



**Criteria to Clubs / Teams,
wishing to organise an
EGOR Festival**

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CRITERIA for ORGANISING a EUROPEAN GRAND OLD RUGBY FESTIVAL

The Event should be a Rugby Festival based on " Fun, Friendship, Fraternity ".

The Aging Players **must** be 35 years of age or above and should be able to take part and enjoy the Game they love and look back on the Event as a memorable experience. Who wins on the pitch is irrelevant.

Any European Rugby Club, or Golden Oldies Rugby Team can apply to *European Grand Old Rugby*, to request consideration to Host a EGOR (European Grand Old Rugby Festival) (hereinafter called the - Festival)

Preference will be given to a Team / Club who wish to become a Candidate to Host the Festival who have attended a previous EGOR Festival, or Festivals and gained the ethos of Golden Oldies Rugby.

A Team / Club, will need to form a competent, enthusiastic and active Rugby Local Organising Committee (hereinafter called – LOC) hopefully supported by their Parent Club and Local City Council, Tourist Board and Local Businesses

Full support will always be available to the LOC from European Grand Old Rugby (hereinafter called EGOR) who will assist with the Organisation and Promotion of the Festival, seeking Sponsorship, Notifying Teams etc....

The LOC, should spread the workload and make all the Festival arrangements relating to the Festival –

- Adequate number of Pitches relating to number of Team Entries sought
- Enough Changing Rooms / Tentage (if required) and Showers, for participating Teams attending
- Appropriate discussions with the Host Club Committee, Local Council, Police and local Sports Council
- Media Launch, if possible with Sponsors, VIPs.... and ongoing News Items to continuously promote the Festival sent to the Media.
- Prepare a Festival Pack / Posters and if possible, get a Web presence. The LOC should undertake to set-up a Festival Facebook Page, Festival Website, and provide current information to the EGOR Webmaster with Festival material so that all relevant Festival information will be readily available.
- Appropriate Medical cover – Doctor, Physios, First Aid / Para Medic, Ambulance, Water, Ice etc
- Sponsorship, Grants (Local Authority and Local Sports Council) etc sought, to offset costs
- All appropriate Bookings, Insurances, Licenses etc
- Suitable Food and Drink facilities, at fair prices, for Teams and Supporters – preferably Draught Beer.
- As far as possible, it is always hoped to hold a ‘ Green ’ Environmentally Friendly Festival
- Sourcing ‘ Freebies ’ to augment each Player’s Festival Pack
- Festival may select an appropriate Charity
- Mini / Youth Rugby Events etc, may be included in the Festival
- Local Services / Traders can be offered a presence at the Festival for an agreed Fee to the LOC
- Any other ideas which may enhance the Festival
- The LOC should select an appropriate – Festival Ambassador – if so wished
- The LOC shall arrange a range of suitable Hotels for all Players / Supporters
- Appropriate Travel / Shuttle arrangements must be organised for all participating in the Festival.

Festival Organisers should try to follow these Guidelines:

1. Registration

- 1.1. Invitations are open for all Golden Oldies Teams from Europe plus non-European Teams, (Twin Towns etc) who, as with all Teams, shall be accepted at the discretion of the LOC. Invitations to participate should be sent out about six months prior to the event, and followed up regularly.
- 1.2. Entries from Individual Players or Groups of Players may also be accepted.
- 1.3. The maximum number of Teams able to participate will be decided by the LOC.....but shall depend on the number of available Pitches.
- 1.4. Teams will be asked which type of Golden Oldies Rugby they wish to play – Contested (usually age group 35 – 50 years, also called the “Golden Category”).) or Uncontested (usually age 50+ and older Players, also called the “Platinum Category”). All matches will be played strictly according to the Golden Oldies Laws of Game.
- 1.5 A Golden Oldies Refereeing DVD may be available from EGOR to assist the Local Referees’ Society
- 1.6. An Entry Fee per person, shall be agreed by the LOC and EGOR.
- 1.7 A Registration / Information Desk shall be set up at the Field.

2. Participation

- 2.1. It is hoped that all participating Teams comprise of a minimum 20 players, including a ‘ Team Manager ’ (Playing, or Non Playing) and if possible, a Referee. Age Ranges / Colour of Shorts will be adhered to most strictly.
- 2.2. All participants should remember that they are Playing in a Festival....not a Tournament !
- 2.3. Contents of the ‘ Festival Team Package ’ to be finalised nearer the Festival
- 2.4. Teams from outside Europe may participate in the Festival at the discretion of the LOC.
- 2.5. All Festival participant Teams should be paid up Members of EGOR.

3. Festival Package

- 3.1. The Festival Package Fee pays for:
 - Entry to the Festival, with a minimum of two Games
 - Souvenir Festival Item / Items (Supplied or sourced by LOC)
 - Any other relevant items
 - Transport for Teams on Arrival and Departure
 - Opening and Closing Functions and Transport for each
 - Water (Possibly Sponsored)
 - The same Festival Package offer is valid for a Team’s Supporters or for Individual Entrants who pay the Entry Fee.

4 Accommodation

- 4.1. If required, the LOC shall identify Accommodation which is prepared to offer Special Rates for any Participating Teams. These hotels will offer twin, double or three bedded rooms (bed and breakfast). Teams are requested to select their accommodation from the approved list and are responsible for settling their own hotel bills. These expenses are not part of the LOC Budget.
- 4.2 The LOC shall identify Accommodation offering suitable Discounts for Sponsors / VIP’s etc, who may be attending the Festival.
- 4.3 If appropriate, the LOC may also be in a position to offer Campsite type facilities.

5. Travel arrangements

5.1. Teams are asked to organise their own travel arrangements. The LOC shall make appropriate Parking arrangements for those arriving by Car or Team Bus.

5.2 All Teams / Participants shall abide by any Parking Arrangements put in place by the LOC, or local Police.

6. Festival Programme

6.1 A Festival Pack shall be prepared by EGOR and the LOC and shall include any relevant articles / information, the LOC may wish to see included, including any Festival Sponsor's Information. who may wish an Advert included.

6.2 The LOC may produce a Festival Brochure if desired and sell Advertising space, to cover the Production costs.

7. Insurance

7.1 It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to make sure that all persons travelling with the Team, whether Playing or Non - Playing, are adequately Insured for any injury, sickness or loss / damage of personal property which may occur when participating in the Festival. Team Managers will be required to sign a document, prior the start of the Festival, prepared by the LOC, stating that all Members of their Team have such Insurance.

8. Conditions of payment for the Festival Package

8.1. A Festival Fee shall be agreed by the LOC and EGOR.

8.2. Festival Package Fee (Team or Individual) must be paid in full, by a Date determined by the LOC.

8.2. The LOC may be asked to pay an appropriate Fee (TBA) to EGOR from the income of the Festival for the exclusive privilege of holding the EGOR Festival

8.3. After all Expenditure and Bills have been paid by the LOC, the profit from the Festival should be used by the LOC for the development of Youth Rugby in the local area and to support any Charity, agreed by the LOC and EGOR.

9. General Comments

The 'Agreement' between EGOR and the LOC should be signed as soon as possible after the Venue / Date of the Festival is agreed. A ' Final Festival Report ' to assist future Festival Organisers should be sent to the EGOR Secretary no later than four months from the close of the Festival.

The LOC must keep EGOR regularly updated with the Festival's progress, by Phone, E-mails or similar and Meetings may be arranged at any time, as requested by the LOC or EGOR.

The LOC should encourage Sponsors / Local Traders to take a Stall in the *Festival Village*, along with any other item which can enhance the Family aspects of the Festival.

RememberThe EGOR Festival should be played in – ***Fun, Friendship and Fraternity !!***