



**WESTS
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Western Districts Combined Rugby

History

For many years player registrations in teenage teams has decreased. There are several reasons for this decrease and may include:

- a) players will focus on one sport only
- b) players have many other school commitments (sport and academic)
- c) players will select school rugby over club rugby

In March of every year Clubs would consider the amount of players registered and find that there were not enough players to form a team(s) or there were too many players for one team. Like all clubs Wests and Kenmore would seek out other clubs in the hope to create a “merged” team with other clubs. This meant trying to find any club in all of Brisbane to create a merged team. Needless to say it need not work for a number of reasons, and so Wests and Kenmore created a partnership that would give certainty in having viable teenage teams.

Benefits

In creating this partnership (Western Districts Combined Rugby) there were many other benefits, these include:

- a) Increasing participation and providing certainty of team numbers
- b) Giving players the opportunity to play at their most suited skill level
- c) Providing better player position balance within teams
- d) Providing better coaching by utilising both Club’s resources
- e) Creating a pathway for players that do not play school rugby
- f) Providing a secure pathway to Wests Colts rugby and beyond school rugby in a Premier club

Both clubs are committed to having a significant focus on player enjoyment with new friendships as they mature on the pathway to colts. Additionally WDCR will target improving player skills, and game knowledge with the assistance of Level 3 coaches. Our Academy will also provide an opportunity for Emerging Elite Players to progress their development towards a possible professional career.

Age Eligibility

Age group is determined according to the age of the player in a calendar year. For instance, if a player turns 14 in 2018, he/she will be deemed an Under 14 player. Players may play up one year only, that is, an Under 14 player can play in the Under 15 competition. There are no other exceptions.

Volunteering

All teams must provide a Coach, a Manager and a Field Marshall. All Coaches must be accredited and obtain a Blue Card. There are many Courses available for Accreditation. The Club will assist you with registering for a course. Junior sport cannot operate without our army of volunteers, so we ask you to help the kids and the Club where ever you can. Volunteering is both enjoyable and rewarding. Please help by emailing info@westsbulldogsrugby.com.au

Registration & Payments

All returning players should register with their club from last year. That is if you were an under 13 Wests player last year, you should register with Wests, if you were a under 13 Kenmore player you should register with Kenmore. If you are a new player please register at Wests or Kenmore.

All Junior registrations are now done 100% on-line and payments are via credit/debit card only. On-line registration will be available in January 2018. Go to our clubs web-page for details on how to register. Registration Fees for Juniors are:

Under 14 - \$335.

Under 15, 16, 17 play half seasons - \$190 per season.

Training Times– Changed for 2018

Under 14, 15 will be training on Wednesday at Kenmore from 6pm. U16, U17 will train at Wests. Times may vary depending on coach and field availability.

Uniform and Merchandise

- The jersey will be the Green & Gold Harlequins style jersey. All jerseys are the responsibility of each team Manager. All U14 to U17 jerseys MUST NOT be given to players and must be returned at the end of the season.
- Players can wear their club shorts and socks (Kenmore black or Wests green), They are on sale at the Clubs
- All players are to wear a mouth guard
- Headgear (if worn) must bear the "IRB Approval" label. (Headgear is available at the Club for sale)

GAME and TEAM INFORMATION (Game times can change each week)

Day	Age	Start Time	Each Half	Half Time	Ball Size	Number Players on Field	Maximum Players per Team
Sunday	Under 14	12.20 pm	25	5	5	15	23
	Under 15	1.20 pm	25	5	5	15	23
	Under 16	2.20 pm	30	5	5	15	23
	Under 17	3.40 pm	30	5	5	15	23

- Players should arrive at least 30 minutes before the game start time
- Under 14 - 15 Grading/ Trial Games: Starting date 11/3/18 (To be confirmed)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our clubs have a zero tolerance to poor sideline behaviour from parents. All players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians, spectators or any other Club affiliate is bound by the Code of Conduct, and shall not at anytime act in a manner detrimental towards the game or spirit of Rugby Union. Penalties apply for anyone breaking these rules. See Section 3.3 of the BJRU rules on their website.

WET WEATHER If it is raining or there has been substantial rain, go to our Facebook and Twitter for the latest information on training and/or games.

CLUB POLICIES

Parents and Guardians should read and understand our Club Philosophy and Policies. Please see our clubs website.