

## Victorian Junior Regional Championship

Dear Players, Parents, Schools & Clubs,

Rugby Victoria is pleased to provide formal information regarding the upcoming **Victorian Junior Regional Championship (VJRC)** and the associated athlete pathway leading into the tournament.

The VJRC has been structured as a two-stage program to ensure both broad development opportunities and a high-quality championship experience for selected athletes.

### **Eligible Age Groups**

- **U15 Boys:** 2011, 2012
- **U16 Girls:** 2010, 2011, 2012
- **U18 Boys:** 2008, 2009, 2010
- **U18 Girls:** 2008, 2009

### **Stage 1 – Tournament Development Program**

The first phase of the VJRC will operate as a Development Program, designed to provide athletes with high-quality coaching, skill development, and exposure to regional rugby environments prior to selection. These trainings will be split into regions: Woorwoor, Treang, Waring and Beek.

#### **Training Dates (all sessions held at La Trobe University):**

- Sunday 15 March
- Sunday 22 March
- Sunday 29 March
- Saturday 4 April

#### **Cost to Participate in the Development Program: (Links on final page)**

- **U15 Boys, U16 Girls, U18 Girls:** \$145 (exc GST)
- **U18 Boys:** \$195 (exc GST)

This fee covers:

- Multiple coached training sessions
- Access to qualified coaches and support staff
- Venue hire and equipment
- Program planning and administration
- Athlete observation and selection processes

The Development Program allows a larger pool of participants to access quality coaching and preparation, while ensuring selection decisions are informed, fair, and based on observed performance over time rather than a single trial.

## Stage 2 – VJRC Tournament Squads

Following the Development Program, athletes will be selected into their respective Regional Tournament Squads: Woorwoor, Treang, Waring and Beek.

Only selected athletes will progress to Stage 2.

### Tournament Fee (selected athletes only):

- **\$95 per athlete (exc GST)**

This fee contributes to:

- Match-day operations and officiating
- Medical support
- Venue and field hire
- Team management and logistics
- Administration of the tournament and finals

### Tournament Match Dates:

- **Wednesday 8 April:** U18 Boys
- **Sunday 12 April:** All Grades
- **Wednesday 15 April:** U18 Boys
- **Sunday 19 April:** All Grades & Finals

## Why This Two-Stage, Two-Fee Structure?

This approach ensures:

- **Accessibility:** Athletes can participate in the Development Program without committing upfront to full tournament costs.
- **Quality & Fairness:** Selection is based on development, performance, and engagement across multiple sessions.
- **Cost Transparency:** Development and tournament costs are separated, so families only pay for the stages their athlete reaches.
- **Program Sustainability:** Fees directly support coaching quality, safe environments, and a professionally delivered championship.

Further information regarding session times and selection processes will be distributed shortly.

We encourage clubs and schools to share this information widely with eligible players and families.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Shop Link

<https://rvr.gnsportsclubs.com/>

## Registration Links – Closes 13<sup>th</sup> March\*

U15 BOYS: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/mt-choose-registration?name=Victorian Junior Regional Championship - U15 Boys>

U16 BOYS – (playing in U18s)\*: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/mt-choose-registration?name=Victorian Junior Regional Championship - U16 Boys>

U18 BOYS: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/mt-choose-registration?name=Victorian Junior Regional Championship - U18 Boys>

U16 GIRLS: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/mt-choose-registration?name=Victorian Junior Regional Championship - U16 Girls>

U18 GIRLS: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/mt-choose-registration?name=Victorian Junior Regional Championship - U18 Girls>