

# COMPETITIONS

## SEASON 2003 – 2004:

### DIVISIÓN 1:

- **PORTUGAL EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP WINNER**
- WESTERN UNION RELEGATED (SPAIN)
- EASTERN UNION PROMOTED (UKRAINE)
- ONE GAME CANCELLED (SNOW)
- WITH 5 EASTERN UNIONS: NOT POSSIBLE TO PLAY ON FEBRUARY-MARCH 2005

### DIVISION 2 A:

- EASTERN UNION PROMOTED (UKRAINE)
- WESTERN UNION RELEGATED (SWEDEN)
- TIGHT GAMES TOP UNIONS (UK-GER : 6-3 ; NETH.-GER: 14-13)

### DIVISION 2 B:

- SWITZERLAND WINNER
- GOOD COMPETITION : 90% OF GAMES: < 11 POINTS DIFFERENCE
- DRAW 2 TOP UNIONS (SWITZERLAND 12 – DENMARK 12)
- DRAW LAST TWO UNIONS (SLOVENIA AND BELGIUM 13 POINTS)

### DIVISION 3 A

- MOLDAVIA WINNER
- ONE GAME REPPORTED (VISAS)
- LONG DISTANCES (MALTA – MOLDAVIA-LATVIA)

### DIVISIÓN 3 B

- LUXEMBOURG WINNER
- LUX. BEATS RUNNER-UP (9 –8) AND THIRD BY ONE POINT (18-19)
- ONE GAME REPPORTED (AGAIN VISAS BALTIC – BALKAN)

### DIVISION 3 C

- ARMENIA: FIRST PARTICIPATION: WINNER
- AGAIN EXILE COMPETITION
- IMPROVEMENTS

# SEASON 2004 –2005

## RWC2007 QUALIFYING ROUNDS

### IRB COUNCIL AND RWC DIRECTORS DECISIONS

- 20 UNIONS
- 4 POOLS OF 5 TEAMS
- RWC2003 QUARTER FINALIST INVITED (5 FROM EUROPE)
- THE OTHER 12 UNIONS TO BE QUALIFIED THROUGH REGIONAL COMPETITIONS
  - AMERICAS: 3 + 1 (rep) total 3 /18 = 17%
  - **EUROPE 3 + 1 (rep) total 8 / 18 = 44%**
  - OCEANIA 2 + 1 (rep) total 4 /18 = 22%
  - AFRICA 1 + 1 (rep) total 2 /18 = 11%
  - ASIA 1 + 1 (rep) total 1 /18 = 6%
  - REPECHAGE 2
- CAN PARTICIPATE THE IRB MEMBER UNIONS ON NOVEMBER 2003
- SEEDING (DRAW MAY 2004 – DUBLIN)

<b>POOL A</b>	<b>POOL B</b>	<b>POOL C</b>	<b>POOL D</b>
1- ENGLAND	2 – AUSTRALIA	3 – N. ZEALAND	4 – FRANCE
SOUTH AFRICA	WALES	SCOTLAND	IRELAND
OCEANIA 1	OCEANIA 2	<b>EUROPE 1</b>	AMERICA 1
AMERICA 3	AMERICA 2	<b>EUROPE 2</b>	<b>EUROPE 3</b>
<b>REPECHAGE 2</b>	ASIA 1	<b>REPECHAGE 1</b>	AFRICA 1

## **EUROPE:**

- FIRA – AER MEMBERS : 39
- IRB MEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 2003 : 37
- INVITED TO RWC2007 : 5
- WITHDRAW: 1
- **UNIONS FOR RWC2007 QUALIFYING ROUNDS: 31**
- **LAST DATE : NOVEMBER 2006**
- **COMPETITION SEASONS:**
  - **2004 – 2005**
  - **2005 – 2006**
  - **SEPT-NOV 2006**

## **RANKING: JUNE 2004:**

### **VI NATIONS:**

**1 – ITALY**

### **DIVISION 1:**

**2 – PORTUGAL**

**3 – ROMANIA**

**4 – GEORGIA**

**5 – RUSSIA**

**6 – CZECH R.**

**7 – UKRAINE**

8 – SPAIN

9 – GERMANY

10 – NETHERLANDS

11 – POLAND

12 – SWITZERLAND

13 – SWEDEN

14 – DENMARK

15 – CROATIA

16 – SLOVENIA

17 – MOLDAVIA

18 – BELGIUM

19 – MALTA

20 – SERBIA & MONTENEGRO

21 – LATVIA

22 – LUXEMBOURG

23 – HUNGARY

**24 – LITHUANIA**

**25 – AUSTRIA**

**26 – BULGARIA**

**27 – BOSNIA**

**28 – ISRAEL**

**29 – NORWAY**

**30 – FINLAND**

**31 - ANDORRA**

## **RWC2007 EUROPEAN QUALIFYING ROUND I**

- **DATES: SEPT – OCTOBER 2004**
- **N° UNIONS: 8 (UNIONS RANKED 24 to 31 )**
- **FORMAT: GEOGRAPHICAL PLAY –OFF (HOME AND AWAY)**
- **N° GAMES: 8**
- **QUALIFIED UNIONS FOR ROUND 2:                   4**
- **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:**
  - 100% of visiting Union travelling expenses
  - 100% Officials travelling and accommodation costs

M1 : ANDORRA - NORWAY : 11 / 09 / 2004

M2: NORWAY – ANDORRA : 18 / 09 / 2004

M3: BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA – AUSTRIA : 25 / 09 / 2004

M4: AUSTRIA – BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA : 16 /10 / 2004

M5: FINLANDIA – BULGARIA 18 / 09 / 2004

M6: BULGARIA – FINLAND : 30 / 10 / 2004

M7: ISRAEL – LITHUANIA : 16 / 10 / 2004

M8: LITHUANIA – ISREAL : 23 / 10 / 2004

**GAME M1 BEING THE FIRST RWC2007 QUALIFYING GAME:**

### **TIED MATCHES:**

**IF THE TWO TEAMS ARE LEVEL ON MATCH POINTS (EACH TEAM WINS ONE GAME) THE WINNER WILL BE:**

- The Team which has the best difference between points scored for and points scored against in the two Matches
- The team which has the best difference between tries scored for and tries scored against in the two Matches
- Extra-time: Following an interval of 5 minutes, extra time of 10 minutes each way (with an interval of 5 minutes) shall be played
- Sudden death: If the scores are tied at the conclusion of extra time, a further of 10 minutes maximum shall be played. During this period, the first Team to score any points shall be declared the winner (sudden death)
- Kick Competition: If after sudden death period, no winner can be declared, a kick competition will be organised.

## **RWC2007 EUROPEAN QUALIFYING ROUND 2**

- DATES: SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 2004 to MAY 1<sup>st</sup>,2005
- N° UNIONS: 20
  - 4 QUALIFIED FROM ROUND I
  - 16 UNIONS RANKED FROM 8 TO 23
- FORMAT: 4 POOLS OF 5 UNIONS EACH
- N° GAMES: 44
- N° GAMES PER UNION: 4 (Two HOME AND TWO AWAY)
- QUALIFYED UNIONS FOR ROUND 3: **10**
- FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:
  - 100% of visiting Union travelling expenses
  - 100% Officials travelling and accommodation costs

### COMPETITION FORMAT:

<b>POOL A</b>	<b>POOL B</b>	<b>POOL C</b>	<b>POOL D</b>
8- SPAIN	9-GERMANY	10-NETHERLANDS	11- POLAND
15-CROATIA	14-DENMARK	13-SWEDEN	12- SWITZERL
16 – SLOVENIA	17- MOLDAVIA	18 – BELGIUM	19 – MALTA
23 – HUNGARY	22 – LUXEMB.	21 – LATVIA	20 – SERBIA&M
24 – AND /NORW	25- BOSN / AUST	26 – ISR /LITH.	27 – FIN /BULG

**POOL A:**

M9: SPAIN – CROATIA	10 / 04 / 2005
M10: SLOVENIA – SPAIN	27 / 03 / 2005
<b>M11: SPAIN – HUNGARY</b>	<b>21 / 11 / 2004</b>
M12 – AND / NORW – SPAIN	13 / 02 / 2005 (AND) or 07 / 05 / 2005 (NOR)
M13: CROATIA – SLOVENIA	23 / 10 / 2004
<b>M14 – HUNGARY – CROATIA</b>	<b>23 / 04 / 2005</b>
M15 – CROATIA – AND / NORW	21 / 11 / 2004 (AND) or 06 / 11 / 2004 (NOR)
<b>M16 – SLOVENIA – HUNGARY</b>	<b>06 / 11 / 2004</b>
M17 – AND / NORW – SLOVENIA	30 / 04 / 2005 (AND) or 17 / 10 / 2004 (NOR)
<b>M18 – HUNGARY – AND / NORW</b>	<b>23 / 10 / 2004</b>

**POOL B:**

M19 – GERMANY – DENMARK	02 / 04 / 2005
M20: MOLDAVIA – GERMANY	13 / 11 / 2004
M21 – GERMANY – LUXEMBOURG	27 / 11 / 2004
M22 – BOS / AUST – GERMANY	23 / 04 / 2005 ( AUST) or 19 / 03 / 2005 (BOS)
M23 – DENMARK – MOLDAVIA	30 / 10 / 2004
M24 – LUXEMBOURG – DENMARK	13 / 11 / 2004
M25 – DENMARK – BOS / AUST	09 / 04 / 2005 (AUST) or 16 / 04 / 2005 (BOS)
M26 – MOLDAVIA – LUXEMBOURG	16 / 04 / 2005
M27 – BOS / AUST – MOLDAVIA	30 / 04 / 2005
M28 – LUXEMBOURG – BOS / AUST	12 / 03 / 2005

**POOL C :**

M29 – NETHERLANDS – SWEDEN	23 / 04 / 2005
M30 – BELGIUM – NETHERLANDS	16 / 04 / 2005
M31 – NETHERLANDS – LATVIA	07 / 05 / 2005
M32 – ISR / LIT – NETHERLANDS	14 / 05 / 2005
M33 – SWEDEN – BELGIUM	30 / 04 / 2005
M34 – LATVIA – SWEDEN	23 / 10 / 2004
M35 – SWEDEN – ISR / LIT	30 / 10 / 2004
M36 – BELGIUM – LATVIA	30 / 10 / 2004
M37 – ISR / LIT – BELGIUM	09 / 04 / 2005
M-38 – LATVIA – ISR / LIT	30 / 04 / 2005

**POOL D:**

M39 – POLAND – SWITZERLAND	02 / 10 / 2004
M40 – MALTA – POLAND	06 / 11 / 2004
M41 – POLAND – SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	07 / 05 / 2005
M42 – FIN / BUL – POLAND	21 / 05 / 2005
M43 – SWITZERLAND – MALTA	16 / 10 / 2004
M44 – SERBIA & MONTENEGRO – SWITZERLAND	19 / 03 / 2005
M45 – SWITZERLAND – FIN / BUL	12 / 03 / 2005
M46 – MALTA – SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	09 / 04 / 2005
M47 – FIN / BUL – MALTA	16 / 04 / 2005 (BUL) 14 / 05 / 2005 (FIN)
M48 – SERBIA & MONTENEGRO – FIN / BUL	13 / 11 / 2004



**TIED UNIONS:**

If at the completion of the pool games, two or more Teams are level on match points, the following criteria shall be used:

- 1- The winner of the Match in which the tied Teams have played
- 2- The Team which has the best difference between points scored for and points scored against in all its pool Matches
- 3- The Team which has the best difference between tries scored for and tries scored against in all its pool Matches
- 4- The Team which has scored most points in all its pool Matches
- 5- The Team which has scored most tries in all its pool Matches

**QUALIFICATION:**

- Winner and Runner-up of each pool qualified for Round 3.
- Third in each pool to play-off:  
M49 & M50: THIRD POOL B – THIRD POOL D  
M51 & M52: THIRD POOL A – THIRD POOL C

**DATES: BETWEEN MAY 15<sup>th</sup> AND JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **RWC2007 EUROPEAN QUALIFYING ROUND 3**

- DATES: SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 2005 to APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- N° UNIONS: 10
  - 4 POOLS WINNERS AND RUNNER-UP ROUND 2
  - BEST THIRD FROM ROUND 2
- FORMAT: 2 POOLS OF 5 UNIONS EACH
- N° GAMES: 22
- N° GAMES PER UNION: 4 (Two HOME AND TWO AWAY)
- QUALIFYED UNIONS FOR ROUND 4: **1**
- FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:
  - 100% of visiting Union travelling expenses
  - 100% Officials travelling and accommodation costs

### COMPETITION FORMAT:

#### **POOL A**

FIRST A

FIRST D

SECOND B

SECOND C

WINNER M51 & M52

#### **POOL B**

FIRST B

FIRST C

SECOND A

SECOND D

WINNER M49 & M50

### **MAY 2006: PLAY -OFF**

M73: WINNER POOL A – WINNER POOL B

M74: WINNER POOL B – WINNER POOL A

( TEAM WITH BEST GOAL – AVERAGE TO PLAY SECOND GAME AT HOME)

### **WINNER (MATCH 73 –74):**

- **QUALIFYED FOR ROUND 4**
- **PROMOTED TO DIVISION 1 (SEASON 2006 – 2007)**

## **RWC2007 EUROPEAN QUALIFYING ROUND 4**

- **DATE: SEPTEMBER 2006**
- **N° UNIONS: 4**
  - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> DIVISION 1
  - ROUND 3 WINNER
- **COMPETITION FORMAT: PLAY - OFF**
- **N° GAMES: 4**

M75 & M76: 4<sup>th</sup> DIVISION A – 6<sup>th</sup> DIVISION A

M77 & M78: 5<sup>th</sup> DIVISION A – WINNER ROUND 3

**TWO WINNERS TO ROUND 5**

## **RWC2007 EUROPEAN QUALIFYING ROUND 5**

- DATE: SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2006
- N° UNIONS: 6
  - ITALY
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> DIVISION 1
  - ROUND 4 TWO WINNERS
- N° GAMES: 8
- COMPETITION FORMAT:

### **POOL A**

ITALY

A3

WM75-76 (X)

### **POOL B**

A1

A2

WM77 – M78 (Y)

- EACH UNION PLAYS TWO GAMES (ONE HOME AND ONE AWAY)

M79 : ITALY – A3

M80 : A1 – A2

M81: X – ITALY

M82: Y – A1

M83: A3 – X

M84: A2 - Y

TIED TEAMS: SAME REGULATIONS AS PER ROUND 2

**WINNER OF EACH POOL TO RWC2007**

**RUNNER-UP OF EACH POOL: PLAY-OFF**

M85: RUNNER-UP POOL A – RUNNER UP POOL B

M86: RUNNER-UP POOL B – RUNNER UP POOL A

( TEAM WITH BEST GOAL – AVERAGE TO PLAY SECOND GAME AT HOME)

**PLAY – OFF WINNER TO RWC2007**

**PLAY-OFF LOOSER TO REPECHAGE**

# EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP

## DIVISION 1: SEASON 2004-05 AND 2005 –06

- PORTUGAL; ROMANIA; GEORGIA ; RUSSIA ; CZECH R.; UKRAINE
- DATES: TO BE AGREED BY UNIONS
- N° GAMES: 30
- N° GAMES PER UNION: 10 (5 HOME AND 5 AWAY)
- LAST RANKED RELEGATED TO DIVISION 2A ON SEASON 2006-07

### DATES SEASON 2004 / 2005

- 06 / 11 / 2004 (or 30 / 10 / 2004)  
CZECH R. – ROMANIA :
- 20 / 11 / 2004:  
UKRAINE – PORTUGAL  
RUSSIA – GEORGIA
- 26 / 02 / 2005  
PORTUGAL – CZECH R.  
ROMANIA – RUSSIA  
GEORGIA – UKRAINE
- 12 / 03 / 2005  
UKRAINE – CZECH R.  
GEORGIA – ROMANIA  
RUSSIA – PORTUGAL
- 19 / 03 / 2005  
CZECH R – RUSSIA  
UKRAINE – ROMANIA  
PORTUGAL – GEORGIA
- 11 / 06 / 2005  
RUSSIA – UKRAINE  
GEORGIA – CZECH R.  
ROMANIA - PORTUGAL

### **DIVISION 3 C:**

- SEASON 2004 – 2005 : ARMENIA, AZERBAYAN AND FOUR ROUND 1 LOOSERS  
2 POOL OF 3 UNIONS AND FINAL BETWEEN WINNERS.  
DATES TO BE DECIDED ON DECEMBER MEETING
- SEASON 2005 –2006: SAME COMPETITION: WINNER PROMOTED TO DIVISION 3 B

### **DIVISION 2 A ; 2 B; 3 A; 3 B :**

- SEASON 2004 – 2005: RWC2007 QUALIFYING ROUND 2 (4 x 5 = 20 TEAMS)
- SEASON 2005 –2006 :
  - DIVISION 2A AND 2B (10 QUALIFYED UNIONS)  
RWC2007 QUALIFYING ROUND 3
  - DIVISION 3 A AND 3 B: ROUND 2 , 10 LOOSERS