



Dear Participating Team,

This logistics packet will provide you and your team with many of the details concerning the upcoming 2020 Los Angeles Invitational Rugby Tournament, to take place in Los Angeles, CA, from on Friday, February 28th and Saturday, February 29th, 2020. **Please have a representative of your team carefully read the packet thoroughly.** These details will help you best prepare for your team's arrival and needs during your stay and with your planning and preparation for the tournament. If you have any further questions in regard to the tournament at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will see you in LA – Here's to making the LAI the most exciting tournament in North America!

Sincerely,
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Tournament Locations - (maps can be found at the end of this document)

FRIDAY – Orange County Great Park – Irvine

SATURDAY MORNING – Dignity Health Sports Park Campus fields – Carson

FRIDAY – Feb 28th

**Orange County Great Park – Irvine, CA
#7 - #24 – Soccer Fields - (Friday only)**

Please note that the “Great Park” is a name for the massive area the Athletic Complex is located in. There is a small athletic complex near Portola High School – this is NOT where you want to be. You want to be at the soccer field complex with the stadium and the giant Orange Hot Air Balloon.

Main Address for the OCGP Soccer Fields

8000 Great Park Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618

- If you are having trouble with GPS, there is a Hockey Arena called Great Park Ice and Five Arena right by entrance to the soccer fields
 - o 888 Ridge Valley, Irvine, CA

Main Entry to OCGP

All soccer fields can be accessed from the main “hub” of the Championship Soccer Stadium within the Park right by Parking Lot 3 (there are no fields 1-6 in use for this event)

Depending on where your matches are clustered, you may find it easier to park at a Lot closer to your fields.

Parking is Free on Friday, and there is no entrance fee.

Field Group A (can also park at Lot 7)

U16 Boys – Field 12, 13 (Synthetic)

U16 Girls – Field 7 (Grass)

U14 Boys – Field 10, 11 (Synthetic)

U14 Girls – Field 7 (Grass)

U12 Coed – Field 8, 10 (Synthetic)

U10 Coed – Field 9 (Synthetic - divided into 3rd with U8 Flag)

U8 Flag – Field 9 (Synthetic - divided into 3rds with U10 coed)

Field Group B (can also park at Lot 5)

U18 Elite Boys – Field 14 (Grass)

U18 Elite Girls - Field14 (Grass)

HS Open Boys – Field 15, 17 (Grass)

HS Open Girls – Field 16, 18 (Grass)

Field Group C (can also park at Lot 4)

Mens Elite – Field 19 (Grass)

Women’s Elite – Field 19 (Grass)

Men’s Premier – 21(Grass)

Men’s Open – Field 20, 21, 22 (Grass)

Women’s Open – Field 20 (Grass)

Mens College – Field 22, 24 (Grass)

Womens College – Field 22, 23 (Grass)

SATURDAY – Feb 29th

Dignity Health Sports Park – Carson, CA

#1 – 8 (Saturday only)

#9 – Victoria Park Cricket Pitch - 419 Martin Luther King Jr. St. Carson CA 90746

The map with the appropriate field numbers is at the end of this document. These are the field numbers associated with the event – please refer ONLY to these for the LAI.

Fields 1 – 8 are right on the DHSP campus, encircling the stadium.

Field 9 is 3 blocks away from the stadium at Victoria Park’s Cricket Pitch. (this was a last minute adjustment due to field availability at DHSP – apologies for the change – **this will only affect the Mens and Womens Open teams).**

Parking/Entrance

A Parking Fee is required on Saturday on the DHSP campus, as they are the same lots for the main event in the stadium. There is no entrance fee to watch the Invitational matches, but you will require a ticket to enter the stadium to watch the Internationals.

Green stars on the map indicate where teams will be parking. Red X’s are VIP and staff lots, and will not be available.

Parking is free at Victoria Park.

TICKETS

If you have purchased tickets through the Groupmatics links, these should be delivered to the AXS App account detailed in your confirmation letter by the afternoon of Feb 26th.

If you have purchased Youth tickets through SoCal Youth Rugby, they will be available for pick up at your check in tent on Friday in Orange County.

PLEASE NOTE: there is no re-entry policy at Dignity Health Sports Park. Please plan accordingly when entering the stadium on Saturday after your match(es).

Some teams are only playing 1 match on Saturday, while others are playing 2. Please refer to schedules to know your overall timing.

FIELD ASSIGNMENTS FOR SAT – DIGNITY HEALTH SPORTS PARK – CARSON, CA

U8 Flag – Field 7 (half field Synthetic)
U10 Coed – Field 7 (half field Synthetic)
U12 Coed – Field 7 (half field Synthetic)
U14 Boys – 7 (whole field – Synthetic)
U14 Girls – Field 4 (Grass)
U16 Boys – Field 5 (Synthetic)
U16 Girls – Field 5 (Synthetic)
U18 Elite Boys – Field 6 (Grass)
U18 Elite Girls – Field 6 (Grass)
HS Open Boys – Field 1 (Grass)
HS Open Girls – Field 2 (Grass)
Mens Elite – Field 8 (Track – Grass)
Women’s Elite – Field 8 (Track – Grass)
Men’s Premier – Field 4 (Grass)
Mens College – Field 3 (Grass)
Womens College – Field 3 (Grass)

Victoria Park - 419 Martin Luther King Jr. St. Carson CA 90746

Men’s Open – Field 9 (Victoria Park – Grass)
Women’s Open – Field 9 (Victoria Park-Grass)

Drive Time

The drive to the OCGP in Irvine can vary heavily depending on traffic and where you are coming from. If you are coming from the Torrance/South Bay area, we **STRONGLY** urge you to leave well before rush

hour in order to guarantee you are there in time. Times can vary from 40 minutes to 1 hr 20 minutes, so please plan to leave well before you need to be there.

The traffic entering the stadium on Saturday may be heavy as well, so please leave plenty of time in which get to your destination. The schedules are EXTREMELY tight, and we will not be able to replay matches that one team may miss due to late arrival.

HOV LANES – a great resource in the LA area is the carpool lanes on the far left hand lanes of the highways. As long as you have 2 or more people in your car, you will pass by the majority of the traffic. Please keep this in mind, as it can make a huge difference in your drive times.

Weather

Los Angeles weather in late February/early March can be chilly. The average high is 70 F and the low is 51 F).

Referees

We will have ***over 120 referee's*** controlling the matches in 2020 ! All matches are played by regulation World Rugby rules. There will be three referee tents at each of the Control Centers: A, B, and C (these will be by Fields 12/13, Fields 15/17, and Fields 19/22.

Volunteer Staff

We will have a dedicated volunteer staff assisting with the tournament at all locations; they will be dressed in volunteer shirts.

Medical Staff

We will have a dedicated volunteer medical staff at all locations. They are here to evaluate injuries and course of action for those injuries; **they are not here for taping**. There are no trainers available for taping needs – there are simply too many teams. There will be an ambulance with paramedics on site during the tournament. Medical tents will be located near the Control Centers as well.

Hospitals

The closest hospital to OCGP is:

Hoag Hospital

16200 Sand Canyon Ave Irvine, CA 92618

The closest Urgent Care center is:

Sand Canyon Urgent Care

15775 Laguna Canyon Rd., Ste. 100 Irvine, CA 92618

Food and Drink

Teams will receive 2 cases of Gatorade upon check in Friday morning in Irvine. Teams are encouraged to bring their own water and food, but there will also be 6 to 8 food trucks at the Great Park throughout the day on Friday.

While there will not be food trucks on Saturday morning on the outer fields at Dignity Health, the stadium holds a massive amount of diverse foods at the Festival area.

Control Center -Team Check-in

There will be Control Centers (illustrated on the OCGP map) and Information tables at the LAI fields next to field #14, field #12 and field #19. Teams need to check in at least 45 minutes before kick-off of their first match. Please remember to check in at your area of A, B, or C.

On Saturday morning, there will an informal check in at the tent next to your field location. Please arrive there no later than 45 minutes before your match. If you are not lined up and ready to play 5 minutes beforehand at your match field, you are in danger of forfeit.

There are no required manager meetings the evening before.

Match Schedule

The match schedules and results will be posted online at <https://lasevensrugby.com/divisions> with a link for each division.

Teams are required to be on the pitch, ready for kickoff within 2 minutes of the published kickoff time. ***Teams failing to field a team within 2 minutes of the published start time are subject to a forfeit loss by a score of 28-0.*** In the event of delay (due to injury, weather, etc.) the Tournament Director has sole discretion on changes to match times and cancel/reschedule matches when necessary.

Advancement in 7's Divisions

Points will be awarded to teams based on their results in their preliminary rounds

3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss, 0 points for a forfeit.

Ties remain standing in preliminary matches; there is no overtime.

If at the completion of the preliminary rounds, two teams have the same number of points, the following procedure will be used to determine the leading team:

- i. The winner of the match between the teams, if one occurred, shall be deemed the leading team.

- ii. If the match in (i) is drawn, then the team with the highest point differential (points scored for less point scored against) shall be deemed the leading team. If the tie remains unresolved then,
- iii. The team with the highest margin of tries scored for and against shall be deemed the leading team. If the tie remains unresolved then,
- iv. The team that has scored the highest number of points shall be deemed the leading team. If the tie remains unresolved, then
- v. The team that has scored the highest number of tries shall be deemed the leading team.
- vi. If more than two teams are tied, then rules ii, iii, iv and v from above apply.
- vii. If teams are still tied after consideration of above, the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Progressions to the Quarterfinals / Semifinals IN CERTAIN DIVISIONS will be done immediately following the last pool matches, and teams will play their first playoff match on Friday. These progressions will be written on the giant scoreboards at the Control Centers for Field Groups A, B, and C.

AGAIN – in most divisions, teams will be playing a 4th match on Friday afternoon.

AFTER the final matches of the day Friday, the schedules will be posted online and mailed to the teams.

Every team is playing at least 1 match on Saturday on the Dignity Health Sports Park campus in Carson.

We understand that teams would like to know these progressions ASAP, but please understand that we are dealing with a very high amount of teams. We will do our best to have the progressions out in a timely manner, but please be patient. For every email that we have to answer, it is longer the schedules take to complete.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO THE EVENT IS THE ONE THAT WILL BE RECEIVING SCHEDULE UPDATES ON THE EVENT DAYS – in case of needing to contact you, we need the updated email address.

Match Rules

World Rugby Rules apply

- 12 players dressed to play per match
- 5 substitution “movements” per match – a player can go out and come back, but counts as two moves.

Disciplinary Issues

Any player ejected from a match with a straight red card is barred from tournament play for **the remainder of the tournament.**

Operations

There will be numerous restroom facilities available throughout the fields as well as trash cans. Please use these and if there are any issues with one, please contact a volunteer. There are no shower facilities or locker rooms available on the grounds.

If you need to go to a store for any supplies there is a shopping center approximately 8 minutes away from the OCGP at the following address: Walmart Supercenter, 71 Technology Dr, Irvine, CA 92618

For the Dignity Health Sports Park fields, there will be port o johns in the parking lots. There are also several stores located right in front of the stadium entrance on Avalon Blvd.

Pop up tents can be brought to Orange County, as long as they are staked with SMALL, 5 IN SPIKES, OR SANDBAGS. It is extremely cost efficient to purchase these cheap 10 x 10 tents at the nearest Walmart, etc, and discard after the tournament. PLEASE REMEMBER that tents cannot be staked on artificial turf.

It will be very hard to find space for tents near the fields at Dignity Health on Saturday. As most teams are only playing 1 match, the need for tents should be light. **Therefore we recommend that teams DO NOT bring tents for fields of competition.**

Score Boards

Score boards will be located at the Control Centers A, B, and C on Friday in Orange County. These should be checked for future matches, especially after the Pool Rounds are complete, as most teams will be playing a 4th match on Friday afternoon.

Trophy Presentation

For the winners of the many 7's divisions there will be a trophy presentation immediately following the Cup Final match. The trophy presentations will happen directly after your championship match at the scoreboard at your field location.

BAG POLICY at the Stadium

If you are planning on going to the World Series event at Dignity Health on Saturday, please take a look at the "Bag Policy" in place at the stadium, especially if you are planning on going from playing in your own matches directly to the Stadium. This policy can be found here:

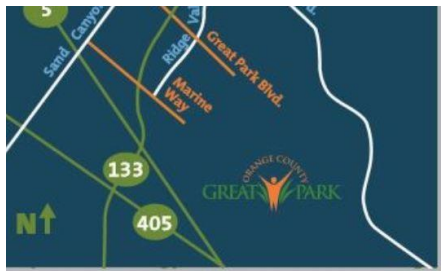
<http://www.dignityhealthsportspark.com/guest-services/bagpolicy>

The best course of action would be to place all bags in your vehicles before entering the stadium.

Final Message

We are very happy to have you and your program here and a part of this wonderful event in the rugby community. Please enjoy everything that Los Angeles has to offer!

Orange County Great Park



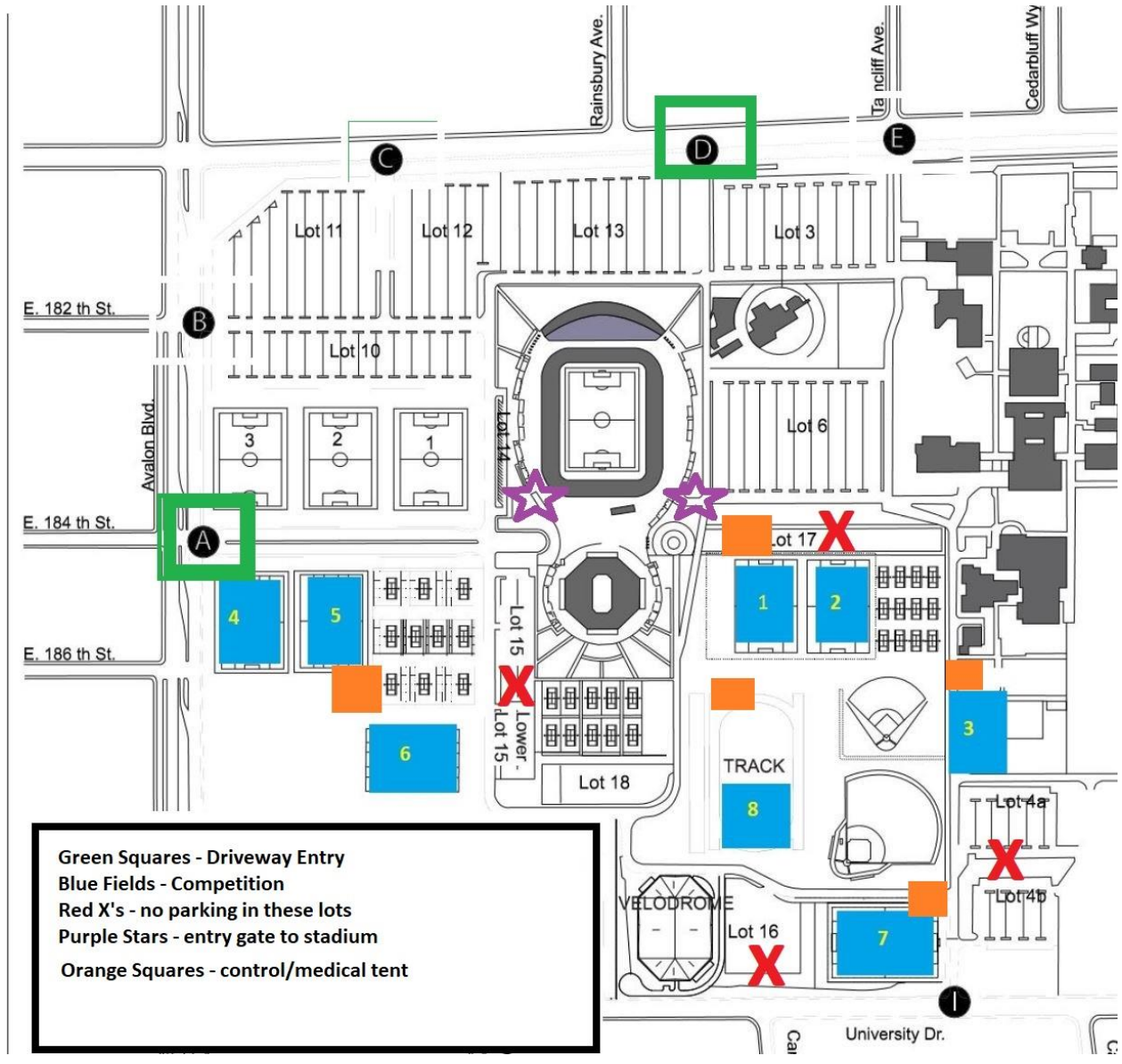
Legend

- Open Access Roads
- Parking Lots
- Visitors Center
- Operations Office
- Timeline

Please Note:
 The Great Park is growing! Please check ocgp.org/maps for the latest information. Some park roads may be re-routed temporarily during construction. Please follow posted signs within the park.



Dignity Health Sports Park Campus



Victoria Park Location – Black Star

Dignity Health Sports Park – Red Star

