

BEACHCOMBER WORLD CLUB 10s

Back to Mauritius in 2018 for the 3rd consecutive year.

It is confirmed: the amazing sports entertainment event will be back in Mauritius in June 2018.

For a reminder - the Rugby World Club 10s, a professional tournament, was launched in Singapore in 2014. In 2016, upon the initiative, and under the major sponsorship of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, the event moved to Mauritius and has since been known as the Beachcomber World Club 10s.

The 2018 Edition will mark the tournament's 3rd consecutive year in Mauritius. Set for June 15th to 17th, this unique 8-team invitational 10s tournament is organized by Carinat Sports Marketing to feature some of the best sides in the world from the North and South Hemisphere.

Jon Phelps, the Director of Carinat Sports Marketing declares:

"We are thrilled to be coming back to Mauritius for a third edition of the Beachcomber World Club 10s tournament; all participants who have confirmed their presence are looking forward to it too. To us, Beachcomber truly exemplifies the values of rugby, for instance the team work, the drive, fairness and genuine spirit of camaraderie. What makes Beachcomber World Club 10s a fabulous sports entertainment is that it combines an indisputably high-level rugby tournament with the amazing hospitality and natural assets of the island paradise of Mauritius. Beachcomber World Club 10s 2018 promises to be an action-packed, and fun-filled, rugby party. We have no doubt that this sports event is well set to become a major one for the rugby world."

Defending champions Vodacom Bulls (South Africa) have confirmed their participation and released the following comment:

"The tournament comes at a perfect time for us, as we head into the business end of Vodacom Super Rugby, with the Currie Cup season on the horizon as well. This not only provides a good platform to get a competitive run in against some quality opposition, but also gives the boys an opportunity to enjoy a little more space on the rugby field. We are looking forward to returning to Mauritius, and will be keen to defend our title in 2018."

Other participating teams are:

- Cell C Sharks (South Africa), competing in the Super Rugby tournament
- Newcastle Falcons (UK), playing in the English Premiership
- Africa-Pacific Dragons (Africa/Asia/Pacific), a dream team combination, showcasing the unique Pacific style of rugby
- Montpellier Hérault (France), professionals competing in the top of the French League
- Pyrénées Rugby 7 (France), plate winners at the 2017 Hong Kong Tens

In the 2018 edition, the organizing team also plans to include an amateur tournament for non-professional and social players, offering them the unique opportunity to interact with the professionals.

The specifics of Rugby 10s

- Rugby 10s (or Xs) is based on rules similar to those of the XVs and time-saving adaptations similar to the 7s short format.
- The 10s format maintains the virtues of rugby as a game for all shapes and sizes and ensures that specialist positions of the XVs are showcased.
- Each squad consists of 16 players, with 10 on the field at a time:
- 5 Forwards (3 Front Row; 2 Second Row) and 5 Backs.
- The match consists of two 10-min. halves, with a 2-min. half time.

For the 2018 edition, Beachcomber will not only proudly host the 8 Beachcomber World Club 10s Pro teams in its hotels across the island - the Group is also offering supporters and fans the opportunity to stay in one of Beachcomber hotels and share privileged moments with their favorite teams for an incomparable value-for-money deal: a 25% discount on packages* specially-designed by Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels for this prestigious event.

*For terms and conditions: www.beachcomber-events.com/rugby

Further information to be released in 2018

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 11 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

Beachcomber has exported the tradition of Mauritian hospitality beyond the shores of the island, with the launching of Sainte Anne Resort & Spa in Seychelles, in 2002.

The Group is presently expanding its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera Resort & Spa, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 10 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the “Amour et Espoir” NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the “Duke of Edinburgh International Award” programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Bronze accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.