



The New Zealand Secondary School Sevens Finals (known as the Condor Sevens) and the World School Sevens.

History

The New Zealand Secondary School Sevens national finals is known as the Condors Sevens. It has been in existence for 29 years and this year 2016, it will celebrate its 30th annual event at Sacred Heart College in Auckland.

The event has grown significantly in the last five years from sixteen teams to over ninety teams expected in 2016. It has also expanded from a boys U19 tournament to include a girls U19 tournament and in recent years the event has expanded to include the U15 division for both boys and girls.

The teams that compete in the Open Division (over 50 teams) must earn their right to compete. Each team have to qualify through over 14 regional tournaments that take place throughout the year.

The tournament has over 1000 competitors and between 1500 and 3000 spectators across the three days during the first weekend in December. The Finals day is broadcast live on Sky TV on the Rugby channel with a highlights package broadcast on Sky sport 1 and 2 in the week after the event.

The Condors team, have a wealth of event management and sponsorship experience including 14 years of involvement with the New Zealand International Sevens in Wellington plus commercial experience with the All Blacks and Super rugby.

Vision

The Condor 7's vision is to be **“the premier New Zealand secondary school sporting event”** an event that all the students at school cannot stop talking about. An event that every rugby playing student wants to be apart of and an event that is professional in organisation and delivery for all stakeholders.

Our vision is inspired by a quote made by Sir Gordon Tietjens several years ago. He said **“ the schoolboys (girls) of today will be the Olympians of tomorrow”**.

In 2016 the Condor Rugby Football Club is bringing our event from West Auckland to Central Auckland for the first time in over 4 years.

A pilot event known as the **World School Sevens** event will take place this year at Sacred Heart College on Saturday December 17th. Talks are underway with Sky

television to film the event. The pilot event will be a first ever opportunity for a New Zealand Schools side to compete against other international schools. It will feature a minimum of seven teams including sides from Australia, Samoa and Sri Lanka. This number may increase to ten teams over the coming weeks.

Schedule for the Condor Sevens

- Friday December 2nd U15 Boys and Girls Sevens Finals
- Friday December 2nd evening Opening ceremony
- Saturday December 3rd U19 Open Boys & Girls Sevens Finals Day One
- Sunday December 4th U19 Open Boys & Girls Sevens Finals Day Two

Schedule for the World Schools

- Wednesday December 14th -Teams fly in and assemble
- Thursday December 15th Team training in the morning, Mini warm up tournament from 12-4pm in the afternoon at College Rifles, Tournament dinner at College Rifles
- Friday December 16th Team training, Sightseeing around Auckland, Auckland International rugby academy training and coaching
- Saturday December 17th **World School Sevens pilot Tournament** from 12pm at Sacred Heart College, Tournament cultural night with guest speaker

Investment

We are seeking funding for \$10,000 to support our event operations and tournament infrastructure. This money where possible will be spent with local businesses based in the Orakei Local Board area. Funding support from the Orakei Local Board is imperative for the Condor Rugby Football Club to keep costs at a minimum for competing schools. The competing schools come from all over New Zealand with over 70% come from outside the Auckland area.

Partners

Our key partners include Sacred Heart College, Orakei Local Board, NZRU, ARU, NZSSSC and the NZSSR.

Summary

With Sevens Rugby about to be showcased in the Olympics this year in Rio for the first time this year, we believe incredible growth will happen in the sport. Sevens Rugby is about to go global and we believe we are well positioned with this event to capture the growth wave. We believe by hosting the event in the Orakei Local Board catchment we will achieve two significant milestones. Firstly significant media exposure for the area and secondly a strong economic impact with 4000 people descending on Sacred Heart and the local community over four days.