



Rugby 11's

29 NOVEMBER 2025



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CHIANG MAI INTERNATIONAL RUGBY 11's 2025



The Chiang Mai Rugby 11s is oh so excited to be back! With 17 teams from, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam coming to Chiang Mai for the tournament. It will bring some much-needed relief for a lot of business owners, as well as providing some spectacular sporting action on the pitch. This year we have a new brand sponsor and we welcome **DRAGON COURIER** to the 11s rugby family and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with them, around the Asia region.

With the continued success of the Rugby 11s concept at last year's event, Chiang Mai continues to be at the forefront of this innovative 11s brand of rugby, along with the Phuket International Rugby 11s, held annually in June.

This year's tournament venue is the [Suthep Municipal Stadium](#) situated in the foothills of Doi Suthep. With the vet's tournament, it's a chance to see rugby of a bygone era, being played out in a spirit of camaraderie and fun. Even though their creaky old bodies might complain about the rigours of getting out of bed, never mind running around on a rugby pitch, they can still talk a good game, especially when liberally lubricated.

In the men's we have 2 groups of 5 teams, from as far afield as Papua New Guinea, Philippines & Vietnam, and featuring some of the top university teams from Thailand, with local expat teams locked in. With many teams coming to the end of the seasons, they will be match hardened, and ready to exploit any weaknesses in the opposition.

In the ladies Division we have 4 teams who know each other very well and, who will come out on top, well, it's too close to call. The Southerners have won the Cup twice over the years and are looking at a 3rd championship run, but with an inexperienced team & the quality of the opposition, it might be a step too far. Last year's champions the Banger Belles won't relinquish their title easily.

With the late withdrawal of a couple of teams from Malaysia in the vet's division, the tournament will now be a one-day event played out on Saturday. At Suthep stadium on Sunday, there will be a rugby camp in conjunction with the [Lanna Rugby Club's](#) Youth development program. Teams are invited to send interested coaches and/or players, to get involved from 10:00am.

Jean Luc is the referee's manager, and his team of officials will be keeping order on the pitch and creating mayhem, off it!

The [Bangkok Chiang Mai Hospital](#) will provide medical services during the weekend

All the action will be live streamed on www.youtube.com/@11sRugby

Team profiles & update can be found on the following socials

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MEN'S OPEN DIVISION

MEN'S OPEN GROUP A								
TEAM	GP	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	PTS
Lanna Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova RUFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maefah Luang Rugby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangkok Bangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWU Rugby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEN'S OPEN GROUP B								
TEAM	GP	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	PTS
CNX Cobras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangkok Southerners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanoi Dragons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manila Barbarians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thonburi Uni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WOMEN'S OPEN DIVISION

LADIES DIVISION ROUND ROBIN								
TEAM	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	PTS
Bangkok Bangers Belles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangkok Southerners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lanna Lionesses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnam Barbarians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEN'S VET'S DIVISION

MEN'S VET'S ROUND ROBIN								
TEAM	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	PTS
Chiang Mai Cobras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bangkok Southerners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lanna Golden Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



2025 DRAGON COURIERS CNX INTERNATIONAL RUGBY 11's



No	Time	Group	Team	V	Team	Score	
1	08:00:00	Vets 1	Bangkok Southerners	V	Lanna Golden Lions		
2	08:12:00	Men A 1	Nova RUFC	V	Maefah Lung Rugby		
3	08:24:00	Men A 1	Bangkok Bangers	V	Lanna Lions		
4	08:36:00	Men B 1	CNX Cobras	V	Manila Barbarians		
5	08:48:00	Men B 1	Hanoi Dragons	V	Bangkok Southerners		
6	09:00:00	Lady's 1	Lanna Lionesses	V	Southerners Ladies		
7	09:12:00	Lady's 1	Bangers Belles	V	Vietnam Barbarians		
8	09:24:00	Vets 2	Bangkok Southerners	V	CNX Cobras		
9	09:36:00	Men A 2	Lanna Lions	V	Maefah Lung Rugby		
10	09:48:00	Men A 2	Bangkok Bangers	V	SWU		
11	10:00:00	Men B 2	Thonburi Uni	V	Manila Barbarians		
12	10:12:00	Men B 2	CNX Cobras	V	Hanoi Dragons		
13	10:24:00	Lady's 2	Southerners Ladies	V	Bangers Belles		
14	10:36:00	Lady's 2	Vietnam Barbarians	V	Lanna Lionesses		
15	10:48:00	Vets 3	Lanna Golden Lions	V	CNX Cobras		
16	11:00:00	Men A 3	Maefah Lung Rugby	V	SWU		
17	11:12:00	Men A 3	Lanna Lions	V	Nova RUFC		
18	11:24:00	Men B 3	Thonburi Uni	V	Hanoi Dragons		
19	11:36:00	Men B 3	CNX Cobras	V	Bangkok Southerners		
20	11:48:00	Lady's 3	Bangkok Southerners	V	Vietnam Barbarians		
21	12:00:00	Lady's 3	Lanna Lionesses	V	Bangers Belles		
22	12:12:00	Vets 4	Lanna Golden Lions	V	Bangkok Southerners		
23	12:24:00	Men A 4	Maefah Lung Rugby	V	Bangkok Bangers		
24	12:36:00	Men A 4	SWU	V	NOVA RUFC		
25	12:48:00	Men B 4	Thonburi Uni	V	Bangkok Southerners		
26	13:00:00	Men B 4	Hanoi Dragons	V	Manila Barbarians		
27	13:12:00	Lady's S/F	1	V	4		
28	13:24:00	Lady's S/F	2	V	3		
29	13:36:00	Vets 5	Bangkok Southerners	V	CNX Cobras		
30	13:48:00	Men A 5	NOVA RUFC	V	Bangkok Bangers		
31	14:00:00	Men A 5	SWU	V	Lanna Lions		
32	14:12:00	Men B 5	Thonburi Uni	V	CNX Cobras		
33	14:24:00	Men B 5	Bangkok Southerners	V	Manila Barbarians		
34	14:36:00	Vets 6	CNX Cobras	V	Lanna Golden Lions		
35	14:48:00	Womens Plate Final	Losser 27	V	Losser 28		
36	15:00:00	Mens Egg Cup Final	Group A 5	V	Group B 5		
37	15:12:00	Mens Shield Final	Group A 4	V	Group B 4		
38	15:24:00	Mens Bowl Final	Group A 3	V	Group B 3		
39	15:36:00	Mens Plate Final	Group A 2	V	Group B 2		
40	15:48:00	Mens Vets Final	1st Place	V	2nd Place		
41	16:00:00	Womens Cup Final	Winner 27	V	Winner 28		
42	16:30:00	Mens Cup Final	Group A 1	V	Group B 1		

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Men's

2022 – Hanoi Dragons
2023 – Bangkok Southerners
2024 – Gordon RFC

Women's

2022 – Bangkok Southerners
2023 – Bangkok Southerners
2024 – Bangers Belles

Vet's

2022 – Colombo Synergy All Stars
2023 – Bangkok Bangers Vets
2024 – CNX Cobras



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LADIES DIVISION

BANGKOK SOUTHERNERS WOMEN



The Southerners Women's Rugby Team is a dynamic and diverse group of women brought together by a shared passion for the game — and a healthy dose of team spirit on and off the pitch.

Based in the heart of Bangkok, our team is a proud mix of Thai and international players from all walks of life. Some of us grew up with a rugby ball in hand, while others picked up the sport a little later — sometimes by accident, sometimes on a dare, and sometimes out of pure curiosity. But what unites us all is a strong sense of community, commitment, and fun.

Whether it's training under the Bangkok sun, battling it out on game day, or sharing laughs over post-match beers, we've built a team culture that's both competitive and welcoming. It's a place where every player — no matter their skill level, background, or language — is supported, celebrated, and pushed to grow both on and off the field.

We pride ourselves on being more than just teammates — we're a tight-knit crew of women who show up for each other, whether it's at the ruck or in real life. From early morning practices to late-night socials, we believe rugby is just as much about heart as it is about hustle.

We compete in local leagues and regional tournaments across Thailand and Southeast Asia, proudly representing the Southerners tradition of passion, respect, and relentless energy. And while we love to win, we're just as proud of the bonds we build along the way.

VIETNAM BARBARIANS



LADIES DIVISION

BANGKOK BANGERS BELLES



The Bangkok Banger Belles are thrilled to return to the Chiang Mai 11s! This tournament is one of our favorites, and we're so excited to be back on the pitch. After taking home the win last year, we're eager to keep up the momentum! But more importantly, we're here to support local tournaments and help grow the game of rugby across Thailand.

Over the past year, our club has worked hard to train, compete, and represent the Belles all across Southeast Asia. What makes us special is our tight-knit community. We're a group that trains hard, travels often, and celebrates every moment together, both on and off the field. The spirit of the Belles is about more than just rugby; it's about friendship, resilience, and spreading our love for the sport wherever we go.

We have incredible memories of playing in Chiang Mai and can't wait to make even more. We're looking forward to showcasing our strengths, cheering on our fellow women's teams, and continuing to grow our club and the wider rugby community.

LANNA LIONESSES



Lanna Rugby Club is an inclusive rugby club which has a Men's, Women's, Youth and over 35s program. A lot of their work they do is to support disadvantaged young people in Northern Thailand in conjunction with the Kids Ark and Baan Dek Foundations. The club has the core values of Family, United with No one left behind which is why we always want to have FUN. The club is always happy to support local rugby and were really pleased to see the number of new Thai teams joining this year.

The Lanna Lionesses are eager to compete in this year's Chiang Mai International 11s having won the Plate in the last two seasons. The Lionesses have competed in the Lioness 7s and Chiang Mai International 7s as preparation and to help integrate new players into the team. Last month, they walked away as champions at the All Thailand 10s, building on their maiden win in the Hanoi 10s in March. The Lionesses are excited to play against their friends at both the Bangkok teams and against our SEA sisters from Vietnam.



VETS DIVISION

BANGKOK SOUTHERNERS VETS



Southerners' vets' first entry to the Chiangmai 10s. Been waiting for this moment for 35 years, 50 years for some, so expecting massive things. Maximum pressure on everyone else, minimum pressure on our players who will be lucky to make it 'til half time.

**IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, XAV RECKONS HE'S GONNA FINISH TOP TRY SCORER
SO WE SHOULD BE FINE.**

CHIANG MAI COBRAS VETS



After winning the Vets Cup final last year, the Chiang Mai Cobras will be looking to defend the trophy again this time around. With a reduced vets division, they will be coming up against a couple of tough teams, eager to take it away.

With some players having relocated, retired, or finally found some common sense and at long last hung up those boots, a depleted Cobras bunch will give it large on the pitch and won't be giving up the defence of the trophy easily. Which ever way it goes, the Chiang Mai Cobras, young & old are looking forward to welcoming old friends back to Chiang Mai and making new friends along the way.



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MEN'S OPEN

GROUP A

MAE FAH LUANG RUGBY CLUB



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Mae Fah Luang Rugby Club was founded by many seniors who gathered together to exercise force but still according to the rules. This lovely sport in Thailand is not yet very widespread. It is considered a sport that trains endurance both physically and mentally.

Being under the mood of an opponent is considered a mental test of whether an athlete can control themselves or not. In the early days of the club, there were many achievements in the North, but for various reasons, the club had to close down until they could reopen last year. I want everyone who dreams or loves sports & those who get tired of the same sport to come and try new things at our club.

LANNA LIONS



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The Lanna Lions have had a good season so far, coming runners up in the Chiang Mai International 7s, the North TRU Division 2 XV's, the North TRU 7s whilst competing in the National Thai Rugby Union 7s last month. Having got the monkey off their back by winning the Chiang Rai 7s they are looking to carry the momentum into the Chiang Mai International 11s. With a mixture of local Thai talent and expat players, you'll see rugby being played with a smile on our face.

MEN'S OPEN

GROUP A

BANGKOK BANGERS



Chiang Mai has long been a favored hunting ground of the Bangkok Bangers, and they are once again eager to make the long journey North in search of glory.

The season has started well for the team, with victory at the inaugural Hua Hin 10s in September and a winning streak in 10s games against local opposition hosted by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club over the past few months.

Having fallen agonizingly short of securing the Plate in Chiang Mai last year against an impressive team from Gordon, Australia, the Bangers will be keen to go one, or perhaps even two, better this year.

As a proudly social club, the Bangers' battleplan is always the same. Go hard off the pitch. Arrive at the pitch late in a horrible state. Play some shockingly good rugby on the pitch. Rinse, repeat, regret nothing.

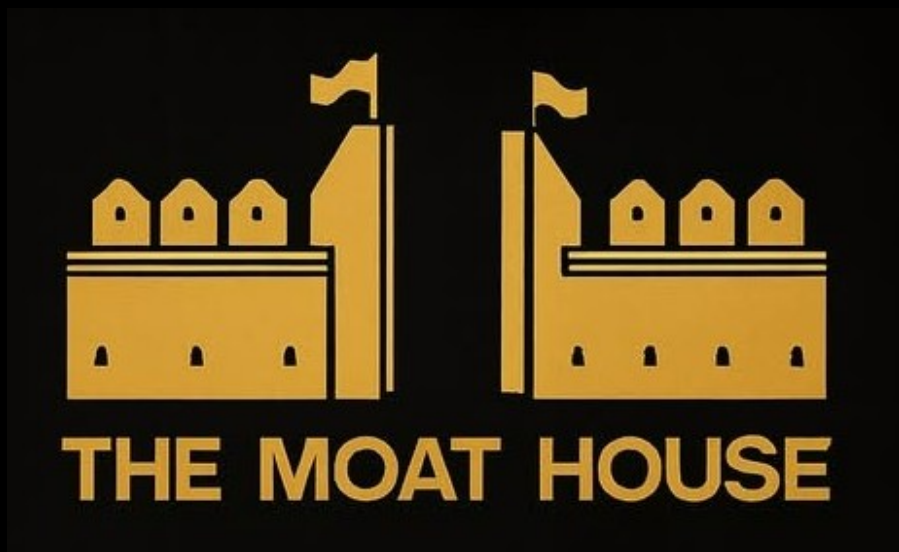
NOVA RFUC



NOVA RFUC was formed in 2011 by a group of established players that wanted to engage with an audience that was not captured in the Port Moresby rugby fraternity. Since its inception, the club has gone on to produce some of the best players the country has showcased across the world. The club believes in success on and off the field with some of their former players now holding prominent positions in the Private, Corporate, and Government sectors.

Currently, the club is in a rebuilding phase with some of the older hands coming back as coaches and mentoring the current senior crop. The touring team that will be participating are all NOVA RFUC juniors who now carry on the legacy that was left behind; the average age for the touring party is 24 years. They have shown commitment and dedication throughout the past 5 years during what was a testing time for the club. Participation in the tournament will be a reward for the hard work put in by the individuals.

We look forward to competing and hopefully add further value to what is a prestigious event.



FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

TEAM REGISTRATION FROM 7PM

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

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MEN'S OPEN

GROUP A

SRINAKHARINWIROT UNIVERSITY



The SWU Rugby Team is built on the spirit of courage, unity, and perseverance, a family bound by passion for the game and the will to grow stronger together. Founded by students who shared a dream to bring rugby into the heart of Srinakharinwirot University, the team has risen from humble beginnings through hard work, discipline, and brotherhood.

What makes SWU Rugby truly special is our team spirit. Every player, whether on or off the field, stands side by side, pushing each other to improve and never giving up, no matter the challenge. Under the guidance of dedicated coaches and alumni, SWU Rugby continues to develop physically, mentally, and technically, representing the true fighting spirit of SWU students. Resilient, Respectful, and Relentless.

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MEN'S OPEN

GROUP B

CHIANG MAI COBRAS



The Cobras are looking forward to doing battle against old friends and new foes alike. After a season that has featured many highs and a few lows, we welcome back Jack McPherson to the team. With a youthful and highly motivated team and old Cobras flying in for the occasion, the lads are going to enjoy the day whatever happens. One thing is for sure; the Cobras will give 100% on the pitch & 110% off it!! Welcome to Chiang Mai, one and all & have a successful weekend.

MEN'S OPEN

GROUP B

BANGKOK SOUTHERNERS



The Southerners Rugby team return to the north as the capstone to an excellent 2025, looking to finish the year on a high at the Chiang Mai 11s, where the club has always performed strongly

Having clinched silverware in Pattaya, Ladkrabang, TRU XVs, Nawamin and Kuala Lumpur in the past 12 months, the Southerners will endeavor to emulate their 2023 performance and produce another cup win at this iteration of the tournament.

With a vintage kit makeover as an ode to our roots, the team arrives in Chiang Mai with renewed hunger to storm the pitch by day and flood the streets at night, armed with their freshest fancy dress and the best banter, fully equipped for what promises to be a terrific tour. Boasting a strong squad of eager tourists, the boys are all set to make this the most memorable start to the holiday season. Watch this space!

HANOI DRAGONS



***The Hanoi Dragons rugby club are fired up
for another run at the Chiang Mai 11s!***

After securing silverware last year and always up for performing on the karaoke, the Dragons are hungry for another big performance on and off the field. Fresh off competing in our first National 7s League in the North, the squad is feeling fitter than ever — with a wave of new players ready to make their mark and bring the heat to Thailand.

We always love making the trip down to Chiang Mai and have a long-standing, great relationship with the Chiang Mai Cobras making this tournament one of our favourite events of the year.

MEN'S OPEN

GROUP B

MANILA BARBARIANS



When it was evident that some of our guys from the mighty Manila Nomads have questionable priorities by not joining this tour, we bit the bullet and welcomed our rival brethren from the Eagles RFC. While we come from two different Manila-based squads, we are bound together by our shared goals and interest—which is to prove how awesome a touring squad from the PH Rugby community can be, and to test out our livers (and patience with each other) during the span of the weekend.

We can confidently say that we are up there in terms of vibes and electrolytes; with regards to our skills, well, we'll just leave it out there on the field. We got nothing to lose and everything to booze, if that makes sense. So, when the going gets tough, you make a barbarian's team. We are tougher together.

THONBURI UNIVERSITY



Making their debut appearance at the Chiang Mai 11s, Thonburi University (TRU) brings youthful energy and unwavering determination to the North. The runners-up in both Division 1 and Division 2 of the Thailand University XVs, as well as silver medallists in the University 7s Division 1, TRU have quickly established themselves as one of the strongest and most promising university rugby programs in the country.

Composed of passionate young athletes, the team embodies the spirit of commitment and continuous growth — stepping into their first-ever international tournament with the goal of gaining invaluable experience to elevate their game even further. Expect intensity, heart, and the unmistakable fire of youth as Thonburi University takes the field for their first international challenge at the Chiang Mai 11s. Watch this space — the future is bright for TRU Rugby.





Hello Ruggers!!! สวัสดี

Welcome to the 2025 Dragon Courier Chiangmai 11s!!! ยินดีต้อนรับ

We are very honoured to have all the teams coming to participate in our humble 11s tournament. We are also blessed to be able to play in this religiously cultural historical city again.

As the game has players, the game has referees. The person in the middle who blows his whistle telling you what's incorrect or what's allowed/disallowed. This time round, we have an integration of both local and international referees. With TRU's officials and some of the highly experienced referees in the region, we plan to provide continuous playable time where permissible. So, concentrate on the playing and we will focus on the law management.

With that said, we are humans too. Come by and say hi, and you be surprised we are very nice bunch of lads.

Let's have a good time and enjoy the tournament and festivities in this beautiful city.

Kia harikoa me ta waimarie - Have Fun & Best of Luck

Yours in Rugby

JL

11s Rugby Officials Manager





REFEREE'S EXPECTATIONS

1) Strict adherence to the Laws of the Games as prescribed by World Rugby

2) Yellow/Red Cards

- This will and shall be given out for foul play and repeated individual/team infringements
- For high tackle, we will deal with it as how the Referee sees it. Mitigating factors will be taken into consideration by the Referee officiating the match.
- Red Card suspension is prescribed in the Tournament Guidelines and/or at the discretion of the Main Committee of the Tournament

3) Time & Score

- Referees will keep time and score.
- Running time will be the rule and stopped only if there is a severe injury. This will be done at the next stoppage of play. ie Scrum, Lineout, Free Kick or Penalty. This will be at the discretion of the Referee officiating
- Referees will not stop play unless the injured/fallen player is in the way of the play.
- Doctor and Medics will attend to the same.
- Conversions kicks must be kicked within 30 seconds from the Try was awarded
- Penalty kicks must be kicked within 30 seconds from the time the Team indicated their intention to do so.
- A Restart kick must be taken within 30 seconds from the time of conversion has been taken or declined and/or from the time a penalty goal or dropped kick is kicked.

4) Zero Tolerance to Abuse & Foul Play

- No Excuses
- No Reasons
- No Arguments
- Abuse of any Match Official will be an immediate expulsion of the said individual from the tournament

5) Decision making:

- the Referee
- i) may consult the Assistant Referee about any matters relating to foul play
- ii) may alter his decision if he made such a consultation
- iii) has the power to stop play at any time

6) The Referee is the sole judge of fact and of law during the match and his decision is final

Jean-Luc Schultz

11s Rugby Co Ltd Officials Manager

Chiangmai Rugby 11s 2025

SAM TOOLEY

RUGBY PLAYER & HEAVYWEIGHT MUAY THAI BOXER



Since landing in Thailand back in April, Alongside Muay Thai, I've been playing rugby for the Chiang Mai Cobras since I arrived, and that team has become a massive part of my life.

I've played in the Phuket International Rugby11s and Pattaya 10s with them, and even picked up an AC joint injury in Phuket fighting for the boys — but I still kept training and pushing forward because this is what I'm here for.

Next weekend I'll be running out again for Chiang Mai in the Dragon Courier Chiang Mai Rugby 11s, and I'm hoping to follow the Cobras around the country in the future as we take on tournaments down south and everywhere else,

I've been fully locked into this journey — training and fighting Muay Thai full-time in Chiang Mai while building a proper life out here. I'm currently 2–0 with two first-round knockouts, and recently I've been offered the chance to train with the head trainer at Buakaw's gym in Koh Samui — a former Southern Thai champion with over 380 fights — which means world-class training, better fight money, and a real shot at pushing this as far as I can. But living and training full-time in Thailand isn't easy — constant gym fees, food, gear, travel, injuries, everything adds up when you're giving your life to this.

So, this GoFundMe is mainly for the people back home in England, the ones sat at work with nothing better to do than sling me a bit of dub and help push this crazy journey further.

Any support genuinely helps keep me fighting, improving, travelling with the Cobras, and building something real out here.

Thank you for even reading this, and if you do support me, just know it means more than I can ever put into words.



If you are interested in following Sam's journey or would like to support him in any way shape or form contact Sam on the details below.

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