



FESTIVAL PROGRAMM

I. ARRIVAL:

Foreign teams from different parts of Europe and beyond are arriving in Split before or on June 13, 2019 either by bus, by cars or by airplanes. All teams are accommodated in the Festival Partner Hotels according to their previously ordered requirements or at their leisure in apartments throughout Split

a) **GUIDES.** Each team is welcomed by an official Festival Team Guide speaking at least English (and/or if possible also other European languages) upon arrival either in the hotel or at the airport. The names and contacts of the Event's guides (e-mail and mobile phone) will be communicated to all teams separately by e-mail in time before the departure to Split. For a communication with your Guides, as well LOC we intend to utilize mobile application "WhatsApp", and create group "EGORF Split 2019 with numbers of all team managers and LOC members in charge of operational activities.

b) TRANSPORT TO THE HOTEL. Members of LOC or Guides will welcome teams at the airport, arrange loading on the bus and your transport to the hotel. Transport of the main group is covered by the Team/participant Fee. In case teams arriving with family members or others not participating in Festival, they will be allowed on the bus only if there are sufficient space. Otherwise they will need to utilize public transport.

c) WELCOME PACKAGES AND TICKETS. At the hotel, all teams receive from their respective Guides welcome packages with event gifts and especially Team Managers receive also an envelope with the following content:

- 1) Festival badge / accreditation allowing free entry to Welcome Party as well farewell Dinner. Please note that entry to this events will not be allowed without festival accreditation badge and number / seats at Farwell dinner are limited by team registered participant number
- 2) another copy of this information letter and
- 3) a simple form to be filled in, signed and returned to the Organizing Committee via their respective guides on Friday in the morning before kick-off, insurance waiver, if not submitted via email in earlier stage.
- 4) Map of Split center, brochures about Split and the Croatia, etc.
- 5) Festival brochure with all information about Festival and recommendations Where to Go

It is highly recommended for team managers and guides to check immediately upon hand-over that the envelope contains all above mentioned things and that the number of accreditation badge for the Welcome Drink Party, Closing Party is corresponding to the number of participants who have fully paid the Event's participation fees. **Any discrepancy must be reported to the guide immediately upon hand over – later complaints cannot be accepted.** Each team manager then should distribute badges to his team members who paid Event's fees to allow them entry to the Thursday's Welcome Drink Party and Sunday's Closing Party.

II. WELCOME DRINK PARTY ON THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2019:

All participants are warmly invited to the Welcome Drink Party taking place at Hemingway Bar and terrace in front.

The party starts at 20:00 (8,00 PM). The teams accommodated at hotels far from event place will be transported by busses, other situated near can walk there as it is within walking distance. The guides will accompany you.

Address:

<http://www.hemingway.hr/split/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/YbGoeEapgKyQ5bD58>

Please note that **the entry is allowed only to those persons who have accreditation badges** for this event which each team manager should distribute after receiving them from the Festival's Guide.. All drinks and food will be served free of charge During the Welcome Party, the Organizing Committee of the Festival will officially open the 15th EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY FESTIVAL.

However, the main aim of this party is to provide all participants with an opportunity to meet and create a good and friendly atmosphere, which is the most important value for all rugby golden oldies events just from the very beginning.

As part of program at Welcome party, traditional Dalmatian competition, " Pulling the rope" will be organized, winning team taking as prize "Dalmatian Smoked Prosciuto" as well case of Fine wine. Places limited to 7 teams plus host, therefore precedence having first registered teams replying to official festival mail address with wording "Pulling the rope TEAM NAME"

III. GAMES ON FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2019:

On Friday 14, 2019 after breakfast at the hotel, teams meet in front of their respective hotels with their respective Guides and will be transferred by buses to respective playing fields, those in City center and within walking distance by foot.

The exact time of departure from your hotel will be provided by your guides.

All pitches (one "Nada" and two and three "Hajduk" even within walking distance due possible hot weather will be connected by bus, departing from "Hajduk" pitches every half hour (5 min run) from 1000 hrs till 1600 hrs

RC Nada –Field 1 -
<https://goo.gl/maps/B5radEwrLw9z7ikn6>

Hajduk field 2 and 3
<https://goo.gl/maps/xHzipdDLnYfB3PgB8>

The kick-off of the 1st series of matches is scheduled for 09:30 AM. Games will be played at 3 pitches available for the Festival.

CATEGORIES. The Festival will run in 2 categories: **PLATINUM Over 50** Category and **GOLDEN Category Over 35** according to the entries of particular teams.

Altogether, 30 teams will participate out of which 18 are in the Golden Category and 12 in the Platinum Category.

The lists of teams are as follows:

<u>PLATINUM CATEGORY</u>	
12 teams:	
N°	Platinum Group Team
1	Y Gogs
2	Frankfurter Bembelschwenker
3	V.i.a.g.R.a. Wiedenbrück/ Oldie-Rugby-in-Wi
4	Fossy Bears Bern
5	The Peterborough and District: SLOPPY 2nds
6	I Cangandi Old Rugby Verona
7	CENTRAL BUENOS AIRES CLASSIC
8	CLUB VETERANOS RUGBY SEVILLA
9	Ragbi 59
10	Vintage Vikings
11	OPLA /Veteranos XV CAU MADRID
12	OLD BLACKOUTS

<u>GOLDEN CATEGORY</u>	
18 teams:	
N°	Gold Group Team
1	Rugby '59, Croatia
2	Les Barons Verres (Hermance)
3	Bera Bera Gurdizaharrak
4	GC Zurich Springcows and Gnomes
5	Porto Old Greens
6	The Peterborough and District: SLOPPY 1sts
7	Kerikeri Golden Oldies
8	RK Olimpija
9	Valencia Veterans 1
10	Gibraltar Veterans
11	Valencia Veterans 2
12	Rugby Club "Gelezinis Vilkas"
13	Elders of Zion
14	Czech Stars XV
15	La Poderosa Old Rugby Brescia
16	Universidad de Zaragoza Veteranos
17	Clube de Rugby de Évora
18	Costa Barbarians

GAMES SCHEDULE. Each team will play at least 2 games a day, each 2x15 min (on Sunday probably 2x10 min.), according to the Games schedule which, incl. referees, will be prepared and available at the main Message Board in front of each pitch and close to "Organizer/Info Table". All teams are required to be prepared in time for their games according to the Games Schedule in order to prevent any unnecessary delays. The commentator will announce which teams are going to play at the particular pitches and which teams should prepare for the next series of games. It will be available on the printed schedule, web site and Festival mobile application as well.

RULES. For both categories standard Rules of the XV Rugby Game containing the following usual veteran modifications will apply: 1) no push in scrums, 2) no kicking outside 22m zone (except penalty kick to outline) and 3) no lifting in outlines. If any of the above mentioned action happens, a free kick will follow against a team who failed. Length limit for running with the ball 20m, Nr. 8 may take the ball after scrum. No conversions after try.

GOLDEN OLDIES SPIRIT. All players should enjoy the veteran game and so please respect veterans' age and condition of opponents and fair play – health and no injuries is much more important than any result and no violence or brutality will be tolerated.

AGE. All players in the Golden Category must be age 35 and/or more. In the Platinum Category all players must be age 50 and/or more and only in the case of a lack of players, max. 2 players age 45 and/or more may play for one team.

EGOR MEETING. EGOR Committee will meet for an annual meeting at the trophy room of RC Nada at 18,00 hrs on Thu 13th

EGOR REFEREE MEETING. Referees will meet at "Nada" Clubhouse on Thu 13th 1800 hrs and after together on Welcome Party

EGOR General Assembly consisting of all managers of all participating teams will take place at the "Hajduk" clubroom or in shade at one of pitches at 13,00 on Fri 14th Any change of time or place will be announced by loudspeaker.

INSURANCE. Every team will be responsible for insurance for its players. A waiver will be signed by every team manager and handed over to the Organizing Committee through the Event's guides before the 1st game's kick-off.

FOOD AND DRINKS. During the whole day food and drinks will be available for reasonable prices.

DEPARTURE. After finishing the games, transport of all teams by buses to their respective hotels is arranged for the late afternoon.

Your guide will know the exact times of your departure

WHERE TO GO AFTERWARDS. The rest of the day / evening is free and the participants may use options offered by the Organizing Committee in the section "*Where To Go*" where different Festival Partners offer their hospitality with different bonuses. You just need to present your participant Badge to receive a discounted service. There are restaurants, pubs, night clubs, sight- seeing tours, etc. among the options. The "*Where To Go*" program is available for the participants during the whole time of the festival..

IV. DAY-OFF ON SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2019:

Saturday June 15, 2019 is a day off. For this day the participants can use the opportunity to book a trip or excursion according to the Optional program.

It is possible again to use the options mentioned in the *Where To Go* program or to do anything else that you want.

V. GAMES ON SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2019:

On Sunday 16, 2019 after breakfast at the hotel, teams will meet again in front of their respective hotels with their respective Guides and will be transferred by buses to respective pitches in order to complete the festival with a series of other games. Each team will play a minimum 2 games, 2x15 min, in their respective category, again. Or shorter if agreed between teams. Kick off at 0930 as per schedule which will be announced separately.

The exact time of departure from your hotel will be provided by your guide.

However, the afternoon program will finish earlier, around 17,00 because of the Closing Party starting at 20,00 (7:00 PM) in Split.

DEPARTURE. After finishing the games, transport is arranged for all teams by buses to their respective hotels. Please keep in mind that you have a limited time to change in your hotel rooms, because the Closing party starts at 20,00 (8:00 PM) and busy traffic is expected during your journey there.

VI. CLOSING PARTY ON SUNDAY 16, 2019

The last event of the Festival is the Closing Party, which will take place at Spaladium Arena

Address:

<https://goo.gl/maps/cCiQRucVFJM3Xjot8>

<http://spaladiumarena.hr/>

Please note that the entry is allowed only to those persons who have accreditation badges for this event. Food and drinks will be available. No tickets will be available for sale on the spot because all seats for teams already pre-arranged. During the Closing Ceremony all

teams and also some individuals will be awarded by the Organizing Committee. There will be plenty of food and drinks available and also a cultural program. A rock band "058" will play live for dancing. All the participants, coming from different parts of Europe, will have fun together during the following informal party until the late evening when buses will transfer all participants back to their hotels. Busses starting to run from 2315 hrs via City Center for those willing to enjoy Split further

VII. DEPARTURES

Most of the participating teams are expected to leave Split on Monday 17, 2019. Teams leaving by plane will be picked up from their respective hotels by buses and transported to the airport with plenty of time before the departures of their respective flights.

The exact time of departure from your hotel will be provided by your guides.

We wish all the participants a pleasant and safe journey home and see you again at the next Festival's venue in 2021!

VIII. GENERAL LIABILITIES

All participants must respect rules and regulations of the Event as well as the laws and regulations valid in Split and the Croatia. Every team and individual agrees to be sufficiently insured for injury, damages, loss, etc. and any other possibility resulting from their participation in the Event or from their stay in the Croatia, either during the games or at any other event organized as part of the Event

Package or the optional program. The Organizing Committee and any persons involved in the organization of the Event will not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss, theft, damages or other things arising from the participation in the Event or the stay in the Croatia. All participants fully agree with these Terms of Conditions and are obliged to respect and keep them.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each player **MUST** have his health (travel) insurance card with them at all times during the Games in case of injury and medical assistance!! Please, do not leave this card at the hotel or even at home!!

Furthermore, it is highly recommended that all your things are under your constant surveillance and not left unattended - it is recommended that a member of your team who is not playing should collect and guard your valuables during your matches.

Wishing you a pleasant stay in Split,

The Organizing Committee of

15th EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY FESTIVAL (EGORF)

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Trade in this flyer at the festival for 1 free beer case.



13 - 16 JUNE 2019.

