

SOUTH BEACH FIVE RUGBY MARSEILLE

THE ONLY FRENCH STAGE OF BEACH TACKLE RUGBY

FIVE PLAYED ON SAND

For the 21st year, we're back at Prado Beach DAVID with SOUTH BEACH FIVE RUGBY MARSEILLE FRANCE scheduled this year to run on 15, 16 and 17 July. Our event will celebrate the first decade of the EUROPEAN BEACH RUGBY ASSOCIATION (EBRA), which since 2021 is the only French stage of Beach Tackle Rugby Five played on sand of this European circuit. Moreover, the OVALE BEACH association is a founding member of the EBRA.

This year, we are continuing our partnership support for the benefit of a number of associations: T'CAP 21 which is dedicated to the inclusion of young people with Down's Syndrome; ASLAF (the Support Association for Fabrice's Autonomy) which fights against Charcot's disease; and the Secours Populaire, which helps the young people in its network discover Beach Rugby.

We are once again counting on the unconditional support of our FRIENDS, institutions, partners and many faithful volunteers, irrespective of their years of experience. Having spent a full year organising the 20th anniversary despite being unable to attend the big day of the 2021 edition, I was able to witness first-hand their extraordinary commitment.

More than ever, our umbrella federation, UFOLEP, will be by our side to set up the National Challenge that all lovers of our practice of Tackle Rugby played on sand are eagerly awaiting.

As Beach Touch Rugby points of contact for the Southern Rugby League, Marcel Monsérié (President of the Sports Unit) and Gilles Orsoni (Head of the New Practices Commission) have approached our organisation in order to promote this practice according to French Rugby Federation rules for the partners', alumni and press tournament during our 2021 event.

Two successful initiatives stand out: the Beach Rugby taster sessions organised for those participating in Adapted Sports in partnership with the Federation of Adapted Sports and the associations POINT SUD and T'CAP 21, and the Stanislas Durand Challenge for young people. We are delighted to see these again at our 2022 event, where the EBRA Series tournament will once again take place over two days, on Saturday and Sunday.

This summer, we will once again organise a Beach Rugby XIII tournament with our friends from this federation on the occasion of Bastille Day on Thursday 14 July.

Last year, we hosted a team on a stand of our main partner, the Departemental Council, to promote FRANCE 2023, the Rugby World Cup hosted by France. In 2024, the Olympic Games will be a springboard for our organisation to pursue for our future generations the recognition of a Beach Rugby that is both innovative and character-forming. Bearing this in mind, this quote from Michel Serre resonates for me:

«In Rugby, everyone looks at the team, no one looks at the ball. But the fact is it's the ball that's the important thing; this is what makes the team.»

Lionel Laugier

President Ovale Beach & Former President of the European Beach Rugby Association

