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Week of October 22nd, 2004

1 **IRB Sevens – the USA SEVENS in Los Angeles**

The USA SEVENS International Rugby Board Sevens Series is returning to the Home Depot Center in Los Angeles, CA on February 12 & 13, 2005.

Last year's inaugural tournament brought the unparalleled excitement and colour of international Rugby to the United States for the first time, and the USA SEVENS is fast becoming one of the most popular stops of the International Rugby Board (IRB) Sevens.

“Nearly 40 nations compete in the World Sevens Series annually and its fan base has been growing rapidly,” said USA Rugby CEO Doug Arnot. “USA SEVENS is a great event for American Rugby and sports fans. Sevens is fast-paced, very intense Rugby played in an atmosphere of music and festivity in the stands. This is a great introduction to the sport for new fans and an exceptional treat for long-starved fans of Rugby in the USA.”

The USA SEVENS is a two-day tournament involving 16 of the world's best national Rugby teams: defending Sevens World Champions New Zealand, World Cup Champion England, **USA, Canada, West Indies, Mexico**, Fiji, France, South Africa, Australia, Argentina, Kenya, Samoa, Tonga, Scotland and Uruguay.

The IRB World Sevens Series includes 40 nations competing in eight countries on five continents, including the stop in Los Angeles. The Sevens tournament season begins in December and runs through June. All international teams are competing for the World Series Championship title by accumulating points based on their respective finishes in each of these tournaments.

Two-Day Tournament Passes are now on sale at the Home Depot Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster Outlets. Club Seats, Reserved and General Admission tickets are available by calling the Home Depot Center (1-866-524-7687), Ticketmaster Charge by Phone (213-480-3232) or on the web at www.ticketmaster.com.

Single Day tickets will go on sale later this year and detailed information on ticket prices and general event information can be found at www.usasevens.com

For more information contact: USA RUGBY (303) 539-0300, ext. 109

2 Courses on offer in the Caribbean

IRB-funded Staff Coaches will be paying four visits to the Caribbean in the next few weeks, to conduct IRB courses, as follows:

- **St. Lucia:** Paule Barford (USA) will facilitate the IRB's Developing Skills Coaching course 23rd – 24th October
If you wish to attend, contact Colvis Samuels at scolvis@hotmail.com
- **Barbados:** Paule Barford (USA) will conduct a variety of school and club coaching sessions 27th, 28th and 29th. For more details contact Donovan Bagwell at donovanbagwell@johnston.com.bb
- **Guyana:** Richard Sims (USA) will facilitate the IRB's Level One Refereeing course 4th – 5th November
If you wish to attend, contact Terrence Grant at guyanarugby@yahoo.com
- **Bermuda:** Pete Steinberg (USA) will facilitate the IRB's Developing Positional Play Coaching course in December (dates to be confirmed). If you wish to attend, contact Dave Worsfold at dfw@rcm.bm
- **British Virgin Islands:** Peter Watson (USA) will facilitate the IRB's Level One Refereeing course in December (dates to be confirmed). If you wish to attend, contact Damien Pearson at damian@admiralbvi.com

3 Forward play clinics

With thanks to the English Rugby Football Union, one of its Development Officers will visit Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica. Andy Blackmore is a forwards specialist who will conduct clinics on scrum, line-out and phase play (ruck and maul), as follows:

- **Guyana:** 13th – 16th November
For further information contact Terrence Grant guyanarugby@yahoo.com
- **Trinidad and Tobago:** 16th – 19th November
For further information contact the TTRFU at contact@ttrfu.com
- **Jamaica:** 19th – 23rd November
For further information contact the JRU at thompson@n5.com.jm

Best wishes to all.



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