

# RUGBY



## 1- THE HISTORY OF RUGBY

- 1) **Birth of rugby: where and when?** *It was born in Rugby in the 1800s*
- 2) **What kind of school made Rugby famous?** *Rugby was famous for its public school, a private school for upper-class students/pupils.*
- 3) **What is the legend about the birth of rugby?** *The legend has it that one day a student named William Webb Ellis picked up the ball and ran with it, giving birth to rugby.*
- 4) **When were soccer and rugby clearly distinguished?** *The two sports were clearly distinguished in the 1860s when the Football Association was created.*



## 2- THE RULES AND PLAYERS

- 1) **How long does a rugby match last?**  
**A game of rugby consists of two halves of 40 minutes with a half-time of 10 minutes, with injury time added on at the end of each half.**
- 2) **How many players are there in a rugby team ?**  
The game is played with hands and feet and an oval ball, between two teams of 15 players each, plus 7 substitutes.
- 3) **What is the object of the game ?**  
The game consists of catching or picking up the ball and running with it, passing, throwing the ball to another player for scoring points, as well as kicking the ball. In rugby, passes to another team member are always in the back.  
To take the ball from the other team, it's also possible to push or shoulder an opponent holding the ball.  
The object of the game is to score more points than your opponents.



### 3- Most famous international competitions

1) What are the main men's tournaments? Complete the following grid :

Name	Participants	First played	Last played	Frequency	Notes
Rugby World Cup	20 top <a href="#">Test</a> teams	1987	2003	Four yearly	
<a href="#">Six Nations Championship</a>	<a href="#">England</a> , <a href="#">France</a> , <a href="#">Ireland</a> , <a href="#">Italy</a> , <a href="#">Scotland</a> , <a href="#">Wales</a>	1883	2007	Annually	Originally the Home Nations Championship, then the Five Nations.
Tri nations	<a href="#">Australia</a> , <a href="#">New Zealand</a> , <a href="#">South Africa</a>	1996	2007	Annually	

2) Complete the following paragraph with the appropriate words given below :

The inaugural tournament of the Rugby World cup was held in .....1987..... In this competition, the winners receive the **William Webb Ellis Cup**. The 2003 tournament took place in . but the **Australia** next one will be hosted by **France** , during September and October **2007**. The 6 nations championship was the **5** nations championship before 2000. In this competition, the teams are **European** .A team wins **The Grand Slam** when it beats all the other teams ( Wales won in 2005 !). If one team among the U.K teams manages to win all their games among the other three, it wins **The Triple Crown** The team that finishes last wins **The wooden Spoon**

### 4- A GREAT TEAM: THE ALLBLACKS



1) Are the following statements true or false? Justify your answer .

- The Maori are from Australia. **False: they are from New Zealand.**
- The haka is performed by one dancer only. **False: the haka is performed by a group.**
- The haka is a war dance only. **False: the haka is performed for various reasons.**
- All Blacks is the name given to New Zealand's rugby team. **True**
- The Ka Mate is performed after each match. **False: the Ka Mate is performed before each match.**