



The 2025 U20 Six Nations Championship will kick off a blockbuster year of International rugby

- Fixtures for the 2025 U20 Six Nations Championship have been confirmed, starting on the 30th of January next year
- Next year's U20 Six Nations signals the start of an incredible calendar of international men's and women's rugby, with the Six Nations sides at its core
- To date, over 400 players have graduated from the U20 Six Nations going on to be capped at the senior level
- Global broadcast coverage of the U20 Championship ensures fans all over the world can watch the next generation of men's rugby stars on the main stage

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2025 is set to be a blockbuster year for international rugby, with the Six Nations Unions and Federations at the heart of some of the biggest moments in the sport, next year.

The U20 Six Nations Championship will act as the curtain raiser for international rugby next year, closely followed by the Guinness Men's Six Nations, with players also looking to stake their claim for British & Irish Lions selection, with a tour to Australia in the summer. Then it is the return of the record-breaking Guinness Women's Six Nations, leading into the Women's Rugby World Cup in England, in what could turn out to be a watershed moment for the women's game.

Kicking things off will be some of the most exciting up-and-coming men's rugby stars from each of the six nations, when the U20 Championship gets underway on Thursday 30th of January. The first fixture will see Ireland host England; the reigning U20 Six Nations Champions, and recently crowned U20 World Champions. Italy play Scotland in the second game of round one, before France host Wales to close out the first set of fixtures.

The five rounds of U20 Six Nations fixtures mirror the elite men's competition, although the U20 Championship culminates with a series of Friday night lights fixtures on the 14th of March, before Super Saturday assumes the stage the following day, for the conclusion of the Guinness Men's Six Nations.

An extensive list of international broadcasters and comprehensive coverage on Six Nations Rugby's social and digital channels will ensure that international fans have every opportunity to follow next year's Championship.

Fans will be able to watch every minute of the 2025 Under-20 Six Nations fixtures live, thanks to worldwide broadcast coverage. In the Six Nations' host markets, BBC and S4C (Welsh language) will cover the Championship for UK fans; RTE and Virgin Media will



cover the games in Ireland. In France, L'Équipe will broadcast the full Championship and Sky Italia will show all the matches in Italy.

The U20 Six Nations is the first international rugby each year and has established itself as a pivotal Championship within the rugby calendar, offering young players and their teams a valuable platform to gain competitive experience and exposure to elite rugby as they chart their journey along the rugby development pathway.

To date, over 400 players from across all six nations Unions, and Federations have graduated from the U20 Championship, going on to earn senior caps in the Guinness Men's Six Nations. Offering an important progression pathway, the U18 Six Nations Festivals have led to 295 players making the jump from the U18 level to the U20 Six Nations since 2018.

Commenting on the return of the U20 Six Nations Championship next January, Julie Paterson, Chief of Rugby at Six Nations Rugby, said:

“Each year the U20 Championship, together with the U18 Festivals, highlight the exciting young players representing each of the Six Nations teams. In terms of the U20 Six Nations; to have over 400 players go on to achieve senior caps for their respective countries shows how important the Championship is as a development platform for the next generation of players, as well as the Unions and Federations.

The fixtures next year offer an opportunity for new and returning players to shine and it seems fitting that the next generation of talent will be the opening act for what looks set to be a huge year for the sport.”

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