

From IRB.com - The International Rugby Board has announced the match schedule for the eagerly anticipated second round of the IRB Women's Sevens World Series, the USA Women's Rugby Sevens in Houston, USA.



Twelve international sides from six continents will compete at the BBVA Compass Stadium on 1-2 February, with tournament hosts USA facing a mouth-watering clash with staunch rivals Canada on day one.

The landmark event for USA Rugby will also offer Argentina, Japan and Trinidad and Tobago the chance to make their first appearances on the Series. They replace Spain, France and China from the opening round in Dubai in December 2012.

After their magnificent win at the inaugural round in Dubai, New Zealand's women head Pool A and face two other core sides in England and the Netherlands, as well as the debutants from Trinidad and Tobago.

Having performed heroics in reaching the final in round one in Dubai, South Africa start in Houston as second seeds. They line up in Pool B and face the daunting challenge of both North American heavyweights, hosts USA and Canada, as well as the improving Argentineans, now under the coaching eye of the Sevens game's all-time leading men's try-scorer, Santiago Gomez Cora.

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With Spain not competing in Houston, Pool C is headed by the fourth-ranked side in the Series standings after round one, Australia. Tim Lane's side faces one of the surprise packages from Dubai, Russia, as well as South American champions Brazil and Asian newcomers Japan.

IRB Chairman Bernard Lapasset said: "Our women's players made history in Dubai by competing at the magnificent first round of this inaugural IRB Women's Sevens World Series and the quality of Rugby witnessed by more than 40,000 in the stands and millions around the world offered immediate proof that this will develop into a popular and competitive Series."

"Houston's BBVA Compass Stadium has recently been hugely successful in hosting Test match Rugby for the US Eagles and we look forward to a well-attended and successful tournament."

"Just three years now remain until many of these women prepare to compete in Rio at the 2016 Olympic Games and for them to have their own Series is a major and essential step forward. 2013 also offers the allure of the Rugby World Cup Sevens in Moscow at the end of June, so these World Series tournaments also offer an intriguing form guide."

IRB Women's Sevens World Series - Houston, Feb. 1-2, 2013

Pool A: New Zealand, England, Netherlands, Trinidad & Tobago

Pool B: South Africa, Canada, USA, Argentina

Pool C: Australia, Russia, Brazil, Japan

February 1, 2013

#	Pool	Time	Match
1	C	13:04	Australia v Japan

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2	C	13:26	Russia v Brazil
3	A	13:48	New Zealand v Trinidad
4	A	14:10	England v Netherlands
5	B	14:32	South Africa v Argentina
6	B	14:54	Canada v United States
7	C	15:48	Australia v Brazil
8	C	16:10	Russia v Japan
9	A	16:32	New Zealand v Netherlands
10	A	16:54	England v Trinidad & Tobago
11	B	17:16	South Africa v United States
12	B	17:38	Canada v Argentina
13	C	18:32	Brazil v Japan
14	C	18:54	Australia v Russia
15	A	19:16	Netherlands v Trinidad
16	A	19:38	New Zealand v England
17	B	20:00	United States v Argentina
18	B	20:22	South Africa v Canada
February 2, 2013			
19	Cup QF	13:04	(1) Best 1st v (8) 2nd Best
20	Cup QF	13:26	(4) Best 2nd v (5) 2nd Best

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21	Cup QF	13:48	(3) 3rd Best 1st v (6) 3rd
22	Cup QF	14:10	(2) 2nd Best 1st v (7) Be
23	Bowl SF	14:32	(9) 3rd Best 3rd v (12) 3r
24	Bowl SF	14:54	(10) Best 4th v (11) 2nd
25	Plate SF	16:10	Loser Game 19 v Loser C
26	Plate SF	16:32	Loser Game 21 v Loser C
27	Cup SF	16:54	Winner Game 19 v Winn
28	Cup SF	17:16	Winner Game 21 v Winn
29	11th	18:10	Loser Game 23 v Loser C
30	Bowl Final	18:32	Winner Game 23 v Winn
31	7th	19:02	Loser Game 25 v Loser C
32	Plate Final	19:24	Winner Game 25 v Winn
33	3rd	19:54	Loser Game 27 v Loser C
34	Cup Final	20:16	Winner Game 27 v Winn