

Womens Advisory Meeting

February 2025

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Brighton: Simon Beasley

Burnside: Maggie O'Callaghan

Onkaparinga: Veronica Wah Day

Southern Suburbs: Sarah Batzavalis, Emma Yates

Referees: Irene Dinning,

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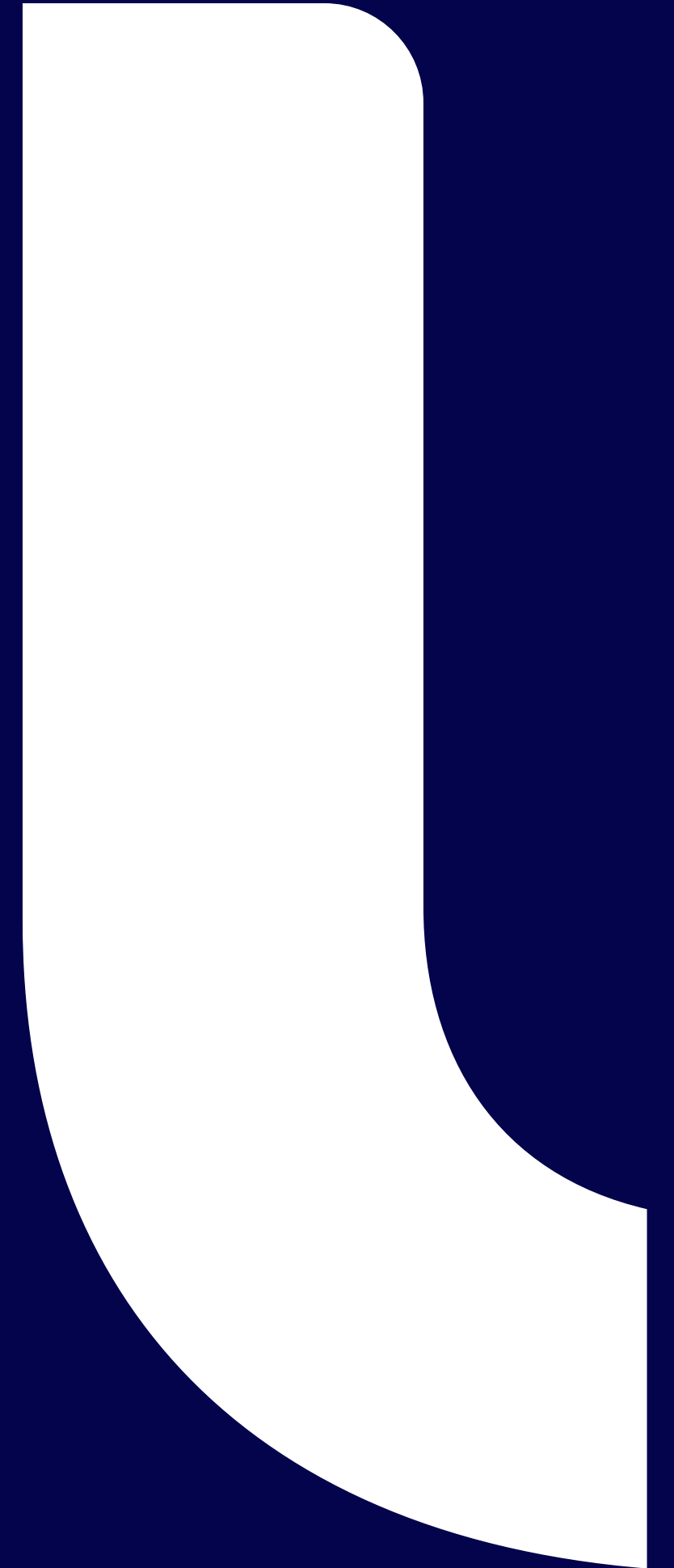
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Duty Of Care

National Alignment



What events are currently been coordinated through clubs?



Club-based academy, “social touch”, interstate/ internation tours, pre-season games, internal trials, training sessions, club v school fixture



Who is covered if something goes wrong?



Committee Members, Coaches, Managers, Volunteers Responsibilities

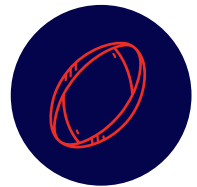


Rugby Australia minimum standards

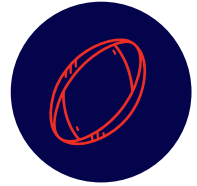


Youth Girls Competition

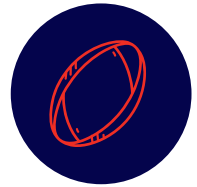
U14 and U17 Girls



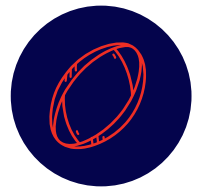
Participation: Rugby Australia's Pilot Program for 3-Year participation, with no dispensation



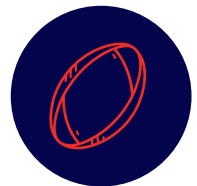
Club XVs Competition: Girls will have the option to play for their club on Saturdays as well as in the Youth Girls Competition on Sundays.



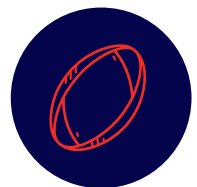
Where: Games played alongside Crippled Crows with the option to play both before or either side of Crippled Crows. This allows parents to also be involved with Crippled Crows. Rotated through all clubs.



Streaming: Aim to have 4 games streamed from central locations, highlighting girls' rugby as an option for South Australians



New Talent: Girls who are new will be directed to their closest club. U14s encouraged to join training with mixed gender coaches, U17s encouraged to buddy up with women's team at training only

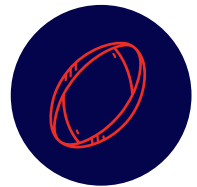


3-Year Plan: Two teams in each comp in year 1, three teams in year 2 and club based by year 3.

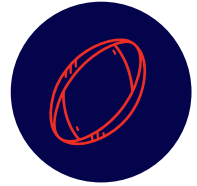


Women' 30th Anniversary

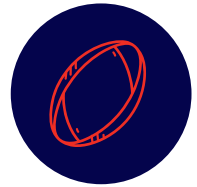
8th March, Old Collegians



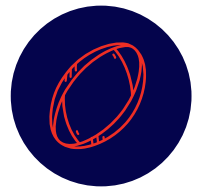
Participation: Youth Girls program launch, ladies Crippled Crows Exhibition Match, Pre-season Women's Competition



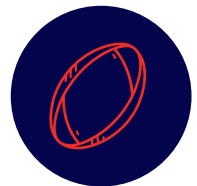
Club XVs Competition: Women will be registering to their club for the XVs season. An additional "Pre-Season" competition will be created.



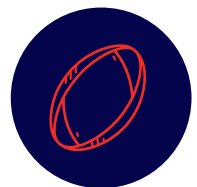
Cost: Season registrations to the club, as per normal Weekly fee removed for State and Association fees.



Match Day App: Will be used to record the game details, as per normal.



Festivities: VIP Minister for Sport & Kristy Giteau Female Co-President RA.



Team Nominations: Due by 19th of February for a draw to be completed.



30th Celebration Team Nominations

Adelaide University: Confirmed x1

Barossa: Not Confirmed x1

Brighton: Will need support from other clubs to fill. Weekly Registrations need to be opened.

Burnside: Confirmed x1

North Torrens:

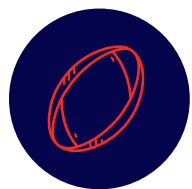
Old Collegians: Confirmed x1

Onkaparinga: Confirmed x1

Port Adelaide: Confirmed Co-Joined with Old Collegians.

Southern Suburbs: Confirmed x1

Woodville: Confirmed x1



Coaching Clinic: 6th March, Southern Suburbs with Michael Magriplis & Classic Wallabies/ Wallaroos

Pathways Programs

State Representative, Junior and Senior

Black Falcon Women: October 2025, Newcastle

U18 Girls: National Youth & Schools Championships, Sunshine Coast, 9th – 10th July

U16 Girls: National Youth & Schools Championships, Sunshine Coast, 9th – 10th July

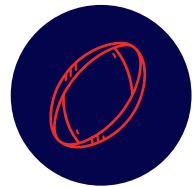
U14 Girls: Exploring options for games hosted in Adelaide

U12 boys and girls: Regional Gala day for boys and girls, 9th July. A number of participants will be selected for Western Force Academy.



Competition Draw

For Discussion



Clubs with merged teams:

Adelaide University – stand alone team

Barossa – stand alone team

Brighton – **will advise by the weekend as to who they are merging with**

Burnside – stand alone team

North Torrens –

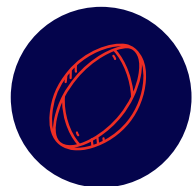
Old Collegians –

Onkaparinga – stand alone team

Port Adelaide – **will advise what is happening asap**

Southern Suburbs – stand alone team

Woodville – stand alone team



Policies and Procedures unique to the women's competition

Game On Rules – players turning up late and playing rugby with basic numbers and substitutes.

1. **Clarify the rules so that the teams are maximizing playing time rather than having a bench.**
2. **Need to make it clearer how the Game On rules work.**
3. **Communication between clubs around playing numbers for the weekend's games**
4. **What happens when there is an injury regarding playing numbers.**



Finals Venue Process:

Dates for Expression of Interest

- 1st April, closing 25th April

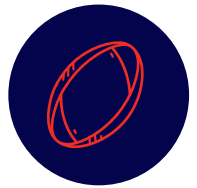
Meeting with decision makers

Communication with clubs and community

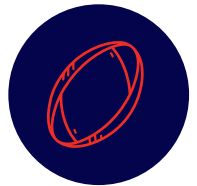
- 10th May

Competition Draw

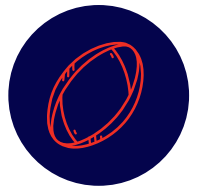
In Review



If girls are considering playing Womens Rugby, those aged 16 and 17 should register as 'Training Only', request a senior rugby dispensation through their portals, where Rob will come out and assess.

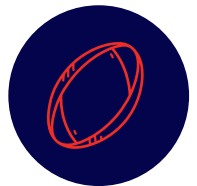


Surplus numbers of women at clubs would be very welcome to be borrowed at Brighton to help fill their playing numbers. Please reach out to Simon if you are able to support – simon_b999@hotmail.com

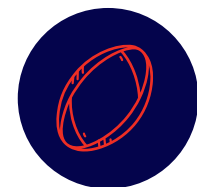


Competition draw – games to be matched up as best they can so they are playing alongside the men. If there are two teams on a bye, for games to be matched up to maximize playing time.

- Principle #1 is to play rugby and match up byes
- Principle #2 is to play alongside boys so that one team is with their club.



Player clearances – when there is a bye, do not want teams stacked with players from another club. Need to look at a capping of a number of players who do have a clearance put through. Incentivizing teams to have the minimum requirement of 11 players on the pitch to play Game On rules.



For finals – do not want a female refereeing the finals because it's the womens grade. Would like to have the best person to referee the finals regardless of gender.

Would like to have better standard, and more consistent standard of referees during the minor rounds.