



**Are you looking for a 'tournament with a difference'
for your U9 to U15 teams?**

We would be delighted to welcome you to the 21st International 'Tournoi du Bocage' on Sunday 6th May 2012 at the Louis Villemer Stadium in Saint-Lô, Normandy, France over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The tournament, hosted by Saint-Lô Rugby Club, offers:

- A sports ground with 13 playing pitches: 2 full-size pitches for the u-15s (at the Aurore Stadium) where they play in teams of 12-a-side; 4 pitches for the u-13s, and 7 pitches for the u-11s and u-9s.
- A team of over a hundred volunteers working over the tournament weekend.
- Excellent medical facilities in keeping with an event of this size.
- Overnight accommodation for 550 people on inflatable mattresses for the two nights (*please bring your own sleeping bags*).
- 2500 meals served over 2 days.
- Medals and prizes for winning teams (trophies, sports bags, rugby balls) and tee-shirts for each player.
- Free activities organised for Saturday 5th May – including bouncy castle and such-like, a band or other entertainment in the evening.

Due to its reputation and success, this Tournament has become one of Normandy's major sporting events.

Organised since 1992, this annual tournament brings together Clubs from across France, as well as many from the UK and the Channel Islands – a spirited clash between British and French teams – *le French Flair v le British Fighting Spirit!*

There is ample parking for coaches and minibuses, which is easily accessible from the main road.

The event is held on a closed, secure site, and is patrolled by a security company at night.

Hotels are available in St Lô for those who would like a more comfortable stay!

There are two hotels which are a few minutes away on foot:

Ibis, tel. 02 33 57 78 38 fax. 02 33 55 27 67 and Formule 1, tel. 08 91 70 53 84.

A little farther away, about 5 minutes by car:

Etap, tel. 08 92 70 02 37 fax. 02 33 05 93 18, Best Hotel, tel. 02 33 57 57 57 and Lunotel, tel. 02 33 56 56 56 fax. 02 33 56 19 19.

As in previous years, we can welcome you from Saturday afternoon and you may stay until Monday morning after breakfast (please see the tariffs available below).



Saint Lô International Tournoi du Bocage 2012



Info . . .

• **Team Registration :**

A team list should be given to the match officials as soon as possible before the beginning of the tournament.

If a club does not have enough players to make up a team (or, if they have extra players, a second team), they should notify the match officials on arrival so that arrangements may be made with another club in the same situation to form a Barbarian team, otherwise these players may not be able to participate in the tournament.

→ The resultant Barbarian team may, with the mutual agreement of the clubs concerned, represent any one of the clubs forming the team or can create a “new club” which can then enter the tournament in its own right. The officials of the category concerned must be informed of the clubs’ choice before their first match.

• **Match Organisation :**

- Clubs are divided into equal groups. Wins are awarded 3 points, draws 2 points, and losses 1 point. A team will not receive any points if they withdraw, likewise, no points will be given to a team who plays an older player than that allowed in their category after a complaint from the opposing team (if this is proven by the referee after being checked by match officials). The winning order of each group from first to last place will be in descending number of points.

- The order of matches, as well as the results, will be displayed at the officials’ office. The teams about to play will be called a few minutes before the beginning of the match by the match officials. Teams should then present themselves to the referee at their designated pitch.

- Group matches should be finished before lunch – the finals will take place in the afternoon. An additional tournament will be organised for non-qualifying teams which will take the form of direct elimination matches – all teams concerned should be ready for play after lunch. The winning team in each category will receive an award but any results gained in this tournament will not count towards the result of the Tournoi du Bocage.

• **Rankings in each Category :**

The finals will include both the semi-final and final.

- If the category comprises 2 groups, A and B, the semi-finals will be A1 v B2 and B1 v A2.

- If there are 3 groups, A, B and C, the semi-finals will see A1 playing C1 and B1 playing the best runner-up in the group which scored the most points per match (the total points scored during the matches divided by the number of matches played). In the event of a tie, the team will be decided by the average number of tries scored per match (the total number of tries scored during the matches divided by the number of matches played).

- If there are 4 groups A, B, C and D, the semi finals will play A1 against D1 and B1 against C1.

- In the event of a 0-0 draw during the finals, the winning team will be that which scored the most tries per match during the tournament.

- In the event of a score-draw during the finals, the winning team will be that which scored the first try of the match.

- The final decides the winner and runner-up of the category. Losing finalists will play a 3rd and 4th place play-off. The remaining ranking is made by comparing the number

of points scored per group match. In the event of a tie, it will be the number of tries scored per group match which will decide between the teams. If a tie persists, the teams' average match score will decide the order.

• **Overall Tournament Rankings :**

The overall Tournament rankings will be calculated using rankings of all teams of each club in all age groups:

- In the age group with the most teams, points will be awarded to each team according to its ranking and relative to the number of teams in the age group: “N” points for the first and 1 point for the Nth and last team (where “N” is the number of teams in this, the largest, category).
- The other categories will follow the same pattern: “N” points for the team coming first, N-1 for the second . . . and so on until the last place.

The club having the most points will be declared the Tournament winner. In the event of a tie, the winning club will be the one which, in order:

1. entered the most teams
2. scored the largest average number of tries per match.

Example: Result of Club “X” 1st out of 7 teams in u-9 years
 2nd out of 10 teams in u-11 years
 3rd and 12th out of 16 teams in u-13 years
 7th out of 13 teams in u-15 years
 Total = 16 + 15 + (14 + 5) + 10 = 60 pts.

in this example, the u-13 category is the largest with 16 teams, so the number “N” is 16 for all categories.

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The Rules of Play for each age group can be downloaded in English from the French Rugby Federation website as follows:

http://www.ffr.fr/index.php/ffr/documentation/publications_officielles/reglements_sportifs/rugby_digest

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Tariffs:

1	Sunday morning and afternoon only	<i>Includes:</i> 1 meal 1 snack* Entry Fees	15 € per person
2	Saturday evening to Sunday evening (departing around 18h00 after prize-giving)	<i>Includes:</i> 1 nights' accommodation 1 breakfast, 2 meals 1 snack* Entry Fees	35 € per person
3	Saturday evening to Monday morning	<i>Includes:</i> 2 nights' accommodation 2 breakfasts 3 meals 1 snack* Entry Fees	42 € per person

*Tea-time snack for players only

As places are limited, in order to secure your Club's place, we require a deposit payment to be sent with your booking form:

75€for Tariff 1,
150 €for Tariffs 2, 3 or 4.

This deposit will be deducted from your final bill.

In the event of cancellation, your deposit will be returned to you if it is at least 15 days before the date of the tournament.

All participating teams must have the Sunday lunch (i.e. Tariff 1).

Prizes will be awarded to the best Clubs in each category, and in the tournament overall.

You can find more information (in French) on the club's website:

<http://rugbyclubstlois.pagesperso-orange.fr/> then click on the "*Tournoi du Bocage*" link or, for more information in English, you can e-mail Martin Fletcher at the following e-mail address: Martin.Fletcher@StayInNormandy.info

If you are interested in taking part, please return your booking form (attached) with your deposit payment before **30th March 2012**, stating which tariff you have chosen.

We will contact you two weeks before the tournament to confirm final numbers of players and accompanying adults who will be attending from your Club.

We look forward to welcoming you in May!

- ***Please don't forget to bring your own sleeping bags if staying in the hall!***



Please send this completed booking form and your payment to:
Rugby Club Saint Lois, BP 415, 50015 SAINT-LÔ CEDEX, France



CLUB NAME:

Number of Accompanying Adults: Number of Children:

Please tick your arrival date, and fill in your approximate time of arrival

Saturday afternoon at

Sunday morning at

Please tick your departure date, and fill in your approximate time of departure

Sunday, after the tournament, at

Monday morning at

We have chosen the following Tariff:

Tariff **1**, and we enclose a payment of 75 €

Tariff, and we enclose a payment of 150 €

NAME OF GROUP LEADER:

Contact telephone numbers:

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Number of Players</i>	<i>Name of Coach</i>	<i>Mobile Number</i>
U9s born 2005 & 2004			
U10s and U11s born 2001 & 2002			
U12s and U13s born 1999 & 2000			
U14s and U15s born 1997 & 1998			

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I accept these terms.

Signature:

Date:
