

Edinburgh Sports Clubs

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Appeal for local clubs to 'Adopt-A-Club'



The Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival is calling on the city's sporting & community clubs to get involved in the Golden Oldies 'adopt-a-club' scheme. From 1st to 8th September 2008 over 3,000+ international rugby enthusiasts will arrive in Edinburgh for a week of 'Fun, Friendship & Fraternity', and they need a home to complete their Festival preparations.

What We Need

We are appealing to all local sporting & community groups (not just rugby clubs) throughout the Capital to spare a little

time and resource by volunteering your clubhouse/facilities for a Golden Oldies team's usage. If you can deliver a facility for a team to train, to socialise and use your bar facilities, please get in touch.

How you can benefit from adopting a Club

Your organisation can benefit through Golden Oldies teams using your venue and facilities, particularly at quieter times of the week.

In addition, through your participation, club members will receive a once in a lifetime chance to develop friendships with like-minded people from all around the world, coupled with associating themselves with one of Edinburgh's highest profile events in 2008.

Want to be involved as a volunteer?

The festival is one of Scotland's largest sporting events and we need your help to make it happen! We're calling on everyone who has a passion for sport and some free time, to lend a hand and ensure the 2008 Golden Oldies is the years' best sporting event.

By sparing a little of your time, you can make a big difference by helping us, or take care of the details that will make the Festival a huge success. In exchange for your hard work, we will provide free volunteer kit, great experience for your CV, and the chance to develop friendships with sportsmen from every corner of the globe.

If you think your club can provide a home for an international Golden Oldies team or if any of your members wish to become volunteers, please get in touch by emailing: go2008@platinum-one.co.uk or phone Michael Scallon (Platinum One) on 0131 514 4444 for further details.



Join the gathering of the Clans!
Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival

1-8 September 2008, Edinburgh, Scotland. Don't miss it!
www.goldenoldiesports.com





Touch Rugby

If you're looking for a fun way to get fit, to take up a new challenge or just to meet new people in a friendly sporting atmosphere, why not try touch?

Touch, also known as 'touch rugby', emphasises running, agility, passing, catching, communication and teamwork and caters to a wide range of ages, abilities and experience levels.

Touch uses a rugby ball and the player with the ball has to stop when touched by an opponent, and play restarts. Touch is played on a pitch about half the size of a rugby field, and each team has six players on the field at a time. The aim is to score touchdowns behind the opponents' scoreline.

You can play in Men's, Women's and Mixed divisions (Mixed is three male and three female players on the field). The Mixed game is a key part of the game and a big factor in the sport's great social scene.

In Edinburgh there are summer leagues on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

evenings, and informal games in the Meadows, usually on a Sunday afternoon. Regular players make beginners more than welcome and are always happy to help people learn.

Touch in Scotland is going from strength to strength; from having 300 players in the first leagues in 1994, there are now about 3,000 registered players across the country. The game's governing body, the Scottish Touch Association (STA), recently signed a Partnership Agreement with the Scottish Rugby Union to develop the sport further.

This July Scotland will send its biggest ever national squad abroad to a tournament yet, to the 2008 European Championships in France. Medal hopes are running high, and further into the future Edinburgh will be hosting the 2011 Touch World Cup. These are exciting times for touch and a great time to get involved. For more information, check the STA website: www.scottish-touch.org.uk

Forthcoming Rugby Events

31st May – 1st June	Emirate Airlines Rugby Sevens	Murrayfield Stadium
19th July	Portobello Rugby Open Day	Cavalry Park
17th August	Beach Rugby	Joppa Beach
24th August	Youth Rugby Open Day	Portobello Rugby
1st – 8th September	Golden Oldies	Roseburn and Saughton Parks
8th November	Scotland v New Zealand	Murrayfield Stadium

For more information on rugby within Edinburgh please contact the SRU Regional Development Officer, Greg Cann on 07799 838333 or email greg.cann@sru.org.uk

Edinburgh Rugby

Edinburgh Rugby Club's 2007/08 season has now finished, with the team ending the Magners League campaign in 4th position – their best ever finish. Edinburgh ended the season being the only team in the Magners League to be undefeated in Wales. In the Heineken Cup, they finished bottom of what was called the "Group of Death". Despite finishing in final spot, the club managed memorable wins over Leicester Tigers and Leinster.

Season tickets are now on sale for next season:

Adult: £150, Concessions (OAPs or Students) : £80 and Juniors (Under 18s): £30. Your season ticket covers all 9 Magners League home matches, 3 Heineken Cup pool matches and Glasgow v Edinburgh match at Firhill.

To buy your season ticket, please call 0131 346 5180 or log onto www.edinburghrugby.org.

Register to the website for FREE and you will be able to receive weekly updates from Your Club, exclusive video interviews from players plus much more!

Portobello Rugby Club

Portobello Rugby Club are arranging a series of "open days" over the summer to showcase the clubs activities and encourage new members and these include:

19 July – Senior Rugby Open Day open to all adult players at the club's home ground at Cavalry Park, Duddingston Road West

17 Aug – A great fun day for all the family on the beach at Dalriada, Joppa

24 Aug – Youth Rugby Open Day invites youngsters of all abilities to join in at Cavalry Park Duddingston Road West