



**16<sup>th</sup> BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT**  
**POLICE STADIUM, BANGKOK**  
**29 - 31 OCTOBER 2010**

**TOURNAMENT MANUAL & TEAM INSTRUCTIONS**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Thai Rugby Union (TRU) fully endorse the staging of the Bangkok Sevens.

**The Tournament**

- **Men's Open**, 20- team format drawn into 5 pools of 4 teams, See **Rules & Laws**.
- **Women's Open**, 8-team format with two Pools of 4 teams.
- **Youth Rugby Tournaments-**
  - o **Boy's U15s**, 15-a-side, 12-16 teams, draw dependent on final entries.

- **Girls U19s**, Sevens competition, 8-12 teams, draw dependent on final entries.

### Tournament Timings

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 29 October     | – 12.00 -17.00 - Women's Sevens Qualifying rounds.      |
| 29 October     | – 19.00 - Tournament Welcome Party, The Londoner Pub.   |
| 30 – 31 Oct    | – 08.30-17.30 - Men's & Women's Sevens.                 |
| 31 October     | – 19.30 - Tournament Dinner at the Ambassador Hotel.    |
| November (tbc) | – Youth "Rugby Challenges" U15s Boy's & U19s Women's 7s |

### Venue

Klong Chan Stadium (tbc), Nawamin Rd, Klong Chan, Bang Kapi (about 20kms from downtown Sukhumvit Rd).

### Organisers

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## ADMINISTRATION

### Suvarnabhumi Airport

"Sue-one-a-boom" Airport is about 36kms from the centre of the City and the trip takes between 35-60 minutes depending on the time of day.

#### Taxis at the Airport

a) On entering the Arrivals Dispersal Area passengers should follow the Terminal signs to the external Taxi Rank (around Exit Doors 2-3) and use your own initiative to book a cab at the **official booking point**. Avoid the 'touts' selling limousine services at exorbitant prices from **inside and/or outside** the Terminal and those offering **illegal** 'booking tickets'.

b) Airport taxis (and all others in Bkk) charge Baht 35 flag-fall however from the Airport there is a Baht 50 'booking fee' plus the fare which should be no more than Baht 250 one way, to that add the Toll-way fees(2) of Baht 70, so your total taxi ride should be less than Baht 400 all of which is paid on reaching your destination – it is wise to have some small change available in B 100 notes. Beware of the driver who doesn't switch his meter on before proceeding. The destination is "**Ambassador Hotel, Soi 11, Sook-um-wit**".

**Busses.** If your team has arranged or ordered a bus to pick you up then proceed (inside the Terminal) to the **Zone B Exit, Counter B – "Association of Thai Travel Agents"** and they will call up your bus.

**Transfers.** If your Travel Agent has not arranged transfers for you as part of your fare then the Organising Committee can arrange airport transfers given enough warning and this will be charged to the team manager on his arrival. Payment will be cash in Thai Baht on the day.

### Registration Fees

Tournament Registration Fees are listed on the Web page at [www.bangkoksevens.com](http://www.bangkoksevens.com) and will include:

- Tournament fee includes water & ice for players;
- Shuttle busses to & from the Stadium;
- Team Pack with, passes, programs, electrolyte and beer coupons for players;
- Limited free beer plus huge buffet meal at The Londoner Pub "**Welcome Party**";
- Free-flow beer and monster buffet meal at the Tournament Dinner for 14 pax on Sunday evening – extra Team & Supporter tickets Baht 600/head;

- Masseur at no cost to players;
- Qualified medical support on site provided by BNH Hospital.

**NB.** Tournament fees for Thai-based teams and the Veteran's Event do not include costs for Stadium transfers or to attend the Awards Dinner – attendance numbers need to be confirmed the week before the tournament.

**Registration Fees** are to be paid in advance direct to the Organiser's Bank account, details about which will be advised separately by email.

### **Accommodation**

The official "Tournament Hotel" will be the **Ambassador**, Soi 11, Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok at 4-Star rating.

The Hotel rates for Bangkok Sevens teams and supporters are net, with buffet breakfast for single or twin-share rooms (**NB- normal rate does not include VAT & Service charge or breakfast**). Rates will be confirmed via email. The hotel is conveniently located and close to entertainment areas, restaurants, shopping and transport which are all within easy walking distance of the Ambassador in the Sukhumvit Road area.

### **Currency**

The currency is Thai Baht and is available in coins with denominations, Bt 1 Bt 2, Bt 5, & Bt 10. Notes are in Bt 20, Bt 50, Bt 100, Bt 500 & Bt 1,000 denominations. Currency Exchange outlets are all over the City but NOT at the Stadium. It is advisable to carry Bt 20 to Bt 100 notes as expecting change from taxis and others can be a problem.

Traveling with US\$100 bills is not recommended as the passing of counterfeit currency in Asia in this denomination is not uncommon and therefore usage is treated with suspicion.

### **Stadium Shuttle**

Stadium shuttle busses will operate from and to the Ambassador Hotel only and are provided principally for international team's players, team officials and direct team supporters. Drivers will not deviate from their designated routes and the schedule will be included in the **Tournament Program**.

### **Medical Insurance.**

**Teams and players are responsible for their own medical insurance and it is strongly suggested that policies include international hospitalization and medical evacuation clauses. The BNH Hospital (and others in the metropolitan area) maintain significantly high standards and most have direct relationships with overseas insurance systems.**

The BNH Hospital will provide medical support and first aid during the tournament to handle minor injuries with qualified nurses and a doctor, an ambulance will be on stand-by at the Stadium. Serious injuries will be evacuated to the BNH Hospital which is located in the centre of Bangkok close to the corner of Convent and Sathorn Roads The telephone number is 66-2-686 2700, or **<info@bnhhospital.com>** The hospital will require individuals to clear their accounts before they leave either with cash or credit card. It is advisable for individuals to be in possession of their insurance policy details and PIN if applicable.

At the Stadium, the BNH will not provide strapping for players.

### **Physiotherapy**

A qualified physiotherapist will be in attendance at the Stadium on Saturday and Sunday.

### **Training**

Every effort will be made to provide a training venue for teams subject to prior request.

### **Rugby Balls**

Practice rugby balls are not provided by the organizers.

**Laundry**

Teams are responsible for their own laundry requirements.

**Indemnity**

Corporate Indemnity Form is attached at **Annex A**. It is assumed that all competing teams comply with this Indemnity whether signed and forwarded to the Organisers or not.

**TOURNAMENT****Captains' Briefing**

A Captains Briefing will not be conducted prior to the Tournament as teams arrive in Bangkok at varying times including Friday evening and it is not feasible to conduct a briefing at the Stadium before the commencement of play. Consequently any team queries can be directed to the Organisers in advance of your arrival.

**Referees Briefing**

International referees are invited to attend the tournament to supplement Thai Rugby Union officials. A Panel Coordinator and Tournament Judiciary Panel will be appointed in advance to facilitate the program. A Referee's briefing will be conducted at the Tournament hotel on Friday evening prior to the Welcome Party.

**Tournament Draw**

The draw for both Men's and Women's competitions will be distributed via email about two weeks before the Event and will be printed in the **Tournament Program**.

**Team Sheets**

Teams are requested to complete their Team Sheets before the first Women's or Men's match, that is by 12.00 noon Friday and 08.30am Saturday respectively and handed to the Tournament Marshall on arrival at the Stadium. Changes to the Player's List can only be approved by the Tournament Marshall on the day... see **Rules and Laws**.

**Rules & Laws**

Tournament Rules and Laws are attached at **Annex B** and are listed on the Web site.

**Timings**

There is no excuse for lateness, sufficient shuttle busses are provided to get all players to the Stadium on time however should the worst happen, taxis are available.

**Thai Protocol**

**After each** match teams are asked to line up on the Touch Line either side of the centre-line, facing the Stands and salute the crowd with a simple 'wai' which is a clasping of the hands in front of the chest/face with a small bow – a wave of the hands will also suffice.

**Presentations**

Trophy presentations will be conducted on the ground after each final. TV coverage of the final matches may be provided on site.

**THE STADIUM****Sponsors' Reserved Seating**

Tournament Sponsors have priority over seating in the central section of the Stand.

**Staffing at the Stadium**

Any queries concerning water & ice supplies, stadium cleaning and rubbish removal, ball boys, etc should be referred to the Staff in the Marshall's area.

### **Food & Beverage**

Beer and soft drinks, late breakfast and lunch meals & snacks will be catered at the Stadium at cost.

### **Water & Ice**

Bottled water and ice is available free to team members at the Stadium. Teams are requested to keep the Touch Line and the 'dug-out' clear of empty water bottles as much as possible. Team "Water Boys" are required to wear the yellow slip-on shirt provided at the dug-out – leave them behind after use.

### **Stripping & Streaking**

A reminder that His Majesty the King is the Patron of Rugby in Thailand. Stripping or streaking at the Stadium however amusing, is regarded as an affront to the King and strong offence is taken.

## **SOCIAL**

### **Welcome Party/Registration**

**The Londoner Pub and Tavern** on the corner of Sukhumvit Road and Soi 33, is expected to host the Welcome Party for teams from about 19.00/19.30 hrs onwards with a free buffet curry meal and a couple of beers. Coupons will be required so numbers will be calculated from team accommodation reservation sheets.

### **"Rugby/Sports Bars" /Sponsors**

A number of great, sports bars are sponsoring and supporting the Sevens and a visit by teams would be appreciated, these are:

- **Soi Cowboy**, Four-in-one - ***Moonshine Bar, Jungle Jims, Fannys, and Toy Bar***;
- **Corner of Sukhumvit and Soi 33 - *The Londoner Pub***, in the basement.
- Then half way down **Soi 33 - *Wall Street Pub***, home of the Old Bangkok Bangers RFC and opposite the Pub is ***Tenderloins Steak House & further down, Bistro33***.
- **Soi 11 – *The Australian Pub & BBQ*** – 200m from the Ambassador Hotel.

### **Tournament Awards Dinner**

The Awards Dinner will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, in sit-down, buffet style. Dinner passes will be provided on the basis of 14 per team, persons above that number will be required to purchase their tickets at the Stadium during the tournament. Free-flow beer and mammoth buffet dinner will include sponsors and their guests.

Rehearsed skits with a not too raunchy flavour, are encouraged.

**Colonel (Retd) David Dufall**

**DISCLAIMER AND INDEMNITY BY A CLUB**

We, ..... (Hereafter referred to as “The Participating Club”), in consideration of Brunsworth Limited agreeing at our request to allow us to participate in The Bangkok International Rugby Sevens Tournament from 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 to be conducted at the Klong Chan Stadium, Bangkok, (hereafter referred to as “the Tournament”), hereby confirm and agree that individuals taking part in the Tournament do so at their own risk and that we will not make, and none of our Club/Team players will make, any claims against Brunsworth Limited or any of its officials, employees or agents for any expenses or compensation for, or for any damages or losses whatsoever, whether directly or indirectly caused by or arising out of or in connection with, any injury sustained or death occurring as a result of participation in the Tournament.

We hereby confirm that all The Participating Club players have been so duly informed and are all fully aware of, and have agreed to, the above, and in consideration of the above, we hereby irrevocably undertake to indemnify and keep indemnified, Brunsworth Limited and its officials, employees and agents against all claims, actions, proceedings, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses whatsoever made against or suffered or incurred by any of them caused by or arising out of or in connection with any such claims by any of The Participating Club players, including without limitation all legal costs in relation thereto.

This disclaimer and indemnity shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Thailand. We hereby irrevocably submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Thailand.

Authorised Team/Club Signatory \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Official Designation  
in Team/Club \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Team/Club Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date ...../...../ 2010



**RULES & LAWS (Reviewed Feb 2010)****Rules of the Tournament****Tournament Format**

1. There will be 20 Men's Cup teams in 5 Pools of 4 teams each .
2. All decisions regarding the seeding of teams shall be the sole responsibility of the Tournament Organisers.
3. Play will begin with teams playing each of the other teams within their Pool.
4. In each Pool game, 3 points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw. No extra time to determine a winner will be played.

**Knock-out Standings**

5. On completion of Pool games:

- a) **CUP Competition.**

- 1) winners in each Pool will automatically advance to the Cup competition quarter-finals together with the three best runners-up selected on win/loss record and points scored for & against.
- 2) after the quarter-finals, the winners will advance to the semi-finals (and final) of the Cup, and
- 3) the losers will drop down to the Plate Competition quarter-finals.

- b) **PLATE Competition.**

- 1) The next 8 (eight) best performed teams from the Pools based on points scored for & against in the Pools, will advance to the Plate Competition Qualifying round, after which,
- 2) the winners will advance to the Plate quarter-finals with the losers from para 5. (a) (3); and
- 3) the losers from the Plate Qualifying round, will drop down to the Bowl Competition.

- c) **BOWL Competition.** The remaining 4(four) teams will advance to the Bowl Competition with the losers from para 5.(b) (3), and play off in the quarter -finals of the Bowl.

6. The finishing order of teams will be based on:

- a) highest number of points scored in their Pool matches, or if tied;
- b) the highest margin of points scored for and against in their Pool games, or if still tied;
- c) the highest margin of tries scored for and against in their Pool games, or if still tied;
- d) the best-placed side(s) will be decided by the toss of a coin.

**Duration of Matches**

7. The duration of all Pool, Quarter and Semi-final games will be 7 minutes each way, with a one-minute interval at half time. The duration of the finals for the Cup, Plate and Bowl Championships will be 10 minutes each way, with a two-minute interval at half time. Time will be added for injury and other lost time stoppages at the discretion of the Referee.

8. When there is a tie at full time in any of the Cup, Plate or Bowl Championship games, except in the Finals, the scorer of the first try will be the winner. If there are no tries scored, then the scorer of the first points will be the winner. In the event of a nil-nil draw, the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin.

9. In a Final of the Men's Cup, Plate or Bowl, and in the Cup semi-finals only, extra time in periods of five minutes with a one-minute break between will be played. The team scoring first in extra time will be declared the winner.

10. Players may take liquids during play provided by a team official other than the coach but only from the touch line. There is to be no time out for this purpose and the game is not to be interrupted in any way.

**Composition of Teams**

11. Each side shall be comprised of up to 7 players on the playing area at any time selected from the Registered Team List of 12 team members.

12. The Registered Team List, complete with team member's name, jersey number and signature, must be handed to the Tournament Marshall NLT 30 minutes before the team's first match. This list cannot be changed without the approval of the Tournament Marshall and will remain with him until the end of the Tournament.

13. A team which can only field 7 or less players will not be permitted to enter the Tournament however, before a team's first match, if a team borrows players to complete their player's list, then those 'borrowed' players must remain playing with that team only and must be registered as in Rule 11. above.

14. All team playing jerseys must be clearly numbered using contrasting colours whether on the back or the sleeve and players must play in the same number throughout the Tournament.

15. During the 'knock-out phase' of the Tournament and subject to the Tournament Marshall's approval, a team may borrow a maximum of 2 players to replace injured members, but only from teams which have already been eliminated from the Tournament and who have played in the same or a lower level knock-out competition as themselves (ie. Cup, Plate or Bowl). A player in this circumstance must continue playing for his 'new' team for the remainder of the Tournament.

16. An exception to the above occurs where a team registers less than the number of players permitted to play (ie 12) in the Tournament, then replacements during the 'knock-out phase' will only be permitted to replace injured players from the original, registered, players list.

### **Team Changes**

17. The Tournament Marshall will endorse all changes to a team's original player's list and any unauthorised changes may result in a team's disqualification.

## **Laws of the Tournament**

*The Tournament will be played under the Laws of the Game of Rugby Football as framed by the International Rugby Board (2009 Edition) and the iRB 2009 Seven-a-Side Variations apply to this Tournament, with the following exceptions:*

### **Substitutes**

18. IRB Law 3. Teams may nominate no more than 5 replacement / substitutes. Only 3 may be used per game. A substituted player may not return to a match even to replace an injured player, except for a blood bin.

### **Access to the Pitch**

19. Law 6C 2. During play, only medically trained persons, with the consent of the Referee, will be allowed to enter the playing area. However, at the interval, officials and non-playing members of the team will also be allowed to enter the playing area. Team members acting as water boys must wear distinctive clothing as identification.

20. All touch judges are referees, appointed to assist the Bangkok Sevens Organising Committee. Laws 6B and 10 will be applied in relation to the reporting of foul play or misconduct.

### **Kickoff & Re-starts**

21. All kickoffs and restarts to be drop-kicks with off-side offences by the kicker's team and kicking the ball dead, or the ball being made dead in-goal immediately by the receiving team, to be a free kick to the receiving team at the center.

22. Law 9.B.1. After a try has been scored the kick at goal must be a drop kick and must be taken within 30 seconds of the try having been scored. The kick will be disallowed if the kicker does not take the kick in the time allowed. All penalty kicks at goal to be drop-kicks.

### **Sending Off & Sin Bin**

23. A player sent off by a Referee under Law 10 will not play again in the Tournament. The Referee will send a written report to the Constituent Body of the Rugby Union to which the player's team belongs.

24. The sin-bin will be used throughout the Tournament. A player sin-binned, shall remain at the half-way line under Referee control for 2 minutes. The sin-bin will not replace a situation where a player is sent off under Law 10.

25. Any team found in breach of these Rules & Laws may be disqualified from further participation in the Tournament.

**Organiser's Discretion**

26. The Laws of the Tournament, including their interpretation and any additional Laws, Rules and Regulations are at the sole discretion of the Tournament Organisers, whose decision shall be final.

**Women's Competition**

27. Variations to these Rules for the Women's Competition are covered in the Tournament Program.



