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Guide to the Rugby World Cup.

The 2019 Rugby World Cup will be the ninth Rugby World Cup. This will be the first time the tournament is to be held in Asia, and outside the traditional heartland of rugby union.



20th Sep – 2nd Nov 2019.



20 Nations.

12 Cities & Stadiums.



The opening Ceremony takes place on Friday 20th September in Tokyo Stadium, starting at 10am in UK, with the first match Japan V Russia kicking off at 11:45am.

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times New Zealand have won the world cup.

Catch all the matches live on ITV.



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The 20 teams are split into four pools with a total of 40 matches in the pool stage.

Pool A.



Ireland.



Scotland.



Japan.



Russia.



Samoa.

Pool B.



New Zealand.



South Africa.



Italy.



Namibia.



Canada.

Pool C.



England.



France.



Argentina.



United States.



Tonga.

Pool D.



Australia.



Wales.



Georgia.



Fiji.



Uruguay.

The Route to the Final.

Two teams (8 in total) qualify from each pool for the quarter finals. (19th - 20th Oct.)

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Four teams from the quarter finals qualify for the semi finals. (26th-27th Oct.)

The two losing semi finalists compete for the Bronze final on 1st November.

3rd

1st

The final takes place in Yokohama on Saturday 2nd November.

Quarter-finals.

Semi-finals.

Finals.



What they're playing for ?

The Webb Ellis Cup is the prize presented to winners, named after William Webb Ellis - The alleged inventor of rugby union while a pupil at Rugby School.

According to legend, Webb Ellis picked up the ball and ran with it during a school football match in 1823, creating the 'rugby' style of play.

The trophy which was created in 1906, was chosen in 1987 as an appropriate cup for use in the competition.

It stands 38cm high and is silver gilded in gold, and supported by two cast scroll handles, one with the head of a satyr, and the other a head of a nymph.

