

# 17th Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival

1 - 8 September 2008. Edinburgh, Scotland



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game plan & cost guide





welcome

## let the love of Rugby take you places

Golden Oldies gives you and your team the opportunity to visit different countries and enjoy new, exciting and vibrant cities.

New Zealand in 2006 and now Scotland in 2008. Both with strong Rugby heritages but wonderfully different. As the next World Festival country, Scotland is hard to beat with



everything you could ask of a holiday destination.

If there's a reason to gather like-minded Rugby people together the Scots will turn it into a great celebration and invite their guests to join them. In Edinburgh one of these celebrations and the warmest of Scottish welcomes and hospitality awaits you.



### welcome from First Minister of Scotland

I am very pleased that Scotland has been selected to host the 2008 Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival. Our ambition is to be one of the world's foremost events destinations, and that has been recognised by the organisers.

The event will be staged at the impressive national rugby stadium, Murrayfield, in our capital Edinburgh. Scotland has an excellent track record for hosting major sporting and cultural events but our sights are always

aiming higher. As participants of the festival, you will enjoy the benefits of our expertise and

experience in staging international events not to mention our nation's enthusiasm for rugby.



We will offer the best of Scottish hospitality in the spirit of "fun, friendship and fraternity" and provide you with an experience that you will never forget.

Best wishes to everyone involved in the Golden Oldies Rugby Festival 2006. I am sure Wellington with its strong rugby heritage will provide a fantastic event.

We look forward to greeting the Golden Oldies family to Edinburgh and Scotland in 2008.

**Rt Hon. JACK MCCONNELL MSP**  
First Minister of Scotland

### message from the Festival Ambassador

"As the Ambassador to the Golden Oldies Rugby Festival to be held in Edinburgh in 2008 I look forward to welcoming you to Scotland's capital city. We are very proud of our rugby heritage and the substantial support provided by the partnership involved in delivering a fantastic festival.



Edinburgh has an appetite for welcoming people from all over the world and treating their guests to the best of Scottish hospitality. This will create a unique atmosphere and together with some fantastic rugby will ensure an experience that will live long in your memory"

**GAVIN HASTINGS**  
Former British Lions and Scotland Captain



# inspiring Edinburgh

If it's worth celebrating, there's a festival in Edinburgh dedicated to it. The Edinburgh Festivals is a general term used to describe the event explosion which takes place in the city each year. Golden Oldies Rugby will benefit from taking place directly after the Festivals, effectively extending the festival season.



Not only will this date (1st – 8th September) provide teams with a unique opportunity to enjoy Edinburgh's world-famous festivals, it will also mark the beginning of Scotland's Rugby season. Furthermore, the Golden Oldies opening ceremony will take place the day after Edinburgh's spectacular annual fireworks display.



## great reasons to experience Edinburgh

**Vibrancy** - a modern and dynamic city bustling with life and enterprise.

**Culture** - a World Heritage site with stunning architecture and wonderful galleries, museums, theatres and art venues.

**People** - warm, helpful and friendly people with a strong tradition of hospitality.

**Choice** - from international hotels and boutique apartments to friendly guesthouses and university accommodation. Edinburgh has ample accommodation.

**Attractions** - a compact city centre, ideal for walking and the new Edinburgh City Pass gives free admission to over 25 visitor attractions.

**Festivals** - the festival capital of Europe with the dazzling array of spring, summer, Christmas and Hogmanay events.

**Restaurants** - more restaurants per head of population than any other city in Britain, catering for all tastes.

**Weather** - the weather is temperate with annual rainfall the same as Rome, Frankfurt and New York. Edinburgh enjoys clear, crisp, sunny days in spring and autumn (fall).

**Access** - the airport is only 8 miles (12kms) from the city centre with many new air routes between Europe and North America and high-speed rail links to all major cities in Britain. Edinburgh is the gateway to the rest of Scotland, UK and Europe.



## share Scotland with the 'cheer squad'

Wives, partners and friends will equally enjoy the Festival as there is a wealth of attractions to experience and enjoy in Edinburgh. They will be regarded as non-playing members of your group yet, apart from the Rugby, their

package will include all the elements listed.

Wives, partners, friends and supporters are encouraged to take part in the Parade of Nations and Opening Ceremony.



## the festival programme

This outline programme gives a flavour of the activities that are planned for you. Please note that unexpected circumstances in the two-year period leading to the Festival may affect the final plans.

### Festival Starts

#### Pre-Festival Day Sunday, 31 August

- The opportunity to enjoy the spectacular Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert, the largest annual fireworks concert in Europe choreographed to the music of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. Each year this is one of the most spectacular displays anywhere in the world.

#### Day 1 Monday, 01 September

- Arrival of teams in Edinburgh and meeting & greeting (unless you have come earlier to experience some of the Edinburgh Festivals such as The Edinburgh International Festival, The Military Tattoo, The International Film Festival, The International Book Festival, The Jazz Festival (to name a few).
- Team Managers' and Referees briefings to be held at Murrayfield Stadium.
- In the evening, all participants will gather at Edinburgh Castle for the Opening Ceremony and civic welcome. The Parade of Nations will then wind its way down the Royal Mile to The Meadows for the 17th Festival Welcome Party.

#### Day 2 Tuesday, 02 September

- First day of games at Murrayfield and Saughton Park.
- Optional packages will be available; perhaps a visit to Holyrood House or a visit to Edinburgh's famous department stores – Jenners or Harvey Nichols.



#### Day 3 Wednesday, 03 September

- 'Highland Fling' Day Out. Join us in a unique setting. Ratho - the world's largest indoor climbing arena - and some outdoors (weather permitting) for an afternoon of traditional and non-traditional Scottish fun. All whilst enjoying a "Taste of Scotland" food and drink.

#### Day 4 Thursday, 04 September

- Second games day at Murrayfield and Saughton Park.

Optional sight-seeing packages will be available e.g a tour of one of Scotland's world renowned whisky distilleries.



#### Day 5 Friday, 05 September

- Time out ! A day of leisure. Optional sightseeing tours available or for those inclined, golf on one of Scotland's world famous links courses.

#### Day 6 Saturday, 06 September

- Third and final day of games at Murrayfield and Saughton Park.

Optional sight-seeing tours available e.g. a visit to the Falkirk Wheel or the Royal Yacht Britannia.

#### Day 7 Sunday, 07 September

- Leisure day.
- A range of sightseeing tours will be available such as a visit to the Wallace Monument or Stirling Castle.
- Evening: The Grand Finale Dinner will be held in the Highland Hall at Ingliston. A three course dinner with unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks, music, entertainment and awards ceremony.... providing a fantastic finale to a truly magnificent festival.



#### Day 8 Monday, 08 September

- Homeward bound – or perhaps the opportunity to see more of beautiful Scotland or other parts of the United Kingdom and Europe.

It's also the time to commit to renewing your Rugby acquaintances in two years.

# festival packages

When your entry for the Festival has been received your team manager will be sent details of the hotels that we have negotiated rates with and made block bookings. You and your team can then decide on the standard of accommodation and nominate the hotel you want (depending on availability). The tariffs are guaranteed for the Festival.

We will do our best to meet the request your team makes for specific hotels but this may depend upon the room types required. As more hotels and apartments become available they will be added to the list.

Single room supplements will be available upon request as will children's pricing.

Details will also be published on the website [www.goldenoldiessports.com](http://www.goldenoldiessports.com)

## pricing guide

All prices are in UK Pounds per person.

Prices per person share-twin (except for Category F, which is four-person share).

Category A+	Hotel	Four Star Plus	UK£940
Category A	Hotel	Four Star	UK£899
Category B	Hotel	Three Star	UK£859
Category C	Hotel and Apartments	Two and Three Star	UK£812
Category D	Hotel	Two and Three Star	UK£769
Category E	University	University Rooms 1- 4 Share	UK£725
Category F	Hostel	Good Hostel 4 Share	UK£645

Please note that single and triple supplements are available on request, along with children's pricing.



## Golden Oldies sports

The games at these World Festivals are especially for players aged 35 years and over. Perhaps the greatest aspect of Rugby is the global fraternity it has created and this is happily inherent in the Golden Oldies Rugby movement.

From the outset it was determined that the philosophy of "Fun, Friendship and Fraternity" would be central to the sport and the participants are determined this won't be lost.

The focus is on participation rather than winning and each Festival aims to ensure maximum enjoyment and new experiences.

The Golden Oldies movement is co-ordinated in New Zealand by a World Secretariat which is responsible for administration and development of the concept.

A useful kit is available to welcome you to the world of Golden Oldies. It contains a booklet, a video and a CD to

show to your team and prospective members.

To obtain one please contact the Golden Oldies Rugby Secretariat by:

Post: P O Box 6463, Wellesley Street,  
Auckland,  
New Zealand

Email: [rugby@goldenoldiessports.com](mailto:rugby@goldenoldiessports.com)

Phone: + (64) 9 336 2783

Fax: + (64) 9 336 2856

Guidelines in the form of a Team Managers Manual plus brochures, posters and newsletters will also be available.

Regular information updates on the Festival may be found on our website –

[www.goldenoldiessports.com](http://www.goldenoldiessports.com)



festival packages



## all you need to know

### the Festival packages

**The accommodation packages and local packages are essential for a successful Festival. They ensure you and your team are involved in all aspects during the week, getting full value and sharing the spirit of 'Fun, Friendship and Fraternity'.**

**Scottish teams resident within 100km of Edinburgh will be entitled to take a special local package but do have the option of booking an accommodation package with transfers also included. If that option is preferred it will be necessary to have accommodation booked through the ground operator, Gullivers Sports Travel so transport to the grounds and social functions can be co-ordinated.**

**Teams from outside Scotland must purchase an Accommodation Package.**

all teams registering for the Festival will be entitled to:

- Three days of Rugby at Murrayfield and/or Saughton Parks.
- Participation in the Opening Ceremony at Edinburgh Castle and Parade of Nations.
- Festival 'Survival Guide'.
- Three editions of the Festival newspaper.
- Team Managers' briefing meeting attendance.
- An invitation to the Team Managers to attend a cocktail function.

visitors' accommodation packages will also include:

- Seven nights accommodation. Your team chooses the level and category of accommodation it wants – hotel, hostel, apartment, university.
- A cooked breakfast every morning in hotels, university and hostels. Continental buffet breakfast in the Ibis Hotel. Breakfast not provided in apartments.
- Meeting, greeting and welcome upon arrival.
- Airport transfers for all teams. One team transfer per team in and out.
- Return coach transfers to all three social functions
- A full shuttle service on the three match days between all hotels and Murrayfield and Saughton Park.
- Official social functions, meals and drinks as listed:
  - Welcome Party– three hours of finger food, unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks. Musical entertainment that will leave you in no doubt you are in Scotland.
  - The 'Highland Fling' day out – a taste of Scotland. Four hours for lunch, unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks. Music, dancing, craft and tasting stalls, geneology, displays of Scottish Highland games etc.
  - The Grand Finale Dinner. A three course dinner plus coffee/tea. Unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks, music, entertainment, awards and dancing.
- Hospitality and information desks at selected hotels.
- Festival souvenir
- Team Managers' Planning Guide
- Identification badges
- Ground Operator liaison staff
- Government taxes

the special Local Packages will also include:

- Welcome Party (as above)
- Grand Finale Dinner (as above)
- Identification badges
- Festival souvenir

### Package prices do not include:

- International or domestic airfares
- Meals and drinks other than as specified in the 'package inclusions'
- Airport departure taxes
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, beverages, room service etc.
- Air travel security and insurance levels
- Porterage
- Travel and medical insurance
- Any services before or after Festival week (Sept 01 to Sept 08).
- Any additional taxes that may be in place at the time of the Festival.

**Please note:** If you want to take the opportunity to attend any part of the Edinburgh Festival immediately preceding the Golden Oldies Festival this can be booked for you by the Air New Zealand agent in the UK, Gullivers Sports Travel, but any costs are extra to the Golden Oldies-week package prices.

Please also be aware that Edinburgh is in huge demand over the period of its Festival and hotels will be harder to come by and more expensive than for our Golden Oldies event. We urge you to book soon to secure accommodation for an early arrival in Edinburgh.

### when we get your entry

Your Team Manager will receive:

- Acknowledgment of the entry
- An interim confirmation of your team's accommodation request
- Booking conditions for the accommodation packages
- A payment schedule and deadlines
- Information including a check-list and background details about what to expect at a Golden Oldies Rugby Festival
- The Festival playing laws
- Information on optional tours and sightseeing during Festival Week
- Detailed brochures on the hotels are available upon request
- Any additional information / brochures you may request

### your entry guide

**Registration:** The official entry form attached to this brochure is required to be completed and accompanied by the entry fee of UKL 150 payable to the "2008 Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival". The entry fee may also be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard only) or transferred directly into the Air New Zealand Holidays Ltd bank account – see Entry Form for details.

**Teams / Players:** You may enter more than one team if you have sufficient players (15 per team). The entry fee will apply to each playing team entry.

**Individuals:** Individual entrants are also welcome and to play with a team of their choice or be allocated to a pool team. The entry fee for individual players is UKL15.

### Cancellations and refunds of Team Entry fees:

When unforeseen circumstances force a team to withdraw after entering, a cancellation policy has been adopted for a refund. To be as fair as possible this is -

Up to December 31, 2007 - Full refund of the entry fee  
 From January 01 to July 31, 2008 - 50% refund  
 After July 31, 2008 - No refund

**Please note: If a team cancels but some members still wish to attend and enjoy the Festival they will be welcome and can be merged with other sides.**

## conditions of entry

Completing the entry form and paying the entry fee means that you are deemed to have accepted the following conditions:

1. The 17th Air New Zealand Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival (the 2008 Festival) is an invitation event and the Golden Oldies World Secretariat (World Secretariat) will only accept entries on this basis.
2. All players must be 35 years or older on 1 September 2008.
3. All teams travelling by air must travel on Air New Zealand Limited's services or other approved Star Alliance or partner carrier(s). Details will be provided as entries are received.
4. All teams must complete a form listing all team members' names and addresses (whether players or supporters) once the entry has been accepted.
5. All entries will be subject to acceptance by the World Secretariat which reserves the right to decline or withdraw any entry at any time should it consider there is non-compliance with the "Conditions of Entry. If a team is so rejected, any refund of ground package payments will only be made in accordance with the event payment schedule and refund rules applying to all teams.
6. The World Secretariat reserves the right to determine the maximum number of entries from any one country.
7. Entries will close on 31 May 2008 or at any other time at the discretion of the World Secretariat.
8. Entries will be accepted from clubs, groups or individuals who wish to form a Golden Oldies team.
9. Participants normally resident in Scotland may purchase a local package. Other teams must purchase an accommodation package.
10. Residential addresses of local team members must be supplied if requested by the Secretariat.

11. All teams must complete the official entry form, in this brochure and their appointed representative sign the Waiver, Release and Indemnification below.
12. Air New Zealand Holidays Limited reserves the right to change any venue of the 2008 Festival or any part thereof, including its removal to another country if it determines such a measure is necessary by reason of changes circumstances or conditions existing or anticipated at the 2008 Festival venue.
13. The World Secretariat collects participants' personal information in order to conduct the event. If the information requested is not provided the participant may not participate in the event. Please refer to Air New Zealand Limited's Privacy Policy at [www.co.nz/privacy\\_policy.htm](http://www.co.nz/privacy_policy.htm) regarding the storage of personal information.
14. All players will be required to sign a waiver before the first round of games in Edinburgh.

Air New Zealand Limited acts only as agents for the providers of ground services included in this package and will not be liable for any injury, cost damage, expense, loss or delay which may be sustained or occasioned by reason of the negligence or default of any person or sub-contractor engaged to provide such services.

Unforeseen circumstances may necessitate the lengthening or shortening of the Festival and in such cases adjustment to the cost of the package will be on a pro-rata basis.

No refund will be made if any portion of the 2008 Festival package is unused by the participant.

The passenger ticket when issued by the airline concerned shall constitute the sole contract between the Carrier concerned and the passenger and carriage by air will be subject to the actual carrier's Conditions of Carriage.

## waiver, release and indemnification

All members of the team named below have appointed the person named below, as that team's authorised representative for the purposes of completing and signing this Waiver, Release and Indemnification Form.

In consideration for our participation in the Golden Oldies Rugby Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland (the 2008 Festival), we (including my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns) hereby:

### represent and warrant that:

1. we have read and agree to comply with the 2008 Festival's Conditions of Entry and any subsequent rules or instructions given by the organisers of the 2008 Festival;
2. we understand that participation in the 2008 Festival and the 2008 Festival's related activities carries a risk of bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis or death) to either myself or any other participant in the 2008 Festival;
3. we are not aware of any reasons (medical or otherwise) that would prevent us from participating in the 2008 Festival and the 2008 Festival's related activities;
4. we have obtained travel and health insurance for the term of the 2008 Festival. If required we are able to confirm and provide details of our insurance policy in writing to any authorised representative of the 2008 Festival;
5. we agree to receive medical treatment arranged or provided by any authorised representative of the 2008 Festival as deemed necessary in the event of an injury, accident or illness sustained during the 2008 Festival or the 2008 Festival's related activities;
6. we agree to our name and any pictures of us participating in the 2008 Festival or the 2008 Festival's related activities, being used in any broadcasts, telecasts, press statements or reports pertaining to the 2008 Festival;

### assume:

7. sole responsibility for my own actions and/or inactions in relation to my participation in the 2008 Festival and the 2008 Festival's related activities;
8. sole responsibility for my personal possessions and sporting equipment during the 2008 Festival and the 2008 Festival's related activities;

### waive, release and indemnify:

9. the 2008 Festival, Air New Zealand Holidays Limited, the Golden Oldies Secretariat, the Organising Committee, the Ground Operator, Event Scotland, including their respective directors, officers, members, employees, agents, administrators, volunteers and sponsors (together the Organisers) from all claims, liabilities and demands we may have or assert against them in respect of our participation in the 2008 Festival and the 2008 Festival's related activities that results in any injury, accident, illness or death;
10. the Organisers from all claims, liability and demands we may have or assert against them in respect of any loss or damage to our personal possessions or sporting equipment from our participation in the 2008 Festival and the 2008 Festival's related activities.

We have read this Waiver, Release and Indemnification Form and we confirm that we fully understand the terms contained herein.

Name of Team \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Team Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Team Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

important information

## 17th Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival

Please accept the following team entry/entries to the 2008 Air New Zealand Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland from 1 - 8 September 2008.

### Team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Manager (not Travel Agent)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (Bus) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Group

Number of Teams playing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in total Group including non-players: (females) \_\_\_\_\_ (males) \_\_\_\_\_ (total) \_\_\_\_\_

### Travel Agent

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: UK£150 per playing team. UK£ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Methods of payment:

Bank Draft in UK Pounds enclosed made payable to:  
 The 2008 Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival Edinburgh, Scotland

UK Pounds Cheque enclosed

Credit Card (VISA or MasterCard only)

Type of card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No.

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Credit Card Payments Only)

Direct Bank Transfer. If you wish to direct-transfer the entry fee our bank account details are as follows:  
 Bank of New Zealand, 80 Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand  
 Account Number: 609072-0000  
 Swift Code: BKNZ NZ22  
 Account Name: Air New Zealand Holidays Ltd

Please tick the appropriate box:

Local Team  
 (Resident within  
 100km of Edinburgh)

Visiting Team



Let the love of Rugby take you places

Post to: Golden Oldies World Rugby Secretariat  
 P O Box 6463, Wellesley Street, Auckland, New Zealand  
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