

GLOBAL PARTICIPATION IN RUGBY

Rugby is now played in more countries around the world than ever before, boosted by record funding through the World Rugby Development Programme (£8.9m), Regional Tournament Funding (£4m) and High Performance Programme (£8.7m).



Country	Registered Players	Total Players
Andorra (1991)	393	2,793
Austria (1992)	2,435	3,019
Azerbaijan (2004)	Associate Member	
Belgium (1988)	11,667	12,581
Bosnia & Herzegovina (1996)	952	2,346
Bulgaria (1992)	2,076	2,509
Croatia (1992)	1,605	15,965
Cyprus (2014)	Associate Member	
Czech Republic (1988)	4,681	15,991
Denmark (1988)	2,198	8,652
England (1890)	355,153	2,112,603
Finland (2001)	843	7,034
France (1978)	258,247	533,131
Georgia (1992)	9,451	15,746
Germany (1988)	12,649	67,176
Greece ^ (2009)	1,409	1,569
Hungary (1991)	1,106	2,340
Ireland (1886)	94,067	209,906
Israel (1988)	1,540	10,250
Italy (1987)	77,739	96,088
Latvia* (1991)	977	2,177
Lithuania (1992)	2,328	6,266
Luxembourg (1991)	925	4,040
Malta (2000)	400	12,700
Moldova (1994)	3,828	4,270
Monaco (1998)	276	804
Netherlands (1988)	14,403	79,153
Norway (1993)	1,502	2,882

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Poland (1988)	6,034	60,884
Portugal (1988)	6,550	77,050
Romania (1987)	13,180	63,680
Russia (1990)	28,158	108,566
Scotland (1886)	46,050	182,131
Serbia (1988)	3,292	11,594
Slovakia (2016)	Associate Member	
Slovenia (1996)	568	568
Spain (1988)	29,081	114,315
Sweden (1988)	3,778	6,412
Switzerland (1988)	6,070	8,060
Ukraine (1992)	4,742	4,742
Wales (1886)	107,959	107,959
Total	1,118,312	3,977,952

^ 2013 numbers * 2017 numbers

123 COUNTRIES **9.6m PLAYERS**
(in member unions)

105 member unions
18 associate unions

3.5m registered players
6.1m non-registered players

2.7m female players



Country	Registered Players	Total Players
Bahamas (1994)	310	345
Barbados (1995)	330	1,274
Bermuda (1992)	378	1,678
British Virgin Islands (2001)	Associate Member	
Canada (1987)	28,267	217,042
Cayman (1997)	306	2,363
Guyana (1995)	420	486
Jamaica (1996)	858	1,065
Mexico (2006)	9,142	71,731
St Lucia (1996)	Associate Member	
St Vincent & The Grenadines (2001)	3,652	3,750
Trinidad & Tobago (1992)	1,740	6,722
USA (1987)	131,748	1,478,190
Total	177,151	1,784,646



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Botswana (1994)	13,879	15,623
Burkina Faso (2018)	Associate Member	
Burundi (2004)	Associate Member	
Cameroon* (1999)	4,900	6,150
Ghana (2004)	718	3,709
Ivory Coast (1998)	2,511	8,836
Kenya (1990)	122,840	122,840
Madagascar (1998)	48,946	92,500
Mali (2004)	Associate Member	
Mauritania (2003)	Associate Member	
Mauritius (2004)	625	5,656
Morocco (1988)	8,010	16,217
Namibia (1990)	18,848	21,454
Nigeria (2001)	7,930	12,580
Rwanda (2004)	27,304	27,304
Senegal (1999)	15,934	16,009
South Africa (1949)	635,288	691,559
Swaziland (1998)	12,210	22,559
Tanzania (2004)	Associate Member	
Togo (2004)	Associate Member	
Tunisia (1988)	15,830	41,930
Uganda (1997)	26,126	28,133
Zambia (1995)	9,880	11,695
Zimbabwe (1987)	32,895	47,451
Total	1,004,674	1,192,205

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Brunei (2013)	Associate Member	
China (1997)	113,686	215,056
Chinese Taipei (1988)	6,637	8,087
Guam (1998)	1,242	1,273
Hong Kong (1988)	17,760	17,760
India (1999)	27,681	80,678
Indonesia (2008)	2,020	5,070
Iran (2010)	Associate Member	
Japan (1987)	108,796	295,939
Kazakhstan (1997)	3,368	14,095
Korea (1998)	987	4,452
Kyrgystan (2004)	Associate Member	
Laos (2004)	Associate Member	
Lebanon (2018)	Associate Member	
Malaysia (1988)	38,022	87,422
Mongolia (2004)	Associate Member	
Pakistan (2004)	4,735	93,525



Country	Registered Players	Total Players
Philippines (2004)	1,981	17,964
Singapore (1989)	11,134	25,517
Sri Lanka (1989)	59,509	96,248
Thailand (1989)	9,939	9,939
United Arab Emirates (2012)	6,312	35,264
Uzbekistan (2004)	3,095	10,047
Total	416,904	1,018,336

Country	Registered Players	Total Players
American Samoa (2005)	20	229
Australia (1949)	271,922	477,031
Cook Islands (1995)	1,906	2,078
Fiji (1987)	123,900	225,180
New Zealand (1949)	156,074	156,074
Niue (1999)	760	917
Papua New Guinea* (1993)	3,280	23,022
Samoa (1988)	13,249	13,249
Solomon Islands (1999)	12,128	16,128
Tahiti (1994)	902	1,313
Tonga (1987)	23,873	60,030
Vanuatu (1999)	257	793
Total	608,271	976,044

* 2016 numbers



Country	Registered Players	Total Players
Argentina (1987)	121,281	161,265
Brazil (1995)	18,316	174,290
Chile (1991)	2,988	12,881
Colombia (1999)	8,813	265,718
Costa Rica (2014)	294	829
Guatemala (2016)	Associate Member	
Paraguay (1989)	2,953	3,502
Peru (1999)	770	2,422
Uruguay (1989)	10,506	40,206
Venezuela (1998)	1,815	28,489
Total	167,736	689,622