

2026 JUNIOR RUGBY GRADE WEIGHT/AGE CHART

The age of Junior players is taken from the 1st of April in the current year.



Non-Contact Rugby

Primary Determinant	Secondary Determinant								
School Year	Age on 1 April	Date of Birth Range (Birthday falls between)		Grade Name	Grade Info	Team Size	Field Size	Day Played	Min Volunteer
Year 1	5	Any	1/04/2021	U6 Rippa	Mixed	7 a-side	1/4 Field	Saturday	2
Year 2	6	2/04/2019	1/04/2020	U7 Rippa	Mixed	7 a-side	1/4 Field	Saturday	2
Year 3 or 4	7 or 8	2/04/2017	1/04/2019	U9 Rippa	Mixed	7 a-side	Adjusted 1/2 Field	Friday Night	2
		2/04/2017	1/04/2019	U9 Girls Rippa	Girls Only			Saturday	2
Year 5 or 6	9 or 10	2/04/2015	1/04/2017	U11 Rippa	Mixed	7 a-side	1/2 Field	Saturday	2
		2/04/2015	1/04/2017	U11 Girls Rippa	Girls Only				2
Transition from RIPPAs to RIP Rugby - Introduction to Set Piece and Kicking									
Year 7 or 8	11 or 12	2/04/2013	1/04/2014	U13 Boys Rip	Boys Only	7 a side	1/2 Field	Friday Night	2
		2/04/2013	1/04/2014	U13 Girls Rip	Girls Only			Saturday	2
Year 9 or 10	13 or 14	2/04/2011	1/04/2013	U15 Boys Rip	Boys Only	7 a side	1/2 Field	Friday Night	2
		2/04/2011	1/04/2013	U15 Girls Rip	Girls Only				2
Year 11 or 12	15 or 16	2/04/2009	1/04/2011	U17 Girls Rip	Girls Only	7 a side	1/2 Field	Friday Night	2

NOTES:

1. The child's year at school should be used as the primary determinant for team allocation. The child's age as of April 1 should be used as the secondary determinant.
2. Players who weigh over the maximum weight for any grade must move to a weight-appropriate grade.
3. Please plan for growth during the season and put players in the correct weight grade/team to reduce disruption during the year.
4. A Volunteer can be classified as an Accredited Coach, Manager or Associate Referee.

Contact Rugby

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School Year	Age on 1 April	Date of Birth Range (Birthday falls between)		Grade Name	Start of Season Weight	Team Size	Field Size	Day Played	Min. Volunteer
Year 3	7	2/04/2018	1/04/2019	U8 Open		7 a-side	1/4 Field	Saturday	2
				U8 Restricted	U28 kg				
Year 4	8	2/04/2017	1/04/2018	U9 Open		8 a-side	Adapted Half-field (35m x 60m)	Saturday	2
				U9 Restricted	U33 KG				
				U9 Open Girls					
Year 5	9	2/04/2016	1/04/2017	U10 Open		9 a-side	Adapted Half-field (35m x 60m)	Saturday	2
				U10 Restricted	U38 KG				
Year 6	10	2/04/2015	1/04/2016	U11 Open		10 a-side	Half-field (40m x 70m)	Saturday	3
				U11 Restricted	U42 KG				
				U11 Open Girls					
Year 7	11	2/04/2014	1/04/2015	U12 Open		15 a-side	Full Field	Saturday	3
				U12 Restricted	U52 KG				
Year 8	12	2/04/2013	1/04/2014	U13 Open		15 a-side	Full Field	Saturday	3
				U13 Capped	U77 KG				
				U13 Restricted	U57 KG				
				U13 Open Girls		13 a-side	Adapted Full Field (100m x 60m)	Friday Night	3
Year 9 or 10	13 or 14	2/04/2011	1/04/2013	U15 Open Girls		15 a-side	Full Field	Friday Night	3
Year 11 or 12	15 or 16	2/04/2009	1/04/2011	U17 Open Girls		15 a-side	Full Field	Friday Night	3