

Ghana Rugby Reaches Out To Players In The Diaspora

GRFU is reaching out to Ghanaian Rugby players iabout participation in national tournaments and events.

ACCRA, GREATER ACCRA, GHANA, August 26, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Ghana Rugby Football Union ([GRFU](#)) has announced that it is reaching out to Ghanaian Rugby players in the Diaspora to contact Ghana Rugby to discuss possible participation in national tournaments and events.

In a statement issued by the GRFU the President, Mr. Herbert Mensah, said it was indeed sad to hear that Ghana Rugby did not send a team to the recent Commonwealth Games despite an explicit invitation by the Ghana Olympic Committee (GOC) to do so.

“The negligence of the GRFU to send a Ghana Rugby team to the Commonwealth Games can only be described as a showing of immense disrespect to Ghana and to all those who have selflessly dedicated eleven years of their lives to try and develop Ghana Rugby. It is disgraceful,” Mr. Mensah said.

According to Mr. Mensah the criteria that preceded the decision to not send a team should not have been based on the perception of one person that Ghana does not have a team that can compete effectively.

He continued to say, “Ghana Rugby had eleven years to build a national team and we as new Board were presented with a blank sheet. The world have seen excellent Ghanaian Rugby players such as Paul Sackey (England) and Raymond Rhule (South Africa) and that is probably the tip of an iceberg.”

“One only has to look at the composition of the Ghana Black Stars and all other national football teams to see that most national teams are made up of players in the Diaspora. Even the Springboks from South who is ranked second in the world by the IRB (International Rugby Board) today makes intensive use of South Africans playing in far off places such as Japan, France and England,” Mr. Mensah said.

The new GRFU Board has therefore formed a project team tasked to reach out to Ghanaian Rugby players abroad and to compile a database of those players in order to engage in discussions about possible participation in international tournaments and events.

Ghanaian Rugby players abroad are therefore invited to register on the Ghana Rugby website – www.ghanarugby.org – under the section GHANA RUGBY – GHANA RUGBY PLAYERS ABROUD.

“We will leave no stone unturned until we know exactly what the assets are of Ghana Rugby globally,” Mr. Mensah said.

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