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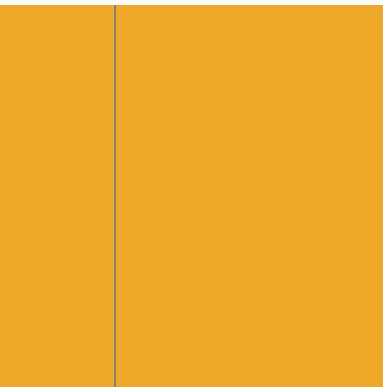
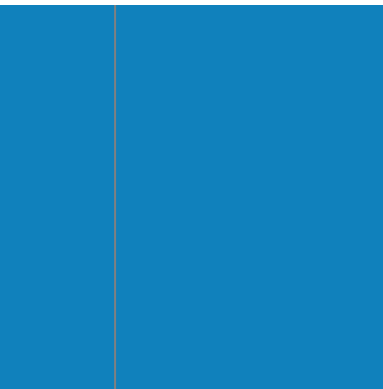
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