

**Imperial College Union Women's Rugby Football Club  
Summer Tour Application 2014**

**Background:** Due to an unfortunate lack of communication, both the Tour secretary and President thought the other individual had submitted a tour application after discussing it at a committee meeting. We ask that the Clubs, Societies & Projects Board could consider this along with the other applications to have a chance of securing some funding to make this tour cheaper to its members.

**Aims & Objectives:**

To promote the practice and playing of rugby union in all of its forms

To encourage the development of club members as players, referees, coaches and as individuals

To provide an environment where members can interact and socialise both on the field and off

To promote women's rugby as a sport

**Purpose of Tour:** This summer we have entered into a sevens competition in Newquay. We have been before but it is the only competition held on a weekend when enough ICUWRFC members are free to take part as it is after Summer term ends. Other competitions we have looked at entering include Middlesex 7s (4<sup>th</sup> May, we entered then couldn't field a team due to exams), Bournemouth 7s (23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May), Brighton 7s (7-8<sup>th</sup> June) and Find Rugby Now 7s (26<sup>th</sup> July) which were all not suitable due to members having exams or not being here. Summer 7s tour gives members to try a new type of rugby as the majority of what we play is 15s which is a completely different game. A couple of our older more experienced girls coach the squad in the time leading up to the competition and it gives them the opportunity to be more creative and motivate a squad away from our home ground. Another benefit about Newquay is the variety of clubs we get to play. Few of them are University teams so the average age and experience of the teams we play is very different. Last season we only lost one game whilst playing in London and Newquay 7s challenged us to improve against some really competitive sides whilst representing Imperial College far from London.

**Planned Activities:** We will arrive on the Friday evening and work together to erect tents to sleep in and prepare a team meal. On Saturday, we register by 9am and the games start early. They are played in pools and around 5 will be played before 14.00 against different teams. After this there are 2 more games and the final is held at 17.00. In the evening, the organizers put on a social event which is a great opportunity to talk to other players from outside of London. This has been very successful in the past resulting in 4 of our players making contacts with London Wasps and going on to play for them in Championship and Premiership games which is a fantastic achievement. On Sunday there are no women's tournaments but we will watch the men's and usually go to the beach in the afternoon to play beach 7s which provides even more challenges. We will then pack our things and return to London in the evening.

**Dates:** June 27<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>

**Students:** 15

**Others:** 0