

Declaration statement (English)

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After the Rugby World Cup, which spread the value of the sport throughout Japan, Japanese player Goromuaru declared that “There are no heroes in rugby.”

I don't think that is true however, because Goromaru happens to be my hero. But he's not the only one; all 15 players who were on the field that day were heroes to me.

World Rugby presents the following 5 values.

“Integrity” – to always be fair and sincere

“Passion” – to have drive for every game

“Solidarity” – to be unified regardless of nationality or race

“Discipline” – to observe the rules in all moments

“Respect” – to have regard for all people

In the sport of rugby, all 15 players come together as people and make decisions based on the rules, believe in each other as teammates, and thank all those who support them as they make their way to victory.

We, as members of the top league, also treasure rugby's values, and want to embody them in our daily actions and in our games.

There may be people who think “I don't get the rules” or “I'm only kind of a fan,” but rugby can be enjoyed by all, because everyone can see that each player is proud to play the sport, and that they tackle one another with courage.

The top league is composed of members of Japan's national team, as well as some of the world's finest foreign players. The proximity to great players is a characteristic of rugby, and we hope you come see the best of rugby in Japan. We promise we will play to our fullest for our teammates, staff, fans, and all those who love or will come to love rugby in the future.

We will be waiting on the field.

Thank you.