



## SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB KICKS OFF SECOND RUGBY SEASON THIS WEEKEND



*Photo Caption (from left to right): Manu Sawhney (CEO, Singapore Sports Hub) and Low Teo Ping (President, SRU) ready to kick off the second rugby season on Saturday*

**SINGAPORE, 27 FEBRUARY 2017** – The second rugby season at the Singapore Sports Hub will kick off with an action-packed Super Rugby game between Singapore’s adopted home team, the HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES, and the Kings on Saturday, 4 March, followed by two more Super Rugby matches on 25 March and 20 May, and the HSBC Singapore Rugby 7s on 15 and 16 April 2017.

In 2016, the Sports Hub unveiled the inaugural rugby season at the Hub, where top international teams from Super Rugby and HSBC Rugby Singapore 7s thrilled audiences at the National Stadium and attracted close to 80,000 spectators to the venue.

This year, besides the exciting matches, spectators can also look forward to rugby-themed family carnival activities at the concourse area, including tag rugby try-out for kids, rugby obstacle course for families and a photo booth. Spectators can also enjoy a holistic rugby experience with the new Platinum ticket offerings.

To inspire more school children to pursue the sport of rugby and to provide them the opportunity to watch international elite athletes play, the Sports Hub will launch a 'Create A HOWL' contest today, where primary, secondary and tertiary students can create a 'HOWL' video to support Singapore's home team SUNWOLVES and stand to win tickets to Super Rugby matches (For more details on the contest, visit the [Super Rugby 2017 Facebook Event Page](#)).

Preceding the Super Rugby match on Saturday, 4 March, the Singapore National League Premiership Final will take place as the curtain raiser, where Wanderers RFC and Bucks RFC will battle for the champion.

*"The Singapore Sports Hub is committed to presenting world class sporting events for both spectators and fans to enjoy and be inspired by. With the Super Rugby tournament returning to the National Stadium for the second season, we are excited to continue building on its success and contributing to the development of Rugby through grassroots events with local clubs and schools. We have a whole slew of super fun activities which families and ruggers can look forward to and get involved with, to fully enjoy both the match-day experience and throughout the season of rugby at the Sports Hub,"* Manu Sawhney, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Sports Hub.

*"I am very pleased that we are again hosting three Super Rugby matches here in Singapore. The tournament is an important fixture in the development of the sport in our country by raising the profile and is undeniably an instrument in inspiring our players and the young ones. Having the Sunwolves conduct trainings and clinics has been very worthwhile and it has benefitted many local clubs and schools. I am proud of what we have achieved and extremely excited to see what is in store for the future of rugby in Singapore."* Low Teo Ping, President, Singapore Rugby Union (SRU).

Tickets for the 2017 Super Rugby matches in Singapore are priced from \$30 onwards and can be purchased via the Sports Hub Tix website [www.sportshubtix.sg](http://www.sportshubtix.sg), hotline +65 3158 7888, Sports Hub Tix Box Office at Singapore Indoor Stadium and all SingPost outlets (see Appendix A for ticketing information).

For more information on the 2017 Super Rugby matches in Singapore, please visit [www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017](http://www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017).

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## **ABOUT SUPER RUGBY**

Super Rugby is the Southern Hemisphere's pre-eminent rugby tournament, featuring 18 teams from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina and Japan.

In 2016, the evolution of Super Rugby continued with three new sides introduced to an expanded four-conference model that boosts the rivalry and passion of previous seasons, driving Super Rugby into an exciting new era. The Kings from South Africa returned to the fray, along with new teams: the Jaguares from Argentina; and the Sunwolves from Japan.

## **ABOUT THE HITO-COMMUNICATIONS SUNWOLVES**

The HITO-Communications SUNWOLVES is the first Asian team in the expanded Super Rugby league and is co-based in both Japan and Singapore. In the upcoming 2017 Super Rugby matches, SUNWOLVES will be playing a total of 15 matches, with three out of seven of their home matches at the Singapore National Stadium – against the Kings (4 March 2017), the Stormers (25 March 2017) and the Sharks (20 May 2017).

SUNWOLVES has 53 players for the 2017 season, with 32 newcomers to the team, including Japan national team stars scrum-half Fumiaki Tanaka and back Kotaro Matsushima. Among these 32 newcomers, 20 have earned caps for Japan or other Super Rugby teams.

21 players, including this season's co-captains Ed Quirk and Harumichi Tatekawa, hooker Shota Horie, locks Hitoshi Ono and Liaki Moli, stand-off Yu Tamura, backs Derek Carpenter and Riaan Viljoen returned from last season's Sunwolves team.

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## APPENDIX A – TICKETING INFORMATION

### a) PLATINUM TICKET

	CAT 1 (Reserved Seating)
Standard (Adult)	S\$95.00

Entitlements:

- RESERVED seating in Section 113 right on the halfway line with the BEST VIEW!
- EXCLUSIVE HOSPITALITY AREA right behind your seats to mingle with your friends
- 2 FREE Tiger beers
- Priority queue at Food & Beverage stand located behind Section 113
- FREE Match Day Program Booklet
- FREE SUNWOLVES headband
- Access through the Premium Entrance Gate 6

\*Platinum tickets are ONLY available for Game 1 and 2

### b) 3 GAME SEASON PASS

	CAT 1	CAT 2
Standard (Adult)*	<del>S\$180.00</del> S\$153.00	--
Child** (3-17 years)	<del>S\$105.00</del> \$89.25	--
Family Package (2 Adult + 2 Child)	--	--

\*Standard (Adult) Season Pass is available at 15% discount ( $S\$180 - 15\% = S\$153$ ) and for CAT 1 tickets only.

\*\*Child Season Pass is available at 15% discount ( $S\$105 - 15\% = S\$89.25$ ) and for CAT 1 tickets only.

### c) SINGLE GAME TICKET

	CAT 1	CAT 2
Standard (Adult)	S\$60.00	S\$30.00
Child (3-17 years)	S\$35.00	S\$15.00
Family Package (2 Adult + 2 Child)	--	S\$80.00

For the latest promotions, please visit [www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017](http://www.sportshub.com.sg/SuperRugby2017).

## ABOUT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

The Singapore Sports Hub is Singapore's premier sports, entertainment and lifestyle hub with integrated community programming.

Consisting of a unique cluster development of integrated world-class sports facilities within the city, it plays a critical role in accelerating the development of sports industry, excellence and participation, and will take sports to the next level in Singapore.

Located on a 35-hectare site in Kallang, the Singapore Sports Hub includes the following facilities:

- A new 55,000-capacity National Stadium with a retractable roof and movable tiered seating
- The iconic Singapore Indoor Stadium
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets FINA standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking and canoeing
- 41,000 sq m Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall and Splash-N-Surf facility (Kids Water Playground, Stingray and Lazy River)
- 100PLUS Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Youth Olympic Museum & Singapore Sports Museum
- Sports Hub Library
- Shimano Cycling World
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball and netball) lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths

The Singapore Sports Hub, which is managed by SportsHub Pte Ltd, is one of the largest sporting Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the world. It is also Singapore's largest flagship PPP project of this nature, and has won the Project Finance International (PFI) award in London in 2011, World Architecture Festival Awards for Best Future Project in the leisure-led development category in 2013 and Sports Building of the Year in 2014.

For more information, please visit the Singapore Sports Hub:

- Website: [www.sportshub.com.sg](http://www.sportshub.com.sg)
- Facebook: [sporesportshub](https://www.facebook.com/sporesportshub)
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