



RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011 FACT SHEET

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The right to host RWC 2011 was awarded to the New Zealand Rugby Union (NZRU) by the IRB Council on November 30, 2007.

Overview

- World's third largest sporting event
- 48 matches
- Opening match September 9 Eden Park New Zealand v Tonga
- Final October 23 Eden Park
- 45 days
- 20 teams
- 900 players and support staff
- 12 match venues
- 95,000 visitors estimated
- 2,500 media
- 5,500 volunteers
- 10,000 catering staff
- NZ\$500m economic benefit to New Zealand

Costs

- As part of the Bid requirements and subsequent Host Union Agreement (HUA), New Zealand has guaranteed to deliver a minimum guarantee to the IRB. This guarantee is underpinned by a partnership with the New Zealand Government and a joint funding commitment from both partners.
- The agreement includes provisions that any profits from the Tournament will be shared on a 50/50 basis between the NZRU and the New Zealand Government, while any shortfall/losses on the Tournament will be met by a 1/3rd 2/3rd split between the NZRU and the New Zealand Government respectively.

Timing

- In November 2006, the IRB and RNZ 2011 confirmed that RWC 2011 would be played during a September-October window.

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On July 24 2007, RWCL and RNZ 2011 Ltd announced that the Final of RWC 2011 would be played on the weekend of October 22-23 (Labour Weekend).

Pool Match Venues

- As part of its philosophy of a “Stadium of Four Million”, twelve venues across New Zealand will host matches for RWC 2011.
- Please note: Following a damaging earthquake on February 22, 2011 a decision was made to relocate the five pool matches and two quarter-final matches from Stadium Christchurch reducing the number of stadia from 13 to 12.
- Auckland (Eden Park) and Wellington Regional Stadium will each host two quarter-finals with the Final, Bronze Final and both semi-finals to be played at Auckland (Eden Park).
- The Tournament will kick off at Auckland (Eden Park) on Friday September 9, 2011 when New Zealand will play Tonga.
- Auckland (Eden Park) and Wellington have been allocated five pool matches each and Auckland (North Shore) will host four while Hamilton, New Plymouth, Rotorua, Nelson, Dunedin and Invercargill will each host three matches. Whangarei, Palmerston North and Napier will host two matches.

The selection of host venues in March 2009 came after the culmination of a 22-month process that has involved 18 regions around New Zealand applying to host either a match or a team or both.

- New Zealand has a range of dedicated Rugby venues across the country and these venues were recognised by players, officials, broadcasters and media as excellent during the 2005 DHL NZ Lions Series.
- Since New Zealand’s Bid, RWC 2011 has been a catalyst for expansion and upgrade plans being advanced for a number of venues, which is a further enhancement on the Bid commitments.

Playoff structure

Following the RWC 2011 pool matches, the knockout rounds will follow the same structure as RWC 2003 and RWC 2007. The full structure is as follows:

- Quarter-final 1 – Winner Pool C v Runner-up Pool D
- Quarter-final 2 – Winner Pool B v Runner-up Pool A
- Quarter-final 3 – Winner Pool D v Runner-up Pool C
- Quarter-final 4 – Winner Pool A v Runner-up Pool B
- Semi-final 1: Winner QF1 v Winner QF2
- Semi-final 2: Winner QF3 v Winner QF4
- Bronze Final: Loser SF1 v Loser SF2
- Final: Winner SF1 v Winner SF2

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Venues for RWC 2011 quarter-finals, semi-finals and Final

- On September 4, 2008, RWCL and RNZ 2011 jointly announced that Christchurch and Wellington would each host two quarter-finals.
- The announcement followed the first stage of a match and team allocation process which saw applications to host quarter-final matches lodged by the Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington regions, and applications to host the Bronze Final match by Auckland and Hamilton.
- Following a devastating earthquake on February 22, a decision was made to relocate all matches from Stadium Christchurch. The two quarter-final matches were moved to Auckland (Eden Park).
- The four quarter-finals will be played on October 8 and 9, 2011.
- The two semi-finals, Bronze Final and Final will all be held at Auckland's Eden Park. The semi-finals will be held on October 15 and 16; the Bronze Final on Friday October 21 and the Final on Sunday October 23.

Interesting facts

- Teams will bring 80 tonnes of freight – equivalent to 20 African elephants
- 97,800 meals will be eaten at team hotels
- 1 million punnets of chips will be sold at stadia
- 300,000 glasses are required for stadia
- 1,388 match balls are needed for 48 matches and training
- 60,000 personnel will be accredited including players, media, catering staff, security, VIPs
- 121,540 bed nights have been booked for the officials needs of Tournament (equivalent to 332 years)
- 9,000 international and domestic flights booked for teams, officials and others flying to and around NZ
- Buses and cars are being hired representing 8,870 vehicle hire days

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