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The first Rugby World Cup was held in Australia and New Zealand in 1987. The winner of the tournament was New Zealand.





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New Zealand and South Africa have both won the tournament three times. Australia has won it twice.



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The Rugby World Cup takes place every four years. The 2023 tournament will be the 10th tournament held and the 6th tournament this century.



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World Rugby are the organisers of the Rugby World Cup. 120 countries are World Rugby members.





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World Rugby has its headquarters in Dublin, Ireland. It was originally founded as the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) in 1886. It was renamed the International Rugby Board (IRB) in 1998 and changed its name again to World Rugby in 2014.



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The first official women's Rugby World Cup took place in the Netherlands in 1998. The tournament was won by New Zealand.



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South Africa are the current Rugby World Cup champions. They won the last tournament in Japan in 2019.





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The next Rugby World Cup tournament will be held in Australia in 2027.



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Only four countries have won a Rugby World Cup tournament— New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and England.



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16 teams participated in the Rugby World Cup from 1987 until 1995; since 1999, 20 teams have participated in each tournament.





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20 teams will participate in Rugby World Cup 2023. 12 qualified directly by finishing in the top three in their pool in 2019. 8 other countries qualified through a qualification tournament.



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Rugby World Cup 2023 takes place 200 years after William Webb Ellis is credited with inventing the game of rugby in 1823.



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The winners of the Rugby World Cup win the Webb Ellis Cup, which was first awarded in the first tournament in 1987.





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Rugby World Cup 2023 takes place in France from September 8th to October 28th, with matches played in 9 venues across 10 host cities. It is the second time for France to host the tournament.



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Rugby World Cup 2023 will consist of 48 games taking place over the course of 51 days. The final takes place on October 28th in the Stade de France in Paris.



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Ireland are currently the No. 1 ranked team in world rugby, followed by New Zealand in second place and France in third place.





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Only 25 countries have ever played at a Rugby World Cup, with ten of those countries having never missed a tournament.



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The record for the most points scored in a single game at a Rugby World Cup is held by New Zealand who scored 145 points against Japan in the 1995 tournament.



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English player Jonny Wilkinson holds the record for the most points scored at Rugby World Cups by scoring 277 points during his World Cup appearances.





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Typhoon Hagibis forced the cancellation of three pool matches in the last Rugby World Cup in 2019 in Japan, meaning 45 matches were played instead of 48.



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Russia is currently suspended from World Rugby due to the invasion of Ukraine.



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## 2023 Rugby World Cup:

- 20 Countries
- 48 Games
- 51 Days
- 9 Venues





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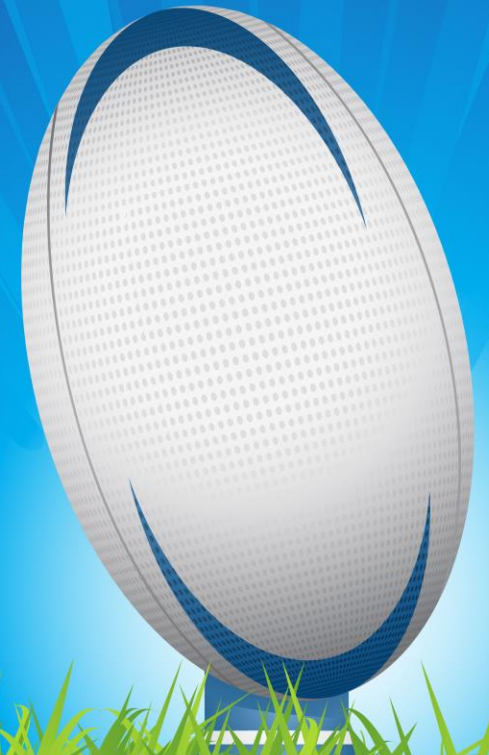
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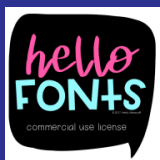
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