

BISHOPS CUP

14TH BISHOPS CUP INTERNATIONAL 10S 2007 ST.GALLEN

13/14/15 JUNE 2007



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Dear Rugby Enthusiasts

On behalf of the RFC The Bishops St. Gallen, I am proud to invite you to the 14th edition of the **BISHOPS CUP**. It will be held on June 13/14/15 2008 in St.Gallen, Switzerland. For thirteen years, the RFC The Bishops St.Gallen has been organising the Bishops Cup on their home grounds. The atmosphere around the Bishops Cup is unique due to the international crowd, the good level of rugby and the extensive, not less important third half of the game. Many teams have kept coming back for years as it is a rugby happening that should not be missed.

Place: Gründenmoos Sports facilities, St.Gallen, Switzerland (driving directions included)

Tournament mode: The Bishops Cup is a 10-a-side rugby tournament. The tournament consists of two categories. The **Cindy Trophy** for the **ladies** and the **Bishops Cup** for the **gentlemen**.

Overall, **26 teams** will be admitted to the tournament. The 16 men's teams are split up into 4 pools of four teams each, the women's teams into 2 pools of 5 teams each. The preliminaries are played on Saturday, the cup and plate on Sunday.

In general, the rules of Rugby Union do apply which you may find at the end of this document.

Programme*:	Friday, June 13	from 10.00	Check-In at the information desk at Gründenmoos sports-facilities. (driving directions explained below)
		20.00	Reception Party
Saturday, June 14	8.00 – 10.00	Breakfast	
	9.00	Referee's briefing	
	9.30	Captains' briefing at the information desk	
	10.00	Kick-Off	
	Until 19.00	Preliminary games	
	20.00	Dinner	
	21.00	Rugby Party at the Tournament Pub (Beer Tent)	
Sunday, June 15	9.00 – 10.00	Breakfast	
	10.30	Kick-Off	

15.30	Final 14: Cindy Trophy
16.00	Final 14: Bishops Cup
17.00	Closing ceremony

* Slight changes of the programme schedule may apply.

Infrastructure: The Gründenmoos sports-facilities offer a perfect infrastructure to hold this tournament. Large covered stages with a direct view on the pitches suit all weather conditions. Warm showers, changing rooms and toilets are available.

Medical urgencies: In case of medical urgencies, a paramedic will be present during the time of the tournament. For major injuries, transfer to the hospital is guaranteed.
Please note that private insurance in case of accidents and injuries is required and remains matter of the participants.

How to get there: By car:
 The Sportanlagen Gründenmoos sports facilities are easily reachable by car via motorway A1/E60. Take exit 80 St.Gallen-Winkeln / Gossau-Ost. Sportanlagen Gründenmoos is indicated. Parking for cars and busses is available within 1-5min walking distance from the pitches.

Public transportation:

Take bus 1 direction Winkeln and get off at Westcenter. Westcenter/Mediemarkt is the shopping-centre shown on the map below. Follow the direction indicated on the map.



Accommodation: The Bishops Cup offers two possibilities. Either camping inside Gründenmoos sports facilities is possible, which offers an around the clock rugby feeling and is the least expensive way to enjoy the Bishops Cup.

The other way to spend the night is the bomb shelter in Abtwil, for those who do not feel like camping and do not mind to pay an extra CHF 15 per night. It is only a 15min walk between the bomb shelter and the Gründenmoos sports facilities.

It is also possible to book a room in one of the hotels. If you need assistance, please refer to the email address or phone number mentioned above.

From the city-centre St.Gallen the pitches are not within walking distance.

Food & Beverage: We cater for beer and non-alcoholic drinks for a reasonable price. Food will also be sold at the tournament.

The registration fee includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday as well as dinner on Saturday for 15 players per team.

Please understand that we cannot accept beer brought to the tournament since our tournament has a tight budget and we are strongly dependent on the sale of beer.

Referees: Official referees of the **English Rugby Football Union** will umpire the games.

Liability: The attention of participating clubs, club members and players is drawn to the following condition: any costs to individual clubs, club members and players arising out of loss, theft or injury whilst attending or participating in the Bishops Cup International 10s 2008 must be met by the clubs, club members or players involved and their insurers.

NO LIABILITY IN THIS OR ANY OTHER RESPECT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE BISHOPS CUP INTERNATIONAL 10s 2008 COMITEE OR THE RFC THE BISHOPS ST.GALLEN.

Registration: To register fill out the **TEAM REGISTRATION SHEET** attached to this invitation, please. The **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is **1 March 2008**. Please note that the **REGISTRATION FEE** of CHF 300 or €200 has to be paid in advance to the following account.

St.Galler Kantonalbank 9001 St.Gallen Switzerland	Bank-Clearing No. 00781 Account-No. 90-219-8 BIC/Swift: KBSG CH22 IBAN-Code: CH93 0078 10155332720 4	in favour of: 01 55 332.722-04 Rugby Football Club Hochschule St.Gallen Holzstrasse 10 9010 St.Gallen
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Visa: Please check several months (6 or more) if your team needs VISA to enter Switzerland at your local Swiss embassy. Citizens from certain countries (e.g.

Ukraine, Moldova) require Visa to enter Switzerland or travel through European Union Countries. Members of the European Union are entitled to enter Switzerland without a visa. U.S. Military ID or any other military identification is not accepted as a travel document by Swiss border authorities. Please bring your passport.

On behalf of the RFC The Bishops St.Gallen I am looking forward to welcoming you next June in St.Gallen.

Kind regards,

Simon Steiner

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Tournament By-Laws

1. REGULATIONS GOVERNING GAMES AND DURATION

- 1.1. The tournament will be played under the Laws of the Game of Rugby Union Football as framed by the International Rugby Football Board, and as adapted hereunder.
- 1.2. The games are played with 7's rules, that means drop-kick conversion, and the scoring side re-starts with a kick to the others.
- 1.3. Penalties are the *only* place kicks. Penalty tries count 10 points.
- 1.4. Play will commence with teams playing against each other in their respective pools. The tournament organisers will seed teams according to their best judgement.
- 1.5. In each pool game, two points will be awarded for a win and one point for drawn game.
- 1.6. At the end of the pool games, if two or more teams in any pool have the same number of points awarded to them under Rule 1.5., the winner shall be decided as follow:
 - 1.6.1. The team which has scored more tries in their pool games shall be placed higher. If after 1.5. teams are still tied:
 - 1.6.2. The team which has scored more converted tries in their pool games shall be placed higher. If after 1.6.1. teams are still tied:
 - 1.6.3. The team which has the higher difference of points "for" minus point "against" shall be placed higher. If after 1.6.2 teams are still tied.
 - 1.6.4. The team which has scored more converted tries in their pool games shall be placed higher. If after 1.6.3. the teams are still tied.
 - 1.6.5. The team which wins the direct confrontation shall be placed higher. If after 1.6.4 teams are still tied, then tossing a coin shall decide.
- 1.7. Each game will be played 10 minutes each way (2 x 10 minutes) with a one minute interval. No extra time to determine the winner will be played in the pool games. The referee and the Chairman of the tournament organisation are the only persons to decide the actual duration of the games.
- 1.8. Teams must be ready to turn out immediately after the previous game; they will be liable to be declared loser by 30 to 0 (6tries) if, when summoned by the referee, they are not present on the pitch
- 1.9. The team whose name is featured first on the programme will kick off, its opponent will choose ends.
All finals (every match on Sunday) go to sudden death, if tied at full time.

1 TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- 2.1. Teams should consist of 10 Players, 5 of whom must play in the scrum.
- 2.2. Three substitutions per game will be allowed. They may be made at any time with the referee's approval.
- 2.3. A player replaced for any reasons may not re-enter the game in duration.
- 2.4. The referee decides between a warning white-card (5 minutes sin-bin under the opponent's posts), a yellow card (sending-off for the game) and a red card (no further participation in ANY game during the tournament). The names (red-card are reported to the Organisers

3 MISCELLANEOUS

- 3.1. Each team must designate a liaison officer whom the Organisers can consult and inform at any times.
- 3.2. Each team will provide 1 linesman who will officiate during the next game without concerning any team
- 3.3. The Organisers reserve their right to disqualify a team which behaves in an incorrect manner on or around the pitch.
- 3.4. Injuries arising in the course of the tournament must be covered by the player's or club's insurance.
- 3.5. The Organisers accept no responsibility for theft or damage to property arising during the tournament.
- 3.6. For all points not provided here or by the International Board, the Organisers decision will be final.
- 3.7. The present Regulations may be modified at any times.

BISHOPS CUP 2008 ST.GALLEN 10s TEAM REGISTRATION SHEET

(please fill out one form per team)

We would like to come to the 2008 Bishops Cup

TEAM

Address

Contact

Address

(incl. E-mail address)

Email

Est. No. Of Participants

Where do you stay

Camping

Bunker (bomb shelter)

Other (e.g. hotel, hostel)

Some words about your team

Do you have any special needs
we should cater for (e.g. early
arrival, vegetarian dinner)

Please send this form to

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