



RRC

**Regional Rugby
Championship**

2009/2010

In season 2009/2010 regional competition have new name, new logo and new competition system.

REGIONAL LEAGUE RUGBY XV in 2009/2010 season becomes

Regional Rugby Championship

Six participating countries: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia and Slovenia.

Participating clubs:

Nada (Split, Croatia), **Zagreb** (Zagreb, Croatia), **Ljubljana** (Ljubljana, Slovenia), **Esztergomi Vitezek Suzuki RSE** (Esztergom, Hungary), **Battai Bulldogok** (Szazhalombatta, Hungary), **Čelik** (Zenica, BiH), **Pobednik** (Belgrade, Serbia), **Partizan** (Belgrade, Serbia), **KBRK** (Belgrade, Serbia,) **Valiacite** (Pernik, Bulgaria), **KARC** (Kecskemet, Hungary).

Clubs to be qualified into competition by current standings and application:

Mladost (Zagreb, Croatia), **Olimpija** (Ljubljana, Slovenia), **Rudar** (Zenica, BiH), **Makarska Rivijera** (Makarska, Croatia)

Principles and goals of competition remain the same from previous two seasons:

In order to develop and popularize rugby, RRC believe that there is a common interest in a project of connecting and playing regular competition matches between clubs from neighboring countries. RRC is not replacement for national championships, but competition which provides quality clubs with additional playing of more demanding and more attractive matches. Goal of this competition is to develop and popularize rugby in the region.

General rules of competition:

- All matches to be played under IRB Laws of the Game.
- All payers have to have valid Union registration card number to be included in players list on beginning of season. Update of the list is possible only during winter break.
- Clubs have to license at least 26 players, of which 5 first row players, 3 second row players
- Maximum 40 players can be licensed
- Players younger than 17 cannot compete. As for the first row, players younger than 18 cannot compete
- All Unions of participating clubs accept RRC competition as a regular part of playing season, adopt National Championships to the RRC schedule and confirm decisions by RRC Board about penalties for players in their own competitions.
- All officials (referee, assistant referees & match commissioner) have to be from 3rd country defined by RRC Board in advance
- Union's referee and commissioner contacts are responsible to define names of officials and inform clubs and RRC Board
- All matches have to be video recorded and send to RRC Board upon request

Competition model for 2009/2010 season:

- 2 Divisions
- 1st Division - first 6 from 2008/2009 season
- 2nd Division - rest 5 from 2008/2009 season + qualifier
- one-round robin system, 5 matches, one match per month (October, November, March, April, May)
- qualification matches in September, play-offs in June
- Winner of Division 1 play Super final vs. Winner of Baltic League (*Finale du Trophée Européen*)
- Winner of Division 2 to be promoted to Division 1
- 6th place in Division 1 to be degraded to Division 2
- 5th place in Division 1 plays play-off vs. 2nd in Division 2 for position in Division 1 next season
- 6th place in Division 2 plays qualification vs. new coming clubs
- fixed dates of matches – 3rd Saturday in month (or around it)
- depending of FIRA schedule for National Teams it is possible to move date
- National Championships to adopt for RRC schedule

Points

Win - 4 points;

Draw - 2 points;

Loss - 0 points.

Bonus:

Win by scoring 4 or more tries - 1 bonus point;

Loss by 7 or less difference - 1 bonus point;

Loss, but scoring 4 or more tries - 1 bonus point.

Pool positions

Division 1:

1. Winner 2008/2009 season
2. Runner-up 2008/2009 season
3. 3rd 2008/2009 season
4. 4th 2008/2009 season
5. 5th 2008/2009 season
6. 6th 2008/2009 season

Division 2:

1. 7th 2008/2009 season
2. 8th 2008/2009 season
3. 9th 2008/2009 season
4. 10th 2008/2009 season
5. 11th 2008/2009 season
6. qualifier

Match schedule in both Divisions

Round 1 - 17th Oct 2009 - 1:6 2:5 3:4

Round 2 - 21st Nov 2009 - 6:4 5:3 1:2

Round 3 - 20th Mar 2010 - 2:6 3:1 4:5

Round 4 - 17th Apr 2010 - 6:5 1:4 2:3

Round 5 - 15th May 2010 - 3:6 4:2 5:1

Qualification matches – September 2009.

Play-offs – June 2010.

Standings in 2008/2009 season:

1 Nada	7 Zagreb
2 Pobednik	8 KBRK
3 Esztergomi Vitezek Suzuki	9 Partizan
4 Ljubljana	10 Battai Bulldogok
5 Celik	11 Kecskemeti ARC
6 Valiacite	12 Bezigrad - out of competition for 2009/2010 season
	13 Olimpija – qualifier for 2009/2010 season

HARK Mladost (Zagreb, Croatia) applied for next season and due to play qualification matches.

RK Rudar (Zenica, BiH) applied for next season and due to play qualification matches.

RK Makarska Rivijera finished with suspension period and allowed to play qualification matches.

RRC Board

2.7.2009

UNION APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATING CLUBS

Hereby, we _____ Rugby Union accept and approve club(s):

to participate and compete in RRC in 2009/2010 season.

With this approval, _____ Rugby Union will accept all decisions and rulings made by RRC Board regarding penalties for players and will implement it in all matches in Union's competitions and National Team matches.

For Rugby Union:

Name _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Union's stamp

Date _____