



PRESS RELEASE

UNDER-20 SIX NATIONS FIXTURES CONFIRMED FOR 2023

- **The Under-20 Six Nations Championship returns on 3rd February 2023 when all six nations begin their campaigns**
- **Every fixture of the 2023 Championship will be available to watch in each home market thanks to comprehensive broadcast coverage**
- **Fans can watch the Under-20 Championship on L'Equipe in France, BBC and S4C in the UK, RTE and Virgin Media in Ireland and Sky Italia in Italy**
- **The Under-20s Championship is an important platform for rugby stars of the future and testament to the commitment from Six Nations Rugby and unions to strengthen this development pathway**

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The Under-20 Six Nations Championship returns in 2023, with five rounds of fixtures offering fans the opportunity to see some of rugby's most exciting players take to the international stage.

The Under-20 Championship kicks off on the 3rd of February 2023 with a Friday night lights first round of fixtures that will see Wales taking on current Under-20 Champions Ireland, old rivals England and Scotland looking to claim bragging rights, and the final game of the evening going to Italy who host France.

The Championship will run until the 19th of March, culminating in a Super Sunday of games that mirror the closing fixtures of the Guinness Six Nations the day before.

As with the previous Championship, rugby fans in each host market will be able to watch every single Under-20 fixture. In the UK, BBC and S4C will cover the Championship, in France, L'Equipe will be showing every game, RTE and Virgin Media will deliver coverage in Ireland, and Sky Italia will continue their support of Six Nations Rugby in Italy.

This level of comprehensive broadcast coverage helped to drive year on year average live audience figures up by over 180%, in the six core markets.

The growing popularity for the Under-20 Six Nations was given an added boost this summer when Six Nations Rugby collaborated with World Rugby to stage an Under-20 Summer Series, hosted in Italy.

The Summer Series featured all six nations, as well as Georgia and South Africa. Offering the next generation of rugby stars a valuable opportunity to compete at the highest level, reinforces the continued commitment to supporting the pathway for future rugby talent to develop. This commitment is shared by the host of broadcast partners of the upcoming Under-20 Six Nations; all driving to offer the best possible platform for teams and players to showcase their talent and excite audiences in the process.

Commenting on the 2023 Under-20 Six Nations fixtures, Julie Paterson, Director of Rugby at Six Nations Rugby, said:

"The Under-20 pathway is a fundamental element of our strategy to support the development of rugby, its teams, players, coaches and match officials. The Championship offers a platform for some truly exciting talent to perform at the highest level. Through the support of our broadcasters and partners, there is a route for fans to follow the journey of the teams and players and see the next generation of stars coming through.

The year-on-year growth of the Under-20 Championship as well as the Summer Series, shows there is an increasing popularity for this area of the game. The fixtures planned for 2023 should build on this, bringing a real competitive edge to the Tournament and providing a true high-performance based lead into the Junior World Championship, due to restart in 2023. Hopefully even more fans will enjoy what is set to be another unmissable Under-20 Six Nations."



FIXTURES 2023

ROUND	HOME	DATE	TIME	AWAY
ROUND 1	WALES	03/02	19:00	IRELAND
ROUND 1	ENGLAND	03/02	19:00	SCOTLAND
ROUND 1	ITALY	03/02	20:00	FRANCE
ROUND 2	ENGLAND	10/02	19:00	ITALY
ROUND 2	SCOTLAND	10/02	19:15	WALES
ROUND 2	IRELAND	10/02	20:00	FRANCE
ROUND 3	ITALY	24/02	19:15	IRELAND
ROUND 3	WALES	24/02	19:15	ENGLAND
ROUND 3	FRANCE	24/02	20:00	SCOTLAND
ROUND 4	ITALY	10/03	19:15	WALES
ROUND 4	SCOTLAND	10/03	19:15	IRELAND
ROUND 4	ENGLAND	10/03	20:00	FRANCE
ROUND 5	SCOTLAND	19/03	14:00	ITALY
ROUND 5	IRELAND	19/03	17:00	ENGLAND
ROUND 5	FRANCE	19/03	20:00	WALES

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About Six Nations Rugby

Six Nations Rugby is the official organising body of the annual Six Nations Championships and Autumn Nations Series.

Working in partnership with its member unions and federations in England (RFU), France (FFR), Ireland (IRFU), Italy (FIR), Scotland (SRU) and Wales (WRU), Six Nations Rugby has responsibility for the promotion and operation of the renowned Six Nations Championships, Autumn Nations Series and pathways competitions, as well as the negotiation and management of their centralised commercial rights.

The Six Nations Championship is the oldest international rugby tournament in the world, dating back to its original incarnation in 1883 and expanding to its current format of six teams in 2000. It consists of three highly competitive annual tournaments across men's, women's and U20s rugby.

In its day-to-day operations, Six Nations Rugby is guided by the core values of courage, solidarity, inclusion, integrity, and creativity. Together with its unions and federations, Six Nations Rugby is committed to the development of rugby at all levels, as well as working with other governing and representative bodies around the world to ensure the best possible future for the game, its players and its fans.

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