

SAN SALVADOR 2023

XXIV CENTRAL AMERICAN AND
CARIBBEAN GAMES





RUGBY 7



MANUAL UPDATES



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1. ABOUT THIS MANUAL

Published in 2022, the Sports Technical Manuals provide detailed information on each sports competition and discipline at XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023, as well as operational information that may be of interest to participating teams.

Each manual includes:

- An introduction to San Salvador Games 2023.
- Sport-specific information, such competition schedule and format, training and qualification criteria.
- Operational information on accreditation.

While this information is correct as of the date of publication, it may vary according to the updates provided by the Organizing Committee (COSSAN), the International Federation (IF) or Centro Caribe Sports (CCS). Therefore, National Olympic Committees (NOCs) should visit the official website: www.sansalvador2023.com for updated information

2. ABOUT SAN SALVADOR

San Salvador is the capital and largest city of the Republic of El Salvador and one of the most populated cities in Central America. Located in one of the fourteen departments of the nation, specifically in the department of San Salvador, it houses the headquarters of the three branches of government, the main economic, development, and telecommunications companies, embassies, hotels, the Presidential House of El Salvador, the most important museums of the country, residential, economic, and commercial areas, monuments and the main economic, political, fashion, art, and development services of El Salvador. The most important museums of the country, residential, economic, and commercial areas, monuments, and the main economic, political, fashion, art, and development services of El Salvador.

San Salvador is located at 670 meters above sea level. It is bordered to the north by the municipalities of Nejapa, Mejicanos, Cuscatancingo, and Ciudad Delgado, to the east by Soyapango, to the south by Panchimalco and San Marcos, and to the west by Antiguo Cuscatlán and Santa Tecla.

The geography of the Salvadoran capital is dominated by two great orographic

prominences, which make the landscape of the capital unmistakable since from any point of the city these can be observed: The San Salvador Volcano and the San Jacinto Hill. The first is composed of two large formations: El Picacho, with a height of 1959.97 masl; and the other, El Boquerón, the most voluptuous formation, at 1839.39 masl, which has a huge crater of 1.5 km in diameter. This volcano is representative of the city, to the point that it basically forms its skyline, piling to any other structure built by human hands in the city, perhaps that is why despite some real estate takeoff that has experienced the town since the late 1990s, no structure has become an icon of it, except the historic buildings. The second most representative orographic structure of this municipality is the Cerro San Jacinto, which has a height of 1100 meters above sea level and until a few years ago had a cable car at its peak. The aforementioned San Salvador Volcano is located to the west of the city, while Cerro San Jacinto is located to the southeast. These two natural watchtowers frame the valley in which San Salvador sits.

The city has a warm climate all year round, with December, January, and February being cooler. Temperatures are maintained between 18 °C and 33 °C. The hottest months are March, April, and May. May to October is the rainy season when flooding usually occurs.

The temperature varies between noon and midnight due to changes in humidity levels. The highest temperature recorded in San Salvador has been 38.5 °C, the lowest 4.0 °C.

3. XXIV CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES SAN SALVADOR 2023

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Inauguration Ceremony	Friday, June 23 rd	19:00 (El Salvador time)	National Stadium Jorge "Mágico" González
Closing Ceremony	Saturday, July 8 th	19.00 (El Salvador time)	National Stadium Jorge "Mágico" González

COMPETENCE	SPORTS PROGRAM
Friday, June 23 rd to Saturday, July 8 th	Sports: 38 Disciplines: 54

4. SPORTS AUTHORITIES

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5. PLACE AND DATE OF COMPETITION

The Rugby 7 competition of XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023, Will be held from June 25 to 27, 2023, at the CODEM - San Carlos Barracks.

6. ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023, the athlete must abide by the provisions of the Games Regulations, the rules of the International Rugby Federation (IRF); they must also be registered by their National Olympic Committee (NOC) according to the provisions of the Centro Caribe Sports (CCS).

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

For an event or test to be considered official, five (5) athletes and an equal number of National Olympic Committees must participate.

In the event that one or more representations after the Technical Meeting are unable

to participate for reasons of force majeure, corroborated and verified by (CCS), which is the only one authorized to authorize the event to be held.

The combination of athletes from different countries will not be allowed for the modalities and events that will be convened in the Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023.

NATIONALITY

Athletes participating in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023, must have the nationality of the country (NOC) that registered them. The nationality of the competitor is determined according to the Regulations of the (CCS).

AGE OF COMPETITORS

All participating athletes must be 18 years old at the beginning of the competition.

7. REGISTRATION

Only National Olympic Committees (NOC), recognized by Centro Caribe Sports, whose National Federations are affiliated to the International Rugby Federation (IRF). Associate members recognized by Centro Caribe Sports may also participate in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023

All countries, through their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC), must send their athlete applications in the official format to the Organizing Committee no later than 23:59 hours (El Salvador time) on May 23, 2023. The format must indicate the sports in which the National Olympic Committee (NOC) will participate. The forms will be published on the official website of San Salvador 2023.

NUMERICAL REGISTRATION

The Numerical Entry forms, which indicate the number of participants in each individual and team event, must be submitted to the Organizing Committee of the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023, no later than February 23, 2023, before 23:59 (El Salvador time) in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of the Centro Caribe Sports (CCS).

NOMINAL REGISTRATION - LONG LIST

Administrative and auxiliary personnel must be sent by each of the National Olympic Committees (NOC) no later than 23:59:59 (El Salvador Time) on March 23, 2023. The "Nominal List - Long List": of athletes, Team Officials, technical staff.

Registration is open until the quota established for each sport is doubled. The Long List must be registered in the form established by the Organization to comply with the Closing Date, for any questions or clarification in this regard, the Organizing Committee makes available the e-mail: inscripciones@sansalvador2023.org

NOMINAL REGISTRATION

In order for each eligible athlete to participate in the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023, it is required to fill out a Nominal Entry Form that must be contemplated by the National Olympic Committee (NOC) and received by the Organizing Committee no later than May 23, 2023, at 23:59 (El Salvador time), in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of the Central Centro Caribe Sports (CCS).

Each NOC must send its official Numerical Entry and Nominal Entry forms provided by the Organizing Committee and which will be sent 6 months prior to the Games.

For any questions or clarification in this regard, the Organizing Committee is at your disposal at the following e-mail address: inscripciones@sansalvador2023.org

8. IMPORTANT DATES

Sending the calculator to the CONS	October 23 rd , 2022
Sending the CONS registration information packet (long list dates, numerical and nominal registration)	November 25 th , 2022
Receiving the calculator	December 23 rd , 2022
Deadline for numerical registration	February 23 rd , 2023
Deadline for receipt long list	March 23 rd , 2023
Deadline for nominal sports registrations	May 23 rd , 2023
Start of delegation registration meetings	June 17 th to 21 st , 2023
Opening ceremony of the Games	June 23 rd , 2023

9. PARTICIPATION SYSTEM

ANNOUNCED EVENTS, ATHLETES QUOTAS AND MEDALS

The announced events for the Rugby 7 competition of the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023 are:

MEN	WOMEN
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	
8	
TOTAL	14 Teams

TITLE MEDALS

CATEGORY	EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Men	Team	1	1	1
Women	Team	1	1	1
TOTAL MEDALS		2	2	2

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

According to the quota established by Centro Caribe Sports, the Rugby 7's competitions will have a maximum of one hundred and sixty-eight (168) athletes: seventy-two (72) women and ninety-six (96) men.

The maximum number of competitors per country is limited to twelve (12) Women athletes and twelve (12) Men athletes.

10. COMPETITION FORMAT

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

MEN: 8 TEAMS (countries):

4 Rugby America North (RAN) teams.

4 South America Rugby (SAR) teams.

Two groups of four teams (countries) will be created. Placement of teams will be determined through seeding. Seeding of teams will be determined by World Rugby.

In each group, the teams will play against other teams in their group, a total of 3 games each. At the end of the group zone the teams will be placed in the standings of their group, from 1st place to 4th place, according to the number of points they have scored.

The competition continues with the 4th round (the crossings will be determined according to the final position in the group stage), semifinals and finals as indicated below.

The 8 teams competing will be divided into 2 groups as follows:

GROUP A

A1 = 1° seeded

A2 = 4° seeded

A3 = 5° seeded

A4 = 8° seeded

GROUP B

B1 = 2° seeded

B2 = 3° seeded

B3 = 6° seeded

B4 = 7° seeded

No overtime will be played in the group stage.

At the conclusion of the group matches, the teams will be positioned within their groups as indicated below, and will compete in the quarterfinals as follows:

1*A V 4*B

2*B V 3*A

2*A V 3*B

1*B V 4*A

The winning teams of the quarterfinal matches will compete in the semifinals for the gold medal, while the losers will compete in the semifinals for the 5th place.

The winning teams of the gold medal semifinals will compete for the gold medal, while the losers will compete for the bronze medal.

The winning teams of the 5th place semifinals will compete for the 6th place, while the losers will compete for the 7th place.

WOMEN: 6 TEAMS (countries):

3 Rugby American North (RAN) teams

3 South American Rugby (SAR) teams.

A 6 teams (countries) group will be created.

Team seeding will be determined by World Rugby.

The teams in the qualification phase will compete against each other in a single group (round robin system). There will be no overtime in the group matches.

After the group round, the teams will be placed in the standings (by sum of points) from 1st to 6th place.

According to their final placement in the group, the teams will compete as follows:
1st vs. 2nd for the gold medal, 3rd vs. 4th for bronze, and 5th vs. 6th for fifth place.

5° vs 6°: 5to place

3° vs 4°: Bronze

1° vs 2°: Gold

11. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DAY 1							
JUNE 25th, 2023							
TIME		DURATION	N° GAME	CATEGORY	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	DETAIL
09:00	09:22	00:22	1	WOMEN	E3	E4	GAME
09:22	09:44	00:22	2	WOMEN	E2	E5	GAME
09:44	10:06	00:22	3	WOMEN	E1	E6	GAME
10:06	10:28	00:22	4	MEN	A1	A4	GAME
10:28	10:50	00:22	5	MEN	A2	A3	GAME
10:50	11:12	00:22	6	MEN	B1	B4	GAME
11:12	11:34	00:22	7	MEN	B2	B3	GAME
11:34	12:04	00:30					
12:04	12:26	00:22	8	WOMEN	E3	E2	GAME
12:26	12:48	00:22	9	WOMEN	E1	E4	GAME
12:48	13:10	00:22	10	WOMEN	E5	E6	GAME
13:10	13:32	00:22	11	MEN	A1	A3	GAME
13:32	13:54	00:22	12	MEN	A4	A2	GAME
13:54	14:16	00:22	13	MEN	B1	B3	GAME
14:16	14:38	00:22	14	MEN	B4	B2	GAME

DAY 2							
JUNE 26th, 2023							
TIME		DURATION	N° GAME	CATEGORY	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	DETAIL
09:00	09:22	00:22	15	WOMEN	E3	E5	GAME
09:22	09:44	00:22	16	WOMEN	E2	E1	GAME
09:44	10:06	00:22	17	WOMEN	E4	E6	GAME
10:06	10:28	00:22	18	MEN	A1	A2	GAME
10:28	10:50	00:22	19	MEN	A3	A4	GAME
10:50	11:12	00:22	20	MEN	B1	B2	GAME
11:12	11:34	00:22	21	MEN	B3	B4	GAME
11:34	12:14	00:40					GAME
12:14	12:36	00:22	22	WOMEN	E4	E5	GAME
12:36	12:58	00:22	23	WOMEN	E1	E3	GAME
12:58	13:20	00:22	24	WOMEN	E2	E6	GAME
13:20	13:45	00:25	25	MEN	1*A	4*B	GAME
13:45	14:10	00:25	26	MEN	2*B	3*A	GAME
14:10	14:35	00:25	27	MEN	2*A	3*B	GAME
14:35	15:00	00:25	28	MEN	1* B	4*A	GAME

DAY 3								
JUNE 27TH, 2023								
TIME	DURATION	N° GAME	CATEGORY	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	DETAIL		
09:00	09:22	00:22	29	WOMEN	E4	E2	GAME	
09:22	09:44	00:22	30	WOMEN	E1	E5	GAME	
09:44	10:06	00:22	31	WOMEN	E3	E6	GAME	
10:06	10:31	00:25	32	MEN	PP25	PP26	SF1 5th PLACE	
10:31	10:56	00:25	33	MEN	PP27	PP28	SF2 5th PLACE	
10:56	11:21	00:25	34	MEN	GP25	GP26	SF1 GOLD	
11:21	11:46	00:25	35	MEN	GP27	GP28	SF2 GOLD	
11:46	12:46	01:00						
12:46	13:11	00:25	36	MEN	PP32	PP33	7th PLACE	
13:11	13:36	00:25	37	WOMEN	5*	6*	5th PLACE	
13:36	14:01	00:25	38	MEN	GP32	GP33	5th PLACE	
14:01	14:26	00:25	39	WOMEN	3*	4*	BRONZE	
14:26	14:51	00:25	40	MEN	PP34	PP35	BRONZE	
14:51	15:16	00:25	41	WOMEN	1*	2*	GOLD	
15:16	15:41	00:25	42	MEN	GP34	GP35	GOLD	
15:41	15:56	00:15	END OF EVENT					
15:56	16:26	00:30	AWARD CEREMONY					

12. TRAINING FACILITIES

The training program and schedule will be established once the nominal registrations are received and the arrival of the delegations in San Salvador is confirmed. The training sessions will be held at the competition site and other assigned facilities. The facilities may only be used during the designated schedules established by the Organizing Committee.

Access will be allowed to accredited team members only. The audience will not be allowed to access. The equipment shall comply with the requirements of the corresponding International Federation.

13. GENERAL RULES

The competitions of the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador 2023 will be held in accordance with the Statutes of Centro Caribe Sports and the Regulations of the corresponding International Federation in effect during the Games. Cases not provided in the aforementioned regulations will be resolved in the following way:

- Cases of a general nature will be solved in accordance with the Statutes of Centro Caribe Sports and the Regulations of the Central American and Caribbean Games.
- Cases of a technical nature will be solved in accordance with the procedures of the International Rugby Federation (IRF).

TABLE OF POSITIONS

The competition points in the group matches, reflected in the standings, will be awarded according to the following criteria:

Match won = 3 points

Tied match = 2 points

Match lost = 1 point

No show = 0 points

DURATION OF MATCHES

The total duration of all matches is 14 minutes: two periods of 7 minutes each, with a 2-minute interval at halftime.

Extra time is required only in matches that end in a tie from the quarterfinals onwards and/or in matches for the final position in the tournament (not in zone matches). After a 2-minute interval, in which the main referee organizes a coin toss with the team managers to see which team will resume play and from which half of the field, overtime is played in 5-minute periods.

The team scoring points first in overtime is declared the winner immediately, along with the completion of the match (sudden death). If more than one overtime is necessary, the teams switch sides without a rest interval.

DETERMINATION OF POSITIONS IN THE GROUP TABLE AND TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA

Each team's position in the group standings will be determined by the competition points it earns, as described above.

If at the conclusion of the group stage, two teams are tied in competition points in any position within the group table, the final position will be determined as follows:

the team that won the match played between the two teams will be the higher ranked team.

If the match between these teams is a tie or if more than 2 teams finish with the same number of points, then the following procedure will be used to determine the final ranking in that zone:

- h) The scoring margin of points for and against a team in the entire qualification phase will be considered. The team with the highest positive (or lowest negative) margin will be the highest ranked team.
- i) If the tie continues, the margin of tries scored for and against the team in the entire qualification phase will be considered. The team with the highest positive (or lowest negative) margin of tries in the qualification phase will be ranked higher.
- j) If the tie continues, the team that has the highest number of tries in the qualification phase will be ranked higher team.
- k) If the tie continues, the team that has the highest number of tries in the qualification phase will be ranked higher.
- l) If the tie continues, the team that has received the least amount of red cards in the qualification phase will be ranked higher.
- m) If the tie continues, the team that has received the least number of yellow cards in the qualification phase will be ranked higher.
- n) If the tie continues, it will be resolved with a coin toss between the representatives of the teams involved, the Referee Manager and the Technical Delegate of the Tournament (who will decide the place where the coin toss will take place).

COIN TOSS

The coin toss to decide which team will take the kick-off and to decide which section of the field corresponds to each team will be held 30 minutes prior to the kick-off of each match. The coin toss will be conducted by the referee, with one representative from each team present.

CHANGES AND REPLACEMENTS

They shall be governed by the World Rugby regulations in force at the time of the tournament. Rolling Substitute System (Rolling Substitute System).

Rugby Sevens law variations: players nominated as substitutes

- A team may nominate up to five replacements / substitutes.
- A team may substitute or replace up to 5 players.

- A team may substitute the same player more than once, provided that no more than 5 substitutions are made in total.
- Substituted players rejoining the match.
- If a player is substituted, that player may return and participate in that match under the following circumstances:
- Up to 5 tactical substitutions per match.

In addition to players who can return to play when replacing:

- A player with a blood injury in accordance with World Rugby's blood injury regulations.
- Injured player victim of foul play (ascertained by the match officials).
- A match shall be played with no more than 7 athletes per team in the playing area. An athlete may replace another athlete in case of injury or substitution.
- A team is entitled to nominate no more than 5 substitute players.
- A team may substitute or replace up to 5 players.
- Temporary replacements of a player are allowed in the case of a bleeding injury (does not count as one of the 5 allowed substitutions).
- A player who has been replaced because of an injury may not return to play in the same game unless he has been temporarily replaced because of a bleeding injury.
- No substitution or replacement may be made without the referee's permission, and only during a break in play.

ENTRANCE TO THE PLAYING FIELD

Only players, referees, linesmen, water carriers, and medically trained personnel to assist injured athletes may enter the playing area. Both doctors and physiotherapists must have approved the World Rugby Level 2 course to enter the playing area.

During the interval, coaches, water carriers and camera crews may enter the playing area but must leave it before play resumes and must not take any action that would delay the progress of the game.

TECHNICAL ZONE

Each team is allowed to have the following personnel inside the technical area during the games: coach, manager, doctor, physiotherapist and five reserve players.

A maximum of 3 staff members besides the manager and coach are allowed to enter the competition area for the purpose of carrying water (only allowed when

play is stopped by the referee due to injury or when a try has been scored). Water carriers must wear the technical area bibs issued by the organizing committee.

All non-playing personnel must remain in the technical area, which is clearly delimited, except for doctors or physiotherapists with a World Rugby approved level 2 (Health Care Personnel) course.

REFUSAL TO PLAY AND EXPELLED TEAMS

- e) If a team willfully refuses to play, or deliberately abandons a match in progress, without the prior consent of the referee, then, subject to confirmation by the tournament authorities, that team shall be expelled from the tournament.
- f) If a Team has been expelled from the Tournament, for any reason, (i) that Team shall be deemed to have received no points in the group competition table and to have scored no tries or points in the group Matches; and (ii) for the purposes of determining qualification in the group stage, all results of the match against that team shall be considered null and void. This means that all group competition points awarded in matches against the expelled Team will not be considered in determining the final position in the qualification zone (group zone).
- g) If a Team is ejected in the playoff/knock out round, the team that was playing the game or was to play against the ejected team is declared the winner.
- h) If two teams that were to play each other in the playoff/knock out round are expelled, it is at the discretion of the tournament authorities as to how the tournament continues without the expelled teams.

STOPPED AND CANCELLED MATCHES

In addition to the intentional abandonment of a match and subsequent expulsion, in the event that a match has to be stopped after its commencement in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the Game, and subject to confirmation by the tournament authorities, the following procedure applies:

- d) When a group match has been cancelled either at halftime or at any time in the second half, the result, as well as the points and

- tries scored by each team in the match, shall stand as the result.
- e) When a group match has been abandoned during the first half, the score shall be declared tied. In this case, each team shall be awarded two match points, and any points and tries scored shall count towards the total points and tries scored by each team in all their matches.
 - f) When a Playoff/Knock out match has been cancelled, the team that is winning the match at the time of the stoppage will be the winning team.

If the match is tied at the time of stoppage, the winner will be determined according to the following order of criteria:

- 6) A team's margin of points for and against for the entire tournament will be considered. The team with the highest positive margin will be the winner.
- 7) if the tie continues, the margin of tries scored for and against the team in the whole tournament will be considered. The team with the highest positive try margin will be the winner.
- 8) If the tie continues, the team that has scored the most points in all matches of the tournament is the winner.
- 9) if the tie continues, the team that has scored the most tries in all the matches of the tournament will be the winner.
- 10) if the tie continues, it will be decided by a coin toss between the representatives of the teams involved, the referee and the Tournament Director or Technical Delegate (who will decide where the coin toss will take place).

E In the event that one of the teams involved has played less matches than its rival, the winner will be determined according to the following criteria:

- 4) the team that has scored the most tries during the match is the winner of the match.
- 5) if the tie continues, the team that scored the first points of the match (try, drop, penalty) will be the winner.
- 6) if the tie continues, it will be resolved by a coin toss between the team representatives, the referee and the Tournament Director or Technical Delegate (who will decide the place where the coin toss will take place).

14. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS JUDGES AND REFEREES

The national and international technical officials as well as the judges and referees, will be appointed by the International Rugby Federation (World Rugby).

15. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Any technical problems will be solved by the Technical Delegate or the WORLD RUGBY Commission in charge of the Games as indicated in the WORLD RUGBY Laws and Rules in force at the time of the tournament.

16. AWARD CEREMONY

The awards will be made in accordance with the regulations of Centro Caribe Sports (CCS).

TEAMS:

First Place: Gold Medal.

Second Place: Silver Medal.

Third Place: Bronze Medal.

17. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

It will be in charge of the International Technical Delegate appointed by the International Rugby Federation.

18. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting will be held on June 24th, 2023, at the University of El Salvador (UES) at **TBD**

- Up to two representatives from each NOC may attend this Technical Meeting.
- The invitation card for the Technical Meeting will be available for Team Leaders at the Sports Information Center of the Central American and

Caribbean Village from the day of their arrival.

- The Technical Delegate and the Director of Rugby Competition of the Organizing Committee will preside over the meeting, which will be held in English and Spanish.

19. UNIFORMS

Competitors will wear their team colors and follow the rules of the International Rugby Federation in terms of their requirements.

PRESENTATION ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Teams and players must participate in tournaments in their national Rugby 7's uniform, which must be registered prior to the start of the tournament. All participating team players must wear the same jerseys, shorts and socks that meet the necessary standards for a prestigious international Rugby competition.

They must have an alternate set of jerseys that they can use for matches when there is a color clash. The alternate set of jerseys must also be registered with the competition director.

For any match where there is a clash of colors, the members of the teams involved will mutually agree. If they do not reach an agreement, the team that has to wear the alternate uniform will be determined by a coin toss or by direction of the competition director.

Team numbers (1-12) will be assigned to all athletes who will participate in any match of the tournament. Once numbers are assigned, each athlete keeps that number for the duration of the tournament. The numbers must have the appropriate size and design, preferred in white if the jersey is colored and in black if the jersey is white, in order to be easily identifiable from the commentary booth and for position tracking from the stands.

Please note that in the case of jerseys with patterned designs or rings, the numbers must be on a white background and have a border to ensure clear identification of the players.

Alternate uniforms must also be clearly numbered from 1 to 12.

20. SPORTS EQUIPMENT

They will have to follow the Regulations of the Central American and Caribbean Games and the corresponding International Federation, as well as IOC Rule 50, according to the rules established for NOCs in the Manufacturers' Trademark Use guidelines.

21. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Commission of Centro Caribe Sports and the Regulations of the International Rugby Federation, in accordance with the standards and the current version of the World Anti-Doping Program (WADA) procedures.

22. QUALIFICATION SANTIAGO 2023

Qualification for the Pan American Games is based on the results of the 2022 Qualifying Tournaments and the first 2 places of the South American Games Asunción 2022.

23. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Executive Committee of Centro Caribe Sports (CCS) is empowered to solve any problem not contemplated in these Regulations, in coordination with the Organizing Committee of the COSSAN Games. All matters relating to applicable regulations, promotion and advertising of equipment, materials and sportswear shall be governed by the Promotion and Advertising Regulations of Centro Caribe Sports (CCS) and Rule 51 of the Olympic Charter.