

RUGBY WORLD CUP™ SEVENS SAN FRANCISCO 2018

# Women's team stats and biographies





#### **ALL-TIME WOMEN'S RWC SEVENS SCORING STATISTICS**

<u>2009-13</u>

POINTS: 2,376

TRIES: 394

CONVERSIONS: 202

PENALTIES: 2

DROP GOALS: 0

TOP POINT SCORER: PORTIA WOODMAN (NEW ZEALAND) - 60

TOP TRY SCORER: PORTIA WOODMAN (NEW ZEALAND) - 12





#### **AUSTRALIA**

Head coach: John Manenti Captains: Shannon Parry and Sharni Williams

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Champions / 2013 - Plate winners

Did you know ...?

- Australia qualified for RWC Sevens as one of the highest ranked four non-qualified teams during the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2016-17
- Australia beat China 50-12 in the first ever RWC Sevens women's match in 2009
- Cheryl Soon captained Australia to the inaugural women's title in 2009
- Shelly Matcham scored the sudden-death try in extra-time to secure a 15-10 win over New Zealand
- Australia created world series history in Sydney in January when they became the first team men's or women's not to concede a try (or point) in a tournament
- Australia arrive in San Francisco on the back of winning the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2018 title, their second in three seasons
- Australia's leading point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Debby Hodgkinson (35 points, seven tries)

Shirt #	Full name	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	John Manenti	30/03/71 (47)	(6)	(~8/	Head coach	<ul> <li>Took over in April after Commonwealth Games as interim coach</li> <li>Officially handed role in June</li> <li>Former Australia women's 15s head coach and Australia U20 assistant coach</li> </ul>
1	Shannon Parry (co-captain)	27/10/89 (28)	170	72	QLD	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made Australia debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013</li> <li>Rio 2016 Olympic Games gold-medal winning co-captain</li> <li>Led Australia to second HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series title in 2018</li> <li>Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Captained Australia at Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 and 2017 (15s)</li> <li>Mother is American, father New Zealander</li> <li>Qualified secondary school teacher</li> </ul>
2	Sharni Williams (co-captain)	02/03/88 (30)	167	76	ACT	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made Australia debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> <li>Rio 2016 Olympic Games gold-medal winning co-captain</li> <li>Led Australia to second HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series title in 2018</li> <li>Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> </ul>

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						- Captained Australia at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
						- Former car mechanic
3	Demi Hayes	25/05/98 (20)	171	63	QLD	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made debut for Australia on series in Langford in 2016
						- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Youth Games 2015
4	Page McGregor	11/03/99 (19)	168	61	NSW	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made Australia debut at Oceania Rugby Sevens 2017 and series debut in Dubai
						2017
						- Earned professional contract with Australia Sevens in April
5	Emma Tonegato	20/03/95 (23)	165	66	NSW	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made Australia debut on series in Dubai in 2013
						- Won gold at Rio 2016 Olympic Games, scoring try in gold medal match
						- Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Joint third-highest try scorer on 2018 series with 26
						- Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series
						- Two-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series champion
6	Evania Pelite	12/07/95 (23)	169	67	QLD	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made Australia debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013
						- Won gold at Rio 2016 Olympic Games, scoring try in the gold medal match
						- Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Two-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series champion
						- Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series
						- Recently named as ambassador for Wheelchair Rugby World Championship 2018
						in Sydney in August
7	Charlotte Caslick	09/03/95 (23)	170	64	QLD	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
						- Made Australia debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013
						- Won gold at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
						- World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of Year 2016
						- Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Two-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series champion
						- Co-captained side at times in 2018 series when Williams was injured
						- Brother Sam played for Australia in two series events in 2016-17
8	Yasmin Meakes	25/03/94 (24)	169	65	NSW	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made Australia debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
9	Cassandra Staples	16/10/92 (25)	172	62	NSW	- First RWC Sevens







10	Alicia Quirk	28/03/92 (26)	173	65	NSW	<ul> <li>Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Former netballer who came to attention of former coach Tim Walsh after posting training videos online and working on skills to earn contract</li> <li>Made Australia debut on series six months later in 2017</li> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Australia debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013</li> <li>Won gold at Rio 2016 Olympic Games, playing every minute of the campaign</li> <li>Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Two-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series champion</li> <li>A qualified physiotherapist</li> </ul>
11	Emilee Cherry	02/11/92 (25)	167	70	QLD	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made Australia debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> <li>Won gold at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of Year 2014</li> <li>Two-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series champion</li> <li>Has played in 29 of 31 tournaments on world series (joint highest with NZL captain Sarah Goss)</li> </ul>
12	Ellia Green	20/02/93 (25)	171	73	VIC	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Australia debut on series in Houston in 2013</li> <li>Won gold at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Silver medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Two-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series champion</li> <li>Former sprinter who represented Australia at World School Games in Qatar in 2009</li> <li>Attended 'Pathway to Gold' talent ID camp in Melbourne with her cousin but was persuaded to try out herself</li> </ul>

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#### **BRAZIL**

Head coach: Reuben Samuel Captain: Raquel Kochhann Nickname: Las Yarras

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Bowl finalists / 2013 - Bowl quarter-finalists

2018 seeding: 14

Did you know...?

- Brazil qualified for RWC Sevens as the Sudamérica Rugby Sevens 2017 champions
- Brazil played as the invitational team at the HSBC Canada Women's Sevens in May, beating core team Russia
- Brazil's top point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Beatriz Futuro Muhlbauer (20 points, four tries)

Shirt	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club / Province	Notes
#				(cm)	(kg)		
	Reuben Samuel		26/03/81 (37)			Head coach	- Second season as head coach
							- Nationality: New Zealand
1	Marcelle da Cruz de	Marcelle da	22/07/96 (21)	177	76	Guanabara / Rio	- Celebrates 22nd birthday on day three
	Souza	Souza					- First RWC Sevens
							- Former athlete in modern heptathlon, becoming interested in
							rugby after Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played her first rugby match in 2017
2	Luiza Gonzalez da	Luiza	30/07/90 (27)	165	68	Charrua / Porto	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Costa Campos	Campos				Alegre	- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Brazil debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Started playing rugby in 2010 after girl in a skate park in Porto
							Alegre invited her to a practice
3	Rafaela de Conti	Rafaela	25/11/99 (18)	162	70	CRC / Curitiba	- First RWC Sevens
	Zanellato	Zanellato					- Started playing rugby in 2015 in Curitiba
							- Named Best Young Player by Brazilian union in 2017
							- Made her Brazil debut in Sudamérica Rugby Sevens 2017 aged 17
							- Made Brazil debut on series in Langford in 2018

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4	Leila Cassia dos Santos Silva	Leila Silva	23/10/96 (21)	160	56	Leoas de Paraisopolis / Sao Paulo	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Former tennis player</li> <li>Started playing rugby in 2008 after seeing the sport in a school activity and was encouraged to switch to rugby by the Rugby Para Todos (Rugby for all) project in Paraisopolis</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in 2017 in Clermont-Ferrand</li> </ul>
5	Aline Ribeiro Furtado		02/10/95 (22)	162	59	USP / Sao Paulo	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Started playing rugby in 2013 at University in Sao Paulo</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in 2017 in Langford, Canada</li> </ul>
6	Isadora Cerullo (vice-captain)		24/03/91 (27)	158	61	Niteroi / Niteroi	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Born un USA to Brazilian parents</li> <li>Started playing rugby at Columbia University</li> <li>Moved to Brazil in 2014 to join Olympic rugby programme</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in Langford in 2015</li> <li>Her now wife Marjorie proposed to her in the Deodoro Stadium after the Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> </ul>
7	Amanda Carolina Gomes de Araujo	Amanda Araujo	23/02/90 (28)	162	56	Niteroi / Niteroi	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games after overcoming a fractured hand 30 days beforehand</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in Dubai in 2014</li> <li>Started playing rugby at college</li> </ul>
8	Beatriz Futuro Muhlbauer	Beatriz Muhlbauer	26/02/86 (32)	172	66	Niteroi / Niteroi	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2009 and 2013</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games and was named the Brazilian Olympic Committee's Best Rugby Athlete</li> <li>Most experienced member of Brazil team having made her debut in 2004 in first ever Sudamérica Rugby Women's Sevens</li> <li>Been part of all 13 of Brazil's Sudamérica Rugby Sevens titles</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> </ul>
9	Haline Leme Scatrut	Haline Scatrut	09/08/92 (25)	169	66	CRC / Curitiba	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Started playing rugby in 2011 aged 19</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in Amsterdam in 2014</li> </ul>
10	Raquel Cristina Kochhann (captain)	Raquel Kochhann	06/10/92 (25)	172	72	Charrua / Porto Alegre	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> </ul>







							<ul> <li>Started playing rugby in 2011 aged 19</li> <li>Made Brazil debut at University Games in Russia in 2013</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in Dubai in 2013</li> </ul>
11	Bianca dos Santos Silva	Bianca Silva	22/07/98 (19)	174	63	Leoas de Paraisopolis / Sao Paulo	<ul> <li>Celebrates 20th birthday on day three</li> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Started playing rugby aged 11 through the Rugby Para Todos (Rugby for all) institute in Paraisopolis</li> <li>Made Brazil debut on series in Dubai in 2015</li> </ul>
12	Milena Batista Mariano Silva	Milena Silva	28/01/00 (18)	174	65	Sao Jose / Sao Jose dos Campos	- First RWC Sevens





#### **CANADA**

Head coach: John Tait Captain: Ghislaine Landry

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Plate finalists / 2013 - Runners-up

2018 seeding: 3

Did you know...?

- Canada were runners-up at RWC Sevens 2013, losing 29-12 to New Zealand in the final
- Canada qualified for RWC Sevens as a semi-finalist at Moscow 2013
- Canada failed to reach a Cup quarter-final on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series for the first time in Kitakyushu in April
- Canada's top point scorer in RWC Sevens history is Ashley Patzer (38) and top try scorers are Ghislaine Landry and Mandy Marchak (seven)

Shirt #	Name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
#	John Tait		14/08/73 (44)	(cm)	(v8)	Head coach	<ul> <li>Coached Canada to silver medal at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Appointed Canada women's sevens coach in 2011</li> <li>Seventh year as Canada women's sevens coach</li> <li>Coached Canada to bronze medal at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Played 15s for Canada</li> <li>Played at Rugby World Cup 1999 (15s) among his 37 tests</li> </ul>
1	Brittany Benn		23/04/89 (29)	170	71	Guelph Red Coats, ON	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens, missed 2013 with broken hand</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Gold medallist at Pan American Games 2015</li> <li>Silver medallist at Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 (15s)</li> <li>Made Canada debut on series in Atlanta in 2015</li> <li>Training to be a firefighter</li> </ul>
2	Kayla Moleschi		25/10/90 (27)	160	65.5	Williams Lake Rustlers, BC	<ul> <li>Silver medallist at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Gold medallist at Pan American Games 2015</li> <li>Made Canada debut on series in Dubai 2012</li> </ul>
3	Caroline Crossley		19/04/98 (20)	181	80.5	Castaway Wanderers, BC	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Scorer of first ever Commonwealth Games women's sevens try in April</li> </ul>







							- Silver medallist at Commonwealth Youth Games 2015
							- Made Canada debut on series in Dubai in 2015
4	Breanne Nicholas		20/02/94 (24)	163	65	London St	- First RWC Sevens
						Georges, ON	- Gold medallist at Pan American Games 2015
							- Made Canada debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2016
5	Julia Greenshields		12/02/92 (26)	165	62	Sarnia Saints	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made Canada debut on series in Houston in 2013
6	Charity Williams		20/10/96 (21)	164	68	Markham Irish,	- First RWC Sevens
						ON	- Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Silver medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014
							- Made Canada debut on world series in 2015 in Sao Paulo
7	Sara Kaljuvee		07/02/93 (25)	165	77	Toronto Scottish,	- First RWC Sevens
						ON	- Gold medallist at Pan American Games 2015
							- Made Canada debut on series in Dubai in 2013
8	Bianca Farella		10/04/92 (26)	173	74	Town of Mont	- Silver medallist at RWC Sevens 2013
						Royal, QC	- Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Canada debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Canada's top try-scorer on 2018 series with 17
9	Ghislaine Landry		27/04/88 (30)	163	64	Toronto Scottish	- Silver medallist at RWC Sevens 2013
	(captain)						- Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Gold medallist at Pan American Games 2015
							- Made Canada debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- All-time leading point scorer in world series history (984)
							- Nominated for World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year 2017
10	Olivia Apps		01/12/98 (19)	165	69.9	Aurora	- First RWC Sevens
						Barbarians, ON	- Made Canada debut on series in 2018 in Sydney
							- Silver medallist at Commonwealth Youth Games 2015
11	Natasha Watcham-		28/04/92 (26)	167	70	Hull Volant, QC	- First RWC Sevens
	Roy						- Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Gold medallist at Pan American Games 2015
							- Made Canada debut on series in Atlanta in 2015
12	Pamphinette Buisa	Pam Buisa	28/12/96 (21)	180	84	Ottawa Irish, ON	- First RWC Sevens
							- Silver medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014
							- Made Canada debut on series in Langford in 2018

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#### <u>CHINA</u>

Head coach: Chad Shepherd Captain: Yan Meiling

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Bowl winners / 2013 - Bowl semi-finalists

2018 seeding: 12

Did you know...?

- China qualified for RWC Sevens as the Asia Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2017 runner-up
- China will become a core team on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2019 after winning the Hong Kong qualifier in April
- China reached their first-ever HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Cup quarter-final when playing as the invitational team in Kitakyushu in April
- China have the youngest average age of squad in the women's event at RWC Sevens 2018 with 21.6 (just ahead of Japan's 21.7)
- China's top point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Yang Hong (40 points, eight tries)

Shirt	Full name	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club /	Notes
#			(cm)	(kg)	Province	
	Chad Shepherd	20/09/77 (40)			Head coach	- Former Germany Sevens head coach
						- Nationality: New Zealand
1	Ruan Hongting	06/10/95 (22)	180	73	Shandong	- First RWC Sevens
2	Yang Min	04/11/94 (23)	180	70	Jiangsu	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made China debut on series in Atlanta in 2014
3	Yu Liping	22/12/93 (24)	168	67	Shandong	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Dubai in 2012
4	Yang Feifei	05/10/97 (20)	163	60	Shandong	- First RWC Sevens
						- Bronze medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014
5	Yan Meiling	14/01/97 (21)	163	70	Jiangsu	- First RWC Sevens
	(captain)					- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
						- Bronze medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014
6	Wang Wanyu	14/02/97 (21)	170	60	Jiangsu	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018

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7	Chen Keyi	23/07/95 (22)	171	69	Sichuan	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April – joint top try-scorer with six
						- Made China debut on series in Guangzhou, China, in 2013
8	Liu Xiaoqian	16/02/96 (22)	160	59	Shandong	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Kitakyushu in April
						- Bronze medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014
9	Hu Yu	09/04/99 (19)	165	65	Jiangsu	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
10	Gao Yueying	04/08/97 (20)	172	69	Jiangsu	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Bronze medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014
						- Made China debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
11	Yu Xiaoming	08/11/93 (24)	166	72	Shandong	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Dubai in 2012
12	Sun Caihong	04/06/97 (21)	173	74	Jiangsu	- First RWC Sevens
						- Won Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made China debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
						- Bronze medallist at Youth Olympic Games 2014





#### **ENGLAND**

Head coach: James Bailey Captain: Abbie Brown

RWC Sevens record: 2009 – Plate winners / 2013 – Plate runners-up

2018 seeding: 8

Did you know...?

- England qualified for RWC Sevens through the Rugby Europe Women's Sevens Grand Prix Series 2017
- England's top points and try scorers in RWC Sevens history are Kat Merchant and Michaela Staniford (30 points, six tries)

Shirt	Full name	Known	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club / Province	Notes
#		as	-	(cm)	(kg)		
	James Bailey		05/08/83 (34)			Head coach	<ul> <li>Second season as England women's sevens head coach</li> </ul>
							- Former England Sevens player
							- Played 2004-05 and 2005-6 on world series
1	Claire Allan		07/05/85 (33)	169	65	England Sevens	- Played at RWC Sevens 2009 and 2013
							- Made England debut on series in China in 2013
							- Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
							- Played for GB at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner (15s)
							- Started playing rugby at age of 14
							- Former police officer with Met Police in Acton Proactive Robbery Squad
2	Abbie Brown		10/04/96 (22)	176	71	England Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
	(captain)						- Made England debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2016
							- Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
							- Played for GB at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
3	Sarah McKenna		23/03/89 (29)	167	66	England Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made England debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Started playing rugby at age of six
							- Made England test debut in 2011 (15s)
							- Former county netballer

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4	Emily Scarratt		08/02/90 (28)	181	80	England Sevens	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Houston in 2013</li> <li>Captained GB to fourth at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner (15s)</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 runner-up (15s)</li> <li>Turned down offer of US basketball scholarship aged 16</li> </ul>
5	Natasha Hunt		21/03/89 (29)	165	62	England Sevens	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Houston in 2013</li> <li>Played for GB at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner (15s)</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 runner-up (15s)</li> <li>PE teacher when not contracted to England Rugby</li> <li>Started playing at age of 17</li> </ul>
6	Deborah Fleming		10/06/91 (27)	172	73	England Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Dubai in 2016</li> <li>England's top try-scorer on 2018 series with 18</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> </ul>
7	Heather Fisher		13/06/84 (34)	166	70	England Sevens	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2009 and 2013</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Houston in 2013</li> <li>Played for GB at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner (15s)</li> <li>Studying for Masters in S&amp;C at University of Gloucestershire</li> <li>Has represented Great Britain in bobsleigh</li> </ul>
8	Victoria Fleetwood	Vicky	13/04/90 (28)	163	72	England Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Dubai in 2015</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner (15s)</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 runner-up (15s)</li> <li>Former UK top junior hurdler, started playing rugby at 14</li> <li>Personal trainer and diet and nutrition adviser</li> </ul>
9	Alex Matthews		03/08/93 (24)	173	81	N/A	- First RWC Sevens







						<ul> <li>Made England debut on series in Houston in 2013</li> <li>Sister Fran played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 winner (15s)</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 runner-up (15s)</li> </ul>
10	Jess Breach	04/11/97 (20)	167	68	Harlequins	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Clermont-Ferrand in 2017</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Scored six tries in on England test debut (15s) v Canada in 2017 and then five in her next test against same opponents</li> <li>Started playing rugby at age of six</li> <li>Competed in sprint hurdles and relay at English Schools Athletics Championships</li> </ul>
11	Holly Aitchison	13/09/97 (20)	175	69	England Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017</li> </ul>
12	Amy Wilson- Hardy	13/09/91 (26)	168	70	England Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made England debut on series in Dubai in 2013</li> <li>Played for GB at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Bronze medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 runner-up (15s)</li> <li>Started playing rugby as prop at U15 level before moving to wing</li> </ul>





#### <u>FIJI</u>

Head coach: Iliesa Tanivula Captain: Ana Maria Roqica Nickname: Fijiana

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - DNP / 2013 - Bowl winners

2018 seeding: 7

Did you know...?

- Fiji qualified for RWC Sevens as one of the highest ranked four non-qualified teams during HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2016-17
- Fiji's top point scorer in RWC Sevens history is Rusila Nagasau (19). Seven players have each scored one try

Shirt	Full name	Known	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club /	Notes
#		as		(cm)	(kg)	Province	
	Iliesa Tanivula		20/09/74 (43)			Head coach	- Appointed Fiji women's coach in 2014
							- Former Fiji men's sevens coach
							- Played sevens for New Zealand
							- Former Fiji U20 assistant coach
1	Asinate Savu		15/04/93 (25)	168	75	Seahawks	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
							- Made Fiji debut on series in China in 2013
2	Ana Maria		21/02/94 (24)	158	69	Striders	- First RWC Sevens
	Naimasi						- Fiji's top try-scorer on 2018 series with 14
							- Made Fiji debut on series in Dubai in 2016
3	Luisa Basei		02/09/91 (26)	167	61	Striders	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Tisolo						- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Fiji debut on series in China in 2014
4	Viniana	Viniana	06/06/91 (27)	165	68	Seahawks	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Naisaluwaki	Riwai					- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
	Riwai						- Made Fiji debut on series in China in 2013
							- Played football (soccer) for 15 years and played for Fiji at Pacific Games before
							switching to rugby
5	Mereula Torooti		04/05/88 (30)	161	64	Seahawks	- First RWC Sevens







							- Made Fiji debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
6	Raijieli Daveua		30/05/92 (26)	170	70	Wardens	- First RWC Sevens
0	Naijieli Daveda		30/03/92 (20)	170	70	wardens	- Made Fiji debut on series in Dubai in 2016
							- Named 2016-17 Series Rookie of the Year
							- Dual international as also played netball for Fiji
							- Stepped away from rugby to try to make the Fiji netball team for 2018
							Commonwealth Games but missed out on selection
7	Merewai Cumu		03/08/97 (20)	168	76	Nadi Blazers	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Fiji debut on series in Langford in 2016
8	Ana Maria		02/02/88 (30)	176	56	Seahawks	- First RWC Sevens
	Roqica (captain)						- Captained Fiji at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Fourth season as Fiji captain
							- Made Fiji debut on series in China in 2013
9	Pricilla Sauvavi		13/05/86 (32)	179	74	Central Chiefs	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Siata						- Made Fiji debut on series in China in 2013
10	Miriama		30/12/95 (22)	169	73	Seahawks	- First RWC Sevens
	Naiobasali						- Made Fiji debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2016
11	Rusila Nagasau		04/08/87 (30)	175	84	Seahawks	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Fiji debut on series in Dubai in 2013
12	Timaima Ravisa	Tima	01/05/88 (30)	159	58	Striders	- First RWC Sevens
		Ravisa					- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Fiji debut on series in China in 2013

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#### **FRANCE**

Head coach: David Courteix Captain: Fanny Horta Nickname: Les Bleues

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Plate semi-finalists / 2013 - Bowl semi-finalists

#### 2018 seeding: 6

Did you know...?

- France qualified for RWC Sevens as one of the highest ranked four non-qualified teams in the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2016-17
- France arrive in San Francisco off the back of their most successful series, finishing third after a first ever Cup final in Kitakyushu and two other semi-finals
- France's Camille Grassineau scored the first try in Olympic Games rugby sevens history at Rio 2016
- France's top points and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Anais Lagougine (38 points, six tries)

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	David Courteix			(eni)	(*6/	Head coach	- Fourth year as France women's sevens coach
							- Coached France at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Guided France to best finish on HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens
							Series with third in 2018
1	Marjorie Mayans		17/11/90 (27)	171	68	Blagnac Rugby	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
						Feminin	- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made France debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Women's Six Nations Grand Slam winner in 2018 (15s)
2	Anne Cecile		14/12/96 (21)	180	72	AC Bobigny 93	- First RWC Sevens
	Ciofani						- Made France debut on series in Dubai in 2017
3	Chloe Pelle		14/11/89 (28)	162	70	Lille MRCV	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
							- Made France debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
4	Carla Neisen		08/03/96 (22)	164	67	Blagnac Rugby	- First RWC Sevens
						Feminin	- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Women's Six Nations Grand Slam winner in 2018 (15s)

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5	Montserrat Amedee	13/05/96 (22)	174	68	Montpellier	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made France debut on series in London in 2015</li> <li>France's top try-scorer on 2018 series with 19</li> <li>Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> <li>Did gymnastics and handball before starting playing rugby at 15</li> </ul>
6	Fanny Horta (captain)	22/01/86 (32)	166	63	FFR	<ul> <li>Captained France at RWC Sevens 2009 and 2013</li> <li>Made France debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> <li>Captained France in every tournament she has played</li> </ul>
7	Coralie Bertrand	10/04/94 (24)	173	66	Stade Toulousain Rugby	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made France debut on series in Dubai in 2017</li> <li>Named 2018 Series Rookie of the Year</li> </ul>
8	Camille Grassineau	10/09/90 (27)	165	58	Stade Francais Paris	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games – scoring first ever sevens Olympic try</li> <li>Made France debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013</li> <li>DHL Impact Player in Langford on 2018 series</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>
9	Joanna Sainlo	28/04/90 (28)	162	69	AC Bobigny 93	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made France debut on series in Dubai in 2013</li> </ul>
10	Caroline Drouin	07/07/96 (22)	172	71	Stade Rennais Rugby	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made France debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2017</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> <li>Women's Six Nations Grand Slam winner in 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>
11	Shannon Izar	08/05/93 (25)	172	68	Lille MRCV	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made France debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>
12	Lina Guerin	16/04/91 (27)	173	64	AS Marcoussis US Limours	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made France debut on series in China in 2014</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> </ul>

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#### **IRELAND**

Head coach: Anthony Eddy Captain: Lucy Mulhall

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - DNP / 2013 - Plate semi-finalists

2018 seeding: 9

Did you know...?

- Ireland qualified for RWC Sevens via the Rugby Europe Women's Sevens Grand Prix Series 2017
- Ireland have been a core team on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series for last two seasons
- Only one member of Ireland squad has played in a RWC Sevens before Ashleigh Baxter
- Ireland's top point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Alison Miller (15 points, three tries)

Shirt	Full name	Known	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club /	Notes
#		as		(cm)	(kg)	Province	
	Anthony Eddy					Head coach	<ul> <li>IRFU Director of Rugby Sevens and Women's Rugby – oversees men's sevens and women's sevens and 15s programmes</li> <li>Nationality: Australian</li> </ul>
1	Audrey O'Flynn		20/02/87 (31)	173	75	TID	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Former Ireland hockey international, capped 120 times</li> <li>Switched to rugby in 2014 with lure of Olympic Games participation</li> </ul>
2	Hannah Tyrrell		10/08/90 (27)	180	66	Old Belvedere	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> <li>Former goalkeeper in Gaelic football with Dublin</li> <li>Made Ireland debut on series in Amsterdam in 2014</li> <li>Women's Six Nations winner in 2015 (15s)</li> </ul>
3	Stacey Flood		05/08/96 (21)	172	69	Railway Union	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Ireland debut on series in Dubai in 2015</li> <li>Played Gaelic football in Dublin before switching to rugby</li> <li>Spent time in Australia last year, playing for Bond University in the Aon University Sevens Series</li> </ul>
4	Kathy Baxter		23/06/98 (20)	169	68	Blackrock	- First RWC Sevens







						- Made Ireland debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018
5	Amee Leigh	26/04/95 (23)	168	64	Railway	- First RWC Sevens
	Murphy Crowe				Union	- Made Ireland debut on series in 2014
						- Ireland's top try-scorer on 2018 series with 18
6	Ashleigh Baxter	21/12/91 (26)	165	65	Cooke	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
						- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2014 and 2017 (15s)
						- Women's Six Nations Grand Slam winner in 2013 (15s)
						- Ireland's most experienced player in series history after making series debut
						in China in 2013
7	Katie Fitzhenry	23/04/89 (29)	165	70	Blackrock	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
						- Played camogie for Wexford before switching to rugby
						- Made Ireland debut on series in China in 2014
8	Aoife Doyle	02/06/95 (23)	168	62	Shannon /	- First RWC Sevens
					Railway	- Made Ireland debut on series in Atlanta in 2014
					Union	- Played test rugby for Ireland (15s)
						- Women's Six Nations winner in 2015 (15s)
9	Lucy Mulhall	29/09/93 (24)	163	61	Rathdrum	- First RWC Sevens
	(captain)					- Played Gaelic football for Ireland before switching to rugby sevens in 2015
						- Made Ireland debut on series in Dubai in 2015
10	Eve Higgins	23/06/99 (19)	173	70	Railway	- First RWC Sevens
					Union	- Made Ireland debut on series in Dubai in 2017
11	Louise Galvin	03/04/87 (31)	172	66	UL	- First RWC Sevens
					Bohemians	- Made Ireland debut on series in Dubai in 2015
						- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
						- Former Gaelic footballer with Kerry
						- Played age-grade basketball for Ireland
12	Deirbhile Nic a	22/09/95 (22)	162	70	UL	- First RWC Sevens
	Bhaird				Bohemians	- Made Ireland debut on series in Dubai 2017
						- Competed in Ju-Jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts

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#### <u>JAPAN</u>

Head coach: Hitoshi Inada Captain: Chiharu Nakamura Nickname: Sakura Sevens

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Bowl quarter-finalists / 2013 - Bowl quarter-finalists

2018 seeding: 11

Did you know...?

- Japan qualified for RWC Sevens as Asia Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2017 champions
- Japan lost their core team status on HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series after finishing as the lowest ranked core team in 2018 series
- Japan will host the second Olympic Games to feature rugby sevens in Tokyo in 2020
- Japan have the second youngest average age of squad in the women's event at RWC Sevens 2018 with 21.7 (just behind China's 21.6)
- Japan's top point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Yoko Suzuki (10 points, two tries)

Shirt	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club	Notes
#				(cm)	(kg)		
	Hitoshi Inada		22/01/83 (35)			Head coach	- Second season as Japan head coach
1	Chiharu		25/04/88 (30)	162	64	Arukas Queen	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Nakamura					Kumagaya	- Made Japan debut on series in Houston in 2013
	(captain)						- Second in DHL Performance Tracker for 2018 series
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played basketball for 12 years but wanted to try a contact sport after
							leaving university and picked rugby
2	Noriko		07/09/93 (24)	166	66	Arukas Queen	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Taniguchi					Kumagaya	- Made Japan debut on series in 2013
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
3	Raichielmiyo		18/09/97 (20)	161	71	Arukas Queen	- First RWC Sevens
	Bativakalolo					Kumagaya	- Made Japan debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2016
							- Scored seven tries in HSBC Paris Sevens to make tournament Dream
							Team
							- Father is Fijian

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4	Yume Okuroda	06/07/94 (24)	154	64	Arukas Queen Kumagaya	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in China in 2013</li> <li>Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> </ul>
5	Fumiko Otake	02/02/99 (19)	170	64	Nippon Sport Science University	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Sydney in 2018</li> <li>Only been playing rugby for 18 months, ran with the ball in a basketball session and was recommended to try playing rugby</li> <li>Her father is Nigerian</li> </ul>
6	Sayaka Suzuki	19/05/97 (21)	164	65	Rku Rugby Ryugasaki Grace	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Dubai in 2017</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>
7	Tomomi Kozasa	21/11/91 (26)	172	66	Hokkaido Barbarianz Diana	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Clermont-Ferrand in 2017</li> </ul>
8	Iroha Nagata	21/12/98 (19)	167	64	Arukas Queen Kumagaya	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2017</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>
9	Honoka Tsutsumi	19/06/97 (21)	154	56	Nippon Sport Science University	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2017</li> <li>Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)</li> <li>She is a twin and her brother plays rugby for the same university</li> </ul>
10	Yume Hirano	15/03/00 (18)	160	60	RUGIRL7	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2017</li> </ul>
11	Yukari Tateyama	01/10/97 (20)	167	61	Nippon Sport Science University	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Dubai in 2017</li> </ul>
12	Emii Tanaka	19/10/99 (18)	166	65	Nippon Sport Science University	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Japan debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2017</li> </ul>

Information correct at time of publication. Final squads will be declared 24 hours before tournament commencing.





#### **MEXICO**

Head coach: Robin MacDowell Captain: Daniela Rosales Nickname: Las Serpientes

RWC Sevens record: Debut

2018 seeding: 16

Did you know...?

• Mexico qualified for RWC Sevens by winning the Rugby Americas North Sevens 2017 title

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Robin MacDowell		04/06/79 (39)			Head coach	- Appointed early 2017
							- Led Mexico to RAN Sevens title and qualification for first RWC Sevens
							- Former Canada Sevens player
							- Played at Commonwealth Games 2006
							- Played on world series in 2005-06 and 2006-07
1	Michelle Farah		28/08/90 (27)	170	72	Guadalajara	- First RWC Sevens
2	Isabela González		22/03/90 (28)	165	65	CMDX	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
3	Carolina Sandoval		02/02/95 (23)	165	65	Saltillo	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
4	Daniela Rosales		03/04/89 (28)	160	58	CDMX	- First RWC Sevens
	(captain)						- Scored only try in RAN Sevens final v TTO that saw Mexico qualify for
							RWC Sevens 2018
							- Made Mexico Sevens debut in 2009 at RAN Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
5	Brenda Weinel		25/01/84 (34)	177	73	Frankfurt, GER	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
6	Margely Angulo		18/07/97 (21)	163	56	Quintana Roo	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April

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7	Fernanda Carillo	02/04/92 (26)	161	60	Guadalajara	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
8	Adriana Mendoza	06/12/98 (19)	166	66	Oregon	- First RWC Sevens
9	Yazmin Rámirez	04/10/92 (25)	158	53	Guanajuato	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
10	Ariana Lewis	24/11/96 (21)	170	80	Sacramento	- First RWC Sevens
					Amazons, USA	
11	Karina Landeros	24/03/88 (30)	166	61.5	Legion de	- First RWC Sevens
					Cuervos	
12	Karmin Macedo	31/03/95 (23)	176	65	California, USA	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April





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#### **NEW ZEALAND**

Head coach: Allan Bunting Captain: Sarah Goss Nickname: Black Ferns Sevens

RWC Sevens record: 2009 – Runners-up / 2013 – Champions

2018 seeding: 1

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- New Zealand are the defending RWC Sevens champions after completing the double with the men's team at Moscow 2013
- New Zealand qualified for RWC Sevens as a semi-finalist at Moscow 2013
- Nine members of 2013 winning team will defend title in 2018
- New Zealand's Portia Woodman, Kelly Brazier and Sarah Goss are three of seven players (men's and women's) to have won Rugby World Cups in sevens and 15s
- New Zealand are the top points and try scorers in RWC Sevens history (346 points, 58 tries)
- New Zealand played in the opening match at RWC Sevens 2013, beating Tunisia 36-0

Shirt	Full name	Known	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club /	Notes
#		as		(cm)	(kg)	Province	
	Allan Bunting					Head coach	- Second season in charge, appointed after Rio 2016
							- Assistant coach for four years previously
							- Former All Blacks Sevens player
1	Ruby Tui		13/12/91 (26)	177	71	Canterbury	- First RWC Sevens
							- Silver medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Three-time HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series title winner
							- Nominated for World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year 2017
							- Named Black Ferns Sevens Player of the Year 2017
							- Made New Zealand debut on series in China in 2013
							- Commentates for SKY NZ
2	Shakira Baker		04/01/92 (26)	170	87	Waikato	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made New Zealand debut on series in Houston in 2013
							- Three-time HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series title winner
							- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018





3	Stacey Waaka	03/11/95 (22)	173	73	Waikato	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made New Zealand debut on series in Atlanta in 2016
						- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 winner (15s)
4	Niall Williams	21/04/88 (30)	174	76	Auckland	- First RWC Sevens
						- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Made New Zealand debut on series in Dubai in 2015
						- Won one HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title
						- Sister of All Black Sonny Bill Williams
5	Sarah Goss	09/12/92 (25)	177	76	Manawatu	- RWC Sevens 2013 winner
	(captain)					- Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 winner (15s)
						- Silver medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
						- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Made New Zealand debut on series in Dubai in 2012
						- Appointed captain for start of 2014-15 series
						- Four-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title winner
						- Has played in 29 of 31 tournaments on world series (joint highest with Australia's
						Emilee Cherry)
						- Played first 24 tournaments in series history before missing final two rounds of
						2016-17 season to prepare for WRWC 2017
6	Michaela	29/12/92 (25)	165	65	Bay of	- First RWC Sevens
	Blyde				Plenty	- World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year 2017
						- DHL Impact Player for 2016-17 and 2018 series
						- Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series
						- Made New Zealand debut on series in Atlanta in 2014
						- Three-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title winner
						- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
						- Second highest try-scorer on 2018 series with 37
7	Tyla Nathan-	01/07/94 (24)	165	59	Auckland	- RWC Sevens 2013 winner
	Wong (vice-					- Made New Zealand debut on series in Dubai in 2012
	captain)					- Four-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title winner
						- Silver medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
						- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018
8	Kelly Brazier	28/10/89 (28)	173	68	Bay of	- RWC Sevens 2013 winner
					Plenty	- Women's Rugby World Cup 2010 and 2017 winner (15s)

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9	Gayle	05/06/96 (22)	174	70	Taranaki	<ul> <li>Silver medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018 – scored winning try in extra-time in final v Australia</li> <li>Made New Zealand debut on series in Houston in 2013</li> <li>Four-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title winner</li> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> </ul>
	Broughton					<ul> <li>Made New Zealand debut on series in Atlanta in 2014</li> <li>Three-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title winner</li> <li>Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> </ul>
10	Theresa Fitzpatrick	25/02/95 (23)	168	75	Auckland	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made New Zealand debut on series in Atlanta in 2016</li> <li>Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Won one HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title</li> <li>Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 winner (15s)</li> </ul>
11	Portia Woodman	12/07/91 (27)	172	75	Counties Manukau	<ul> <li>- RWC Sevens 2013 winner – top try-scorer with 12</li> <li>- Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 winner (15s) – top try scorer with 13</li> <li>- Silver medallist at Rio 2016 Olympic Games</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>- World Rugby Women's 15s Player of the Year 2017</li> <li>- World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year 2015</li> <li>- Made New Zealand debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> <li>- Four-time HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title winner</li> <li>- Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series</li> <li>- Top try-scorer on 2018 series with 43 to take her all-time record to 185</li> <li>- Top point-scorer on 2018 series with 215 for all-time total of 925 (second only to Canada's Ghislaine Landry)</li> <li>- Transitioned from winger to forward since Allan Bunting became coach</li> <li>- Former netballer</li> </ul>
12	Tenika Willison	07/12/97 (20)	167	69	Waikato	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made New Zealand debut on series in Dubai in 2016</li> <li>Won one HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title</li> <li>Started training with Black Ferns Sevens squad as a 16-year-old</li> <li>Gold medallist at Commonwealth Games 2018</li> <li>Played touch for New Zealand at senior and age-grade level</li> </ul>

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#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Head coach: Larry John Captain: Cassandra Sampson Nickname: Palais

RWC Sevens record: Debut

2018 seeding: 15

Did you know...?

- Papua New Guinea qualified for RWC Sevens after reaching the semi-finals at the Oceania Rugby Women's Sevens 2017
- Papua New Guinea played as the invitational team at the HSBC Sydney Sevens in February
- Papua New Guinea have the oldest average age of squad in the women's competition at 27.3

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Larry John					Head coach	- First RWC Sevens
1	Debbie Kaore		11/09/89 (28)	172	86	Spartans/NCD	- First RWC Sevens
	(vice-captain)						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
							- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2018
2	Melanie Kawa		11/01/86 (32)	164	68	University of	- First RWC Sevens
						Queensland	- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2018
3	Lynette Kwarula		04/07/90 (28)	170	83	Nova/NCD	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
							- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2017
4	Taiva Lavai		16/09/83 (34)	165	65	Spartans/NCD	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
							- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2017
5	Cassandra		15/11/89 (28)	168	70	Harlequins	- First RWC Sevens
	Sampson (captain)						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
							- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2017
6	Gemma Schnaubelt		20/10/97 (20)	170	85	Brisbane, AUS	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2018

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7	Fatima Rama	28/01/81 (37)	178	85	Nova/NCD	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2017
8	Chelsea Garesa	30/07/99 (18)	162	65	Spartans/NCD	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2018
9	Marie Biyama	01/03/98 (20)	172	82	Harlequins	- First RWC Sevens
						- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2018
10	Helen Abau	16/05/91 (27)	173	80	Spartans/NCD	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Made PNG debut on series in Sydney 2017
11	Marlugu Dixon	17/08/86 (31)	175	70	Brisbane, AUS	- First RWC Sevens
12	Yolanda Gittins	20/10/92 (25)	175	70	Brisbane, AUS	- First RWC Sevens
						- Only player in squad not born in PNG – Sunnybank, QLD
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April





#### **RUSSIA**

Head coach: Andrey Kuzin Captain: Alena Mikhaltsova

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Bowl semi-finalists / 2013 - Plate semi-finalists

2018 seeding: 4

Did you know ...?

- Russia qualified for RWC Sevens as one of the highest ranked four non-qualified teams during HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series 2016-17
- Russia hosted the last RWC Sevens in Moscow in 2013
- Russia's top point scorer in RWC Sevens history is Anastasiia Mukhariamova (31) and their top try scorer is Natalia Selyutina (five)

Shirt	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club / Province	Notes
#				(cm)	(kg)		
	Andrey Kuzin		29/10/78 (39)			Head coach	- Second year as Russia women's sevens coach
							- Former Russia sevens player, playing on series 2001-08
							- Played RWC Sevens 2001 and 2005
							- Former Russia captain in 15s, captaining eight of his 78 tests from 1997-
							2011
							- Played at RWC 2011 (15s)
1	Daria Noritsina		20/07/96 (22)	166	65	Rgustis-	- Celebrates her 22nd birthday on day one
						Podmoskovie	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made Russia debut on series in Clermont-Ferrand in 2016
2	Anastasia		17/12/95 (22)	169	60	RCSP	- First RWC Sevens
	Prokudina					Krasnodarskiy	- Made Russia debut on series in Clermont-Ferrand in 2016
						region	
3	Daria		06/02/96 (22)	165	60	Rgustis-	- Previously played under maiden name Daria Bobkova
	Shestakova					Podmoskovie	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made Russia debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2016
4	Alena		08/12/93 (24)	172	72	Enisei-STM	- First RWC Sevens
	Mikhaltsova						- Made Russia debut on series in Atlanta in 2014
	(captain)						- DHL Impact Player in Dubai and Kitakyushu

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						<ul> <li>Scored 11 tries in Kitakyushu, including series record-equalling five in one match (v England)</li> <li>Russia's top try-scorer on 2018 series with 24</li> </ul>
5	Baizat Khamidova	31/08/90 (27)	184	70	Krasniy Yar	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013 in Moscow</li> <li>Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series</li> </ul>
						<ul> <li>DHL Impact Player for Sydney 2018</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> </ul>
6	Anna Gavrilyuk	02/03/91 (27)	170	70	Rgustis- Podmoskovie	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Amsterdam in 2015</li> </ul>
7	Kristina Seredina	24/12/94 (23)	170	70	CSP Krilatskoe	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2014</li> </ul>
8	Marina Kukina	22/08/93 (24)	172	68	Rgustis- Podmoskovie	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in China in 2014</li> </ul>
9	Anna Baranchuk	18/12/93 (24)	169	69	RCSP Krasnodarskiy region	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2018</li> </ul>
10	Daria Lushina	01/11/96 (21)	170	68	Rgustis- Podmoskovie	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Langford, Canada, in 2015</li> </ul>
11	Arina Bystrova	06/02/96 (22)	164	62	Rgustis- Podmoskovie	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Dubai in 2015</li> </ul>
12	Mariia Perestiak	27/07/91 (26)	165	66	Enisei-STM	<ul> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2013 in Moscow</li> <li>Made Russia debut on series in Dubai in 2012</li> </ul>





#### **SOUTH AFRICA**

Head coach: Paul Delport Captain: Zintle Mpupha Nickname: Springbok Women's Sevens

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Semi-finalists / 2013 - Bowl quarter-finalists

2018 seeding: 13

Did you know...?

- South Africa qualified for RWC Sevens as the Rugby Africa Women's Sevens 2017 champions
- South Africa's Zenay Jordaan is one of seven women's players who will play in their third RWC Sevens
- South Africa's top point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Phumeza Gadu (25 points, five tries)

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Paul Delport		13/10/84 (33)		(-6/	Head coach	<ul> <li>Appointed head coach in January</li> <li>Previously SA Rugby Sevens Academy assistant coach</li> <li>Former South Africa men's sevens player</li> <li>Played at RWC Sevens 2009</li> <li>Played on series from 2003-12</li> </ul>
1	Zinhle Ndawonde		22/05/89 (29)	166	66	SA Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played at inaugural Commonwealth Games in April 2018</li> <li>Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April</li> <li>Firefighter</li> </ul>
2	Christelene Steinhobel		20/09/90 (27)	167	66	SA Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April</li> </ul>
3	Buhlebethu Sonamzi		18/02/97 (21)	155	66	SA Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Uncapped player</li> <li>Earned provincial colours in athletics and netball for Eastern Province</li> </ul>
4	Zintle Mpupha (captain)		25/12/93 (24)	161	69	SA Sevens	<ul> <li>First RWC Sevens</li> <li>Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April</li> </ul>

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						- A former provincial cricketer with Border, also has provincial colours in athletics, water polo and swimming
						- Appointed captain in 2018
						- Played at inaugural Commonwealth Games in April 2018
						- Turned down first invite to join team to complete Human Movement
						Sciences degree
						- Made world series debut in 2012-13
5	Zenay Jordaan	04/04/91 (27)	156	57	SA Sevens	- Played at RWC Sevens 2009 and 2013
						- Played in two Women's Rugby World Cups in 2010 and 2014 (15s)
						- Played at inaugural Commonwealth Games in April 2018
						- Made SA Sevens debut in 2008
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
6	Snenhlanhla	05/05/97 (21)	161	59	SA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
	Shozi					- Uncapped player
						- Played U19 age-grade football (soccer) for South Africa
7	Eloise Webb	05/03/96 (22)	165	64	SA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
						- Played at inaugural Commonwealth Games in April 2018
						- Boasts provincial colours in netball and cricket
8	Kimico Manuel	04/08/96 (21)	156	55	SA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
						- Uncapped player
						- Former touch rugby player
9	Nadine Roos	09/05/96 (22)	164	62	SA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
						- Played at inaugural Commonwealth Games in April 2018
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
10	Mathrin	03/03/88 (30)	162	64	SA Sevens	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Simmers					- Played at inaugural Commonwealth Games in April 2018
						- Played in Hong Kong series qualifier in April
11	Babalwa Latsha	31/03/94 (24)	174	81	SA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
						- Uncapped player
						- Capped by South Africa at test level (15s)
						- Final year law student and part-time co-host at a community radio based in
						Khayelitsha
						- Started playing rugby at university in 2014
12	Marithy Pienaar	26/08/91 (26)	177	76	SA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens





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#### **SPAIN**

Head coach: Pedro de Matías Captain: Bárbara Plà Nickname: Las Leonas

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Plate semi-finalists / 2013 - Fourth

2018 seeding: 10

Did you know...?

- Spain qualified for RWC Sevens as a semi-finalist at Moscow 2013
- Spain reached their first Cup semi-final on HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series since the inaugural tournament in Dubai in 2012 in 2018 (Kitakyushu)
- This was also their first semi-final in global tournament since RWC Sevens 2013
- Spain's top point scorer in RWC Sevens history is Bárbara Plà (32). She is also joint top try-scorer for Spain with Berta García (six)

Shirt	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height	Weight	Club / Province	Notes
#				(cm)	(kg)		
	Pedro de Matías					Head coach	- First season as head coach
1	María Losada Gifrá	María Losada	29/02/96 (22)	172	81	INEF Barcelona	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made Spain debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017
2	Uribarri Barrutieta	Uri Barrutieta	30/04/97 (21)	168	68	Getxo RT	- First RWC Sevens
	Barrenetxea						- Made Spain debut on series in Sydney in 2017
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
3	Amaia Erbina Araña	Amaia Erbina	13/03/97 (21)	171	68	CR Cisneros	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played at Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games
							- Made Spain debut on series in Atlanta in 2015
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
4	Patricia García	Patricia García	02/12/89 (28)	163	64	FER	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	Rodríguez						- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Spain debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Named in HSBC Dream Team for 2018 world series
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)

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5	Marina Bravo	Marina Bravo	02/07/89 (29)	173	68	CR Cisneros	- Celebrates her 29nd birthday on day one
	Bragado						- Played at RWC Sevens 2009 and 2013
							- Made Spain debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
6	Elisabet Martínez	Elisabet	13/06/88 (30)	166	70	GEiEG	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	García	Martínez					- Captained Spain at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Spain debut on series in Dubai in 2012
7	Bárbara Plà Vegue	Bárbara Plà	17/07/83 (35)	162	61	Gexto RT	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	(captain)						- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Spain debut on series in Dubai in 2013
							- Brother Pol plays for Spain's men's team
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
8	Olivia Fresneda	Olivia	04/01/99 (19)	168	58	Industriales RC	- First RWC Sevens
	Fernandez	Fresneda					- Made Spain debut on series in Dubai in 2016
9	María Casado	María Casado	25/12/85 (32)	167	63	INEF Barcelona	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
	González						- Made Spain debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
10	Teresa Bueso	Teresa Bueso	29/07/97 (20)	170	65	Linden Wood	- First RWC Sevens
	Gomez					University, USA	- Made Spain debut on series in Dubai in 2014
							- Played at Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games
11	Iera Echebarria	lera	20/10/92 (25)	162	58	Olímpico Pozuelo	- First RWC Sevens
	Fernández	Echebarria				RC	- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Spain debut on series in Amsterdam in 2014
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
12	María Ribera García	María Ribera	08/07/86 (32)	175	72	INEF Barcelona	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made Spain debut on series in Amsterdam in 2013
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
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#### <u>USA</u>

Head coach: Richie Walker Captain: Nicole Heavirland Nickname: Women's Sevens Eagles

RWC Sevens record: 2009 - Semi-finalists / 2013 - Bronze medallists

2018 seeding: 5

Did you know...?

- USA qualified for RWC Sevens as a semi-finalist at Moscow 2013
- USA are hosts of the third RWC Sevens women's event
- USA's top point and try scorer in RWC Sevens history is Christy Ringgenberg (44 points, six tries)

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Richie Walker			(- )	( 0/	Head coach	
1	Cheta Emba		16/07/93 (25)	182	80	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made USA debut on series in Dubai in 2016
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Was a travelling reserve for Rio 2016 Olympic Games
2	Ryan Carlyle		24/11/89 (28)	170	63	USA Sevens	- Bronze medallist at RWC Sevens 2013
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played sevens and 15s for USA
							- Made USA debut on series in Houston in 2013
3	Abby Gustaitis		09/05/91 (27)	180	79.5	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made USA debut on series in Dubai in 2017
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Started playing rugby in 2010 at university
4	Nicole Heavirland		25/02/95 (23)	165	65.7	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
	(captain)						- Made USA debut on series in Atlanta in 2016
							- Appointed captain for final round of 2016-17 series

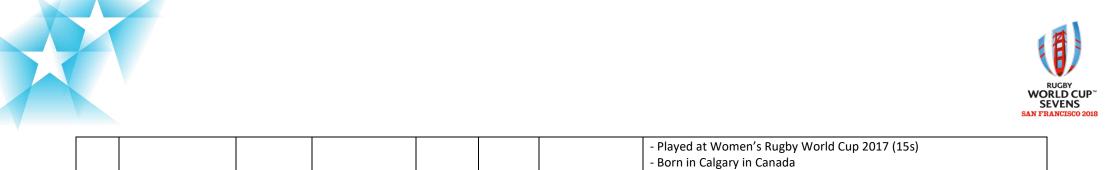
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							- A travelling reserve for Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Started playing rugby at age of 15
5	Kelsi Stockert		01/04/93 (25)	160	66	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made USA debut on series in Las Vegas 2017
							- Not played on series since Dubai in 2017
6	Lauren Doyle		23/02/91 (27)	170	65	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made USA debut on series in Dubai in 2012
							- Silver medallist at Pan American Games in 2015
7	Naya Tapper		03/08/94 (23)	175	79	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made USA debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2016
							- Joint third-highest try scorer on 2018 series with 26
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- All-American athlete before switching to rugby
8	Ilona Delsing Rosa	llona	12/08/96 (21)	177	90	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
	Maher	Maher					- Made USA debut on series in Paris in 2018
9	Joanne Fa'avesi		05/02/92 (26)			USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Played at Rio 2016 Olympic Games
							- Made USA debut on series in Dubai in 2014
							- Served her country as member of USA Army world-class athlete
							programme
							- Silver medallist at Pan American Games in 2015
							- Youngest of seven children
10	Katherine Zackary		26/07/89 (28)	175	73	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
	,						- Made USA debut on series in Atlanta in 2015
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Former football (soccer) player
11	Kristen Thomas		01/07/93 (25)			USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
							- Made USA debut on series in Sao Paulo in 2015
							- Played at Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (15s)
							- Former track and basketball player in high school, started to play
							rugby in freshman year at University of Central Florida
12	Jordan Gray		02/07/93 (25)	180	82	USA Sevens	- First RWC Sevens
	Jordan Gray			100	52	05,150,00115	- Made USA debut on series in Kitakyushu in 2017
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