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1. SUMMARY AND KEY DATES

1.1 PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to set out the Operating Plan for Brisbane Junior Rugby Union (BJRU) in 2023. Once finalised this is the plan that BJRU will operate to in 2023. The BJRU Board will monitor performance against this plan and provide updates to Clubs and Districts on progress or any appropriate modifications during the year.

This document has been prepared by the 2022/2023 Board and Competition Administrators and reflects their desire to provide all participants in Brisbane Junior Club rugby with greater awareness of how their game will be managed in 2023.

In particular, the Board and Administrators have considered issues and concerns raised by Clubs and other participants in 2021/2 as well as the impact of Covid-19 and Floods on the 2022 season. This document provides BJRU's response to those concerns, including:

- Clarity of key dates
- Timely provision of draws
- Transparency and responsiveness when issues are raised
- Joint ventures and combined sides
- Size for Age and General Age Dispensations
- Growth and development of the game

1.2 COVID SAFE RETURN TO PLAY

BJRU will follow any guidelines as dictated by Federal, State, Local Government and Rugby Bodies.

All the latest information regarding Covid 19 requirements can be found at:

<https://qld.rugby/covid19>



1.3 KEY DATES

Refer to Appendix One (Calendar) for all key dates.

Date	Event	Competition/s
Dec-19 (2022)	Season Rollover to 2023 (Rugby X not available)	Rugby AU
Dec-20 (2022)	2023 Registrations can be opened by clubs	All Clubs
Jan-09	OFFICE REOPEN	BJRU STAFF
	BJRU Rep Team Management Positions CALLED	All Clubs and Officials
Jan-23	Rugby Xplorer REGISTRAR Training – 6pm @ Brothers Rugby Club	All Clubs
Jan-30	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 1 – 6pm @ Souths Rugby Union Club	All Coaches
Jan-31	Expression of Interest for Teams (Team indications)	Lightning Series
Feb-03	U6-u16 EOI for Teams and Host Venues	All Clubs
Feb-06	Team Nominations Due	Lightning Series u18s Boys
	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 2 – 6pm @ Souths Rugby Union Club	All Coaches
Feb-13	BJRU Rep Team Management Nominations DUE	All Clubs and Officials
Feb 19	Lightning Series U18 Boys Wk 1 @ Sunnybank (6 weeks)	Open to all clubs, regions, schools, independent teams (other sports etc)
Mar-03	U6-U16 Team Nominations Due	U6 – U18 Boys, Girls participant numbers - ALL Clubs
Mar-05	GEM Skills Development Wk 1 (4 weeks)	All female players aged 10 - 18
Mar-13	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 3 – 6pm @ Souths Rugby Union Club	All coaches
Mar-20	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 4 – 630pm @ TBA	All coaches
Mar-26	Girls XVs - Skills Session to determine Pos vs Prob @ Norths	Girls
Mar-27	Rugby Xplorer MANAGERS Training @ Brothers Rugby Club U6 – U12: 530pm-630pm u13-u18: 7pm – 8pm	All Managers
Apr-3	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 5 – 630pm @ TBA	All coaches
Apr-11	Jnr Colts Teams & Girls nominations due (Term 2)	All clubs
Apr-15-16	Girls XVs - Holiday Clinic (Venue TBC)	Girls
Apr-16	BJRU Dream Team Game u18s vs Gold Coast Merit Team u18 (Venue TBC)	U18 BJRU Dream Team selected from Lightning Series Term 1
Apr-22	Competition commencement U6 – U9 (14 Weeks)	All clubs
Apr-23	Skills Development Rd 1	U10 – U16
	Jnr Colts u18s Rd 1 TBC	U18 Boys
	GEM XV Series Rd 1 (11 Rnds + GF)	Girls
	Girls XVs - Pos vs Prob Game to determine final selections	Girls

May-1	U13, U14, u16 Round 1 Skills Development by Invitation (Club Nominate Best Players) (U13s - Sunnybank, U14s - GPS, U16s - Riverside)	U13, U14 & U16 Boys
May-7	Skills Development Rd 3 (Viewing for u13, u14, u16 for Rep Selection)	U10 – U16
May-14	Skills Development Rd 4 (Viewing for u12 for Regional Team Selection) @ Pine Rivers	U10 – U16
May-15	U12 Regional Teams Announcements; U13, U14 & U16 Round 2 (Rep Trials by Invitation) (U13s - Sunnybank, U14s - GPS, U16s - Riverside)	u12 Boys/Girls U13,U14,U16 Boys
May-21	Competition commencement (10 rounds)	U10-U16
May-22	U12 Regional Teams Training Wk 1 (5 Wks)	U12 Regional Teams
May-29	U13, U14, U16 Round 3 Final Team Announcements/Selections	U13, U14, U16
Jun-5	U13, U14, U16 Rep Training Wk 1 (4 Wks)	U13, U14, U16 Rep Teams
June 10 – 12	Victoria Girls U14 – U18 State Champs	BJRU Rep Girls U14, U16 & U18 XV-a-side
Jun-26	Team Nominations Due	Jnr Colts & Girls 7s
June 24 – 25	Simon Abubakar Carnival @ Albany Creek	U12
July 2 – 3	U12 Vending First Challenge Cup @ Sunnybank	U12 Rep Teams (Navy & Red)
July 4	Jnr Colts Teams & Girls 7s nominations due (Term 3)	All clubs
July 8 - 9	U13, U14, U16 Championship Comp Brisbane (Venue TBC)	U13, U14, U16 Boys
Jul-16	Girls 7s - Skills Session to determine Pos vs Prob	Girls
Jul-23	Girls 7s - Pos vs Prob game to determine teams	Girls
Jul-30	GEM XV Series GF	Girls
Aug-6	Girls 7s Rd 1 (5 Rounds + GF)	Girls
Aug 12 – 13	Round 10 – Final Round	U6 – U9, U10 – U16
Aug-19	U10/U11 Skills Development by Invitation (u10 @ Wynnum, U11 @ Redlands)	U10 - U11
Aug-20	Semi-finals (U13, U14s @ Norths, U15s, U16s, U18s @ Sunnybank)	U13 – U16
Aug-26	U10/U11 Regional Team Selections (u10 @ Wynnum, U11 @ Redlands)	U10 - U11
Aug-27	Preliminary Finals @ Norths	U13 – U16
Aug-28	U10/U11 Regional Team Announcements	U10 - U11
	Summer 7s EOIs run by Clubs	Open to all clubs, regions, schools, independent teams (other sports etc)
Sep-03	Grand Finals @ Albany Creek	U13 – U18 & Girls 7s
Sep-04	U10 Regional Team Training Wk 1 (3 Wks)	U10 Regional Teams
Sep-06	U11 Regional Team Training Wk 1 (3 Wks)	U10 Regional Teams
Sep-08	Summer 7s – Team Nominations Due	Open to all clubs, regions, schools, independent teams (other sports etc)
Sep-17	SJRU vs BJRU Rep Games U13, U14, U16 TBC	
Sept 22 – 23	Girls 7s State Championships @ Ballymore	U15 & U17
Sep 23 - 24	u10-u11 Development Carnival (u10 @ Wynnum and U11 @ Redlands)	U10 - U11
Sep 26 & 28	QLD City vs Country @ Ballymore U13, U14, U16 Boys and U14 and U16 Girls	U13, U14, U16 Boys and U14 and U16 Girls
Oct 6	Summer 7s / Touch Summer 7s run by Clubs through Rugby Events	Age dependent on Clubs
Nov-17	Final Rd competition Summer 7s TBC	Age dependent on Clubs
Dec-15	OFFICE CLOSED	BJRU STAFF
Dec-18	Season Rollover – 2024 Registrations can be opened by clubs	ALL CLUBS

2. COMPETITIONS

This section of the Operating Plan sets out the competitions that BJRU intends to run in 2023 and provides specifics about their operation.

2.1 JNR COLTS LIGHTNING SERIES U18s - XV's

The Jnr Colts Lightning Series XV's is a fifteen-a-side six (6) week competition run for boys under 18s. Run on a flexible timetable for Friday/Sunday nights. This competition will only be graded (if team nominations numbers require) and is open to all clubs and schools to enter teams. Please refer to Appendix 2 for age eligibility for each age group.

Matches are played in gala style single host venue each week. This is rotated amongst the clubs participating. Clubs are responsible for the venue management on the day they are hosting, whilst BJRU are responsible for competition management.

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. *Coaches and managers will be required to be smart rugby complaint and be registered and selected on the match day app.* Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw, score matches and maintain competition tables.

Key dates for the 2023 Jnr Colts Lightning Series XV's (Please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 20 December 2022: Registrations open on Xplorer for players and officials to sign up to a club.

TERM 1

- 6 February: Team nominations, Special Draw Requests and Ground Availability due
- 14 February: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer
- 19 February: Round 1 @ Sunnybank
- 26 February: Round 2 @ Albany Creek
- 5 March: Round 3 @ Redlands
- 12 March: Round 4 @ Wynnum
- 19 March: Round 5 @ Pine Rivers TBC
- 26 March: Grand Final @ Norths
- 27 March: Merit Team Announcement
- 16 April: Representative Junior Colts Game vs Gold Coast Merit Team

Player of Series – A Player of the Series will be selected through a system of 3 – 2 – 1 point being nominated each week by both the team management and opposition team management.

An Under 18 BJRU Dream team will be selected at completion of this 6- week Tournament. Selections will be convened and coordinated by Reds Academy staff and U18 coaches. Selected BJRU Dream team will have an introduction training session at the Reds Academy. BJRU Dream team will play the U18 Gold Coast Merit Team on the 16 April.

During 2022 Lightning Series competition Term 1 an unexpected number of teams saw the competition incorporate two double game rounds with reduced game length to accommodate the ability for all teams to play each other once. Dependent on team nominations for 2023, this may again be part of the competition structure.

Term 2 and Term 3 key dates will be communicated once we know how many teams are interested in Term 2 and Term 3 – we had 2 teams in 2022 in Term 2 and 4 teams in 2022 in Term 3 of which one withdrawn halfway through the competition.

2.3. GIRLS EMERGING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM / 12 A SIDE & XV's COMPETITION

During March, the BJRU will run an Emerging Development Program for female players aged between 10 and 18, to introduce and develop their rugby fundamentals to maximise their potential for playing

all versions of the game.

In 2022 BJRU saw the inaugural commencement of a 12-a-side competition for u12s and a XV-a-side competition (modified as required for Pathways) for u14, u16 and u18 Girls with great success. As an extension of the previous season, 2023 Competition will be open to all females aged between 10 and 17/18. This year will be eleven rounds plus final. The competition will run during April to July.

Like all girls' competitions in previous years, the Girls XVs competition will run in two-year windows. This year will see the introduction of odd, aged groups ie U17s, U15s, U13s with 12-a-side for U11s – if there is sufficient interest. The change to odd age groups is to include the opportunity for younger girls to join all girls' teams earlier, if they so choose and to retain girls in the older age groups. Please refer to Appendix 2 for age eligibility for each age group.

Girls Skills sessions

The coaching staff of the Reds Super W team will assist in delivering skills sessions to the junior girls. Sessions will be delivered over 4 weeks.

- Sunday 5 March 2023 @ Redlands 8am – 10am
- Sunday 12 March 2023 @ Wynnum 8am – 10am
- Sunday 19 March 2023 @ Pine Rivers 8am – 10am
- Sunday 26 March 2023 @ Norths 8am – 10am

XVs Competition

Provisionally BJRU intends to run the Girls XVs competition on Sunday mornings, consistent with the timing of 7s, so that girls can plan on regular Sunday afternoon rugby throughout the year. If school teams enter then it allows girls to continue to participate in their school Saturday sport competitions.

The format for this competition is intended to be a gala style single host venue each week. This is rotated amongst the clubs participating. Clubs are responsible for the venue management on the day they are hosting, whilst BJRU are responsible for competition management.

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. Coaches and Management must be registered and listed under Squad Management and hold a minimum smart rugby accreditation. Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw, score matches and maintain competition tables.

Key dates for the 2023 Girls XVs Competition (Please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 20 December 2022: Registrations open on Xplorer for players and officials to sign up.
- 26 Mar: Girls XVs – Skills Session to determine Possible vs Probable @ TBC
- 11 Apr: Team Nominations and Special Draw Requests Due
- 15-16 Apr: Girls XVs – Holiday Clinic @ TBC
- 18 Apr: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer
- 23 Apr: Round 1
- 23 Apr: Girls XVs Possible vs Probable to determine final selections @ TBC
- 30 Apr: Round 2
- 7 May: Round 3
- 14 May: Round 4
- 21 May: Round 5
- 28 May: Round 6
- 4 June: Round 7
- 10-12 June: Victoria State Championships (u14, u16, u18 Girls)
- 11 June: Round 8
- 18 June: Round 9
- 1 – 3 July: Rep Carnival TBC

- 16 July: Round 10
- 23 July: Round 11 (Semi-Finals)
- 30 July: Round 12 (Grand Finals)

2.4 SATURDAY 6 – 9s

For 2023, the format of the proposed 6 – 9 competitions will be regional home and away based depending on number of teams.

This competition will be based around regional groupings where possible and/or split subgroups playing against one another.

Proposed Groupings u6-u9 (might be changes depending on number of Teams and sibling alignment)

South Region

East (± 4 per age group)
 Browns Plains
 Logan City
 Southern Bay Cyclones
 Souths
 Sunnybank

East Region

Bulimba Riverside
 East (± 4 per age group)
 Redlands
 Wynnum

West Region

Forest Lake*
 Ipswich
 Kenmore
 Lions
 Springfield*
 UQ Jnr Bull Sharks
 Wests

North Region 1

Brothers
 Norths
 Everton Park
 Albany Creek
 GPS (± 4 Teams per age group)

North Region 2

Caboolture
 North Lakes
 Pine Rivers
 Redcliffe
 GPS (± 4 Teams per age group)

Provisional key dates for the Saturday 6 - 9 Competition (please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 20 December 2022: Registrations open on Xplorer for players and officials to sign up.
- 3 March: Team nominations due.
- 17 April: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer (subject to Government directives)
- 22 April: Round 1 (14 rounds)
- 12 August: Final Round

U6 – U9 is pathway rugby, no premierships will be awarded. Match results and points tables will not be displayed via the app.

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. Coaches will be required to be smart rugby compliant and be registered and selected on the match day app. Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw and score matches (for insurance purposes).

2.5 SUNDAY 10 – 12s

Sunday XV's is a fifteen-a-side (modified as required for Pathways) competition run on Sundays. This competition BJRU graded (where possible) and is open to all clubs to enter teams in each age group. Please refer to Appendix 2 for age eligibility for each age group.

The Sunday 10 – 12s XV's competition is a predominantly boys' competition but girls can play (and are encouraged to do so) in accordance with Rugby Australia eligibility requirements.

In 2023 BJRU will see return to normal competition with 4 rounds of Skills Development – club focused on skills and scrum training, whilst the competition administrators check results for divisional placement. Competition will then commence with 10 rounds of home and away.

Clubs will nominate their predicted commencement division for the first-round skills development. Match results will then determine the following 3 skills rounds to assist in the final placement of teams to a division.

U10 to U11 teams will not play for competition points nor premierships. Match results will be displayed, ladders will not.

U12 will play for first past the post divisional premierships. Match results and ladders will be displayed.

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. **Coaches will be required to be smart rugby complaint and be registered and selected on the match day app.** Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw and score matches (for insurance purposes).

The proposed key dates for Sunday 10 – 12s XV's are (Please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 20 December 2022: Registrations open on Xplorer for players and officials to sign up.
- 3 February 2023: Expressions of Interest for Teams and Host Venues
- 3 March: Team nominations due.
- 23 April: Skills Development Rd 1
- 06 May: U12 Skills Development by Invitation (Club Nominated) Rd 1
- 14 May: U12 Viewing for Rep Selection @ Pine Rivers
- 17 May: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer (subject to Government directives)
- 21 May: Round 1
- 24-25 June: u12 Simon Abubakar Carnival @ Albany Creek
- 02-03 July: u12 Vending First Challenge Cup @ Sunnybank
- 08 – 09 July: u13, u14 and u16 Representative Rugby Brisbane (Venue TBC)
- 13 August: Final Round
- 19 August: U10@Wynnum, U11@Redlands Skills Development by Invitation (Club Nominated) Rd 1
- 26 August: U10@Wynnum, U11@Redlands Regional Team Selections (Club Nominated) Rd 2
- 28 August: U10 / U11 Team Announcements
- 23-24 September: U10/U11 Development Carnival (U10 @ Wynnum, U11 @ Redlands)

2.6 SUNDAY 13 – JUNIOR COLTS (U18s) - XV's

Sunday 13 – Junior Colts XV's is a fifteen-aside (modified as required for Pathways) competition run all day Sundays. This competition BJRU graded (where possible) and is open to all clubs to enter teams in each age group. Please refer to Appendix 2 for age eligibility for each age group.

BJRU confirms that it will run a Jnr Colts (18s) competition in 2023 and understands that senior clubs are aware and are open to nominate teams in this competition.

The Sunday 13 – 18s XV's competition is a boys' competition played in accordance with Rugby Australia's U19 Law Variations and World Rugby Laws and U19 Law Variations.

In 2023 BJRU will see return to normal competition with 4 rounds of Skills Development – club focused on skills and scrum training, whilst the competition administrators check results for divisional placement. Competition will then commence with 10 rounds of home and away.

In 2023, photos are required to be uploaded for all Junior Colts (U18s) and Division 1s of U15s and U16s.

Clubs will nominate their predicted commencement division for the first round of skills development. Match results will then determine the following 3 skills rounds to assist in the final placement of teams to a division.

U13 – U18 Junior colts will play for premierships consisting of a finals format based on team nominations. Match results and ladders will be displayed.

From 2023, ALL DIV 1 TEAMS from u13 up, MUST have a fully trained front row with replacements - penalty for not complying will be the drop of players similar to Seniors

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. Coaches and managers will be required to be smart rugby complaint and be registered and selected on the match day app. Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw and score matches (for insurance purposes).

The proposed key dates for Sunday 13 – 18s XVs are (Please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 20 December 2022: Registrations open on Xplorer for players and officials to sign up.
- 31 January: Jnr Colts U18 Expressions of Interest for Teams and Host Venues
- 3 February: U13-U16 Expressions of Interest and Host Venues
- 6 February: Lightning Series (Junior Colts U18) Team Nominations Due
- 19 February: Week 1 Lightning series @ Sunnybank
- 3 March: U6 – U16 Team nominations Due
- 26 March: Grand Final Lightning Series U18
- 11 April: Jnr Colts (U18) Team Nominations Due for Term 2
- 16 April: U18 BJRU Dream Team Game vs U18 Gold Coast Merit Team (Venue TBC)
- 19 April: Season draw published in Rugby Xplorer for Girls XVs & U18 Junior colts
- 23 April: Skills Development Rd 1 and u18 Junior Colts Rd 1
- 01 May U13, U14, U16 Skills Development by Invitation (Club Nominated) Rd 1 (Venue TBC)
- 07 May: U13, U14, U16 Viewing for Rep Selection @ TBC
- 14 May: U12 Viewing for Regional Team Selection @ Pine Rivers
- 15 May: U13, U14, U16 Rep Trials by Invitation (u13s@Sunnybank, U14s@GPS, U16s@Riverside)
- 17 May: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer (subject to Government directives)
- 21 May: U13 – U16 Round 1
- 18 June: U18 Grand Final TBC
- 4 July: Team Nominations Due U18 Junior Colts Term 3
- 16 July U18 Junior Colts Competition Commencement TBC
- 13 August U13 – U16 Last round
- 20 August Semi Finals
- 27 August Preliminary Finals
- 3 September Grand Finals U13 – U18

2.7 GIRLS 7s TERM 3

Girls 7s is a Tackle 7s Competition for girls. In 2023 it will run as a 5 Round competition plus final. Games will be played in the same way as in 2022 – ie a gala format at a central venue (or venues, depending on size of competition) on Sunday mornings - afternoon, playing multiple games per round. Venues are to be managed by host clubs with the competition being managed by BJRU. All clubs and invited associations are welcome to enter teams.

In 2023 all girls' competitions will operate in two-year windows for U17s, U15s, U13s and U11s. Please refer to Appendix 2 for age eligibility for each age group.

Division 1 and division 2 competition will be offered by club nomination. There will be no grading rounds this year.

All participants (players and officials) must be registered in Rugby Xplorer to be involved. Coaches and managers will be required to be smart rugby complaint and be registered and selected on the match day app. Xplorer will also be used to publish the draw, score matches and maintain competition tables.

Key dates for the Girls 7s Competition (Please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 19 December 2022: Registrations open on Xplorer for players and officials to sign up.
- 4 July: Team nominations due.
- 12 July: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer
- 4 August: Round 1
- 3 September: Grand Finals

2.8 SUMMER 7s – RUN BY CLUBS THROUGH EVENTS - BOYS & GIRLS & SCHOOLS TBA

Summer 7s is a Tackle 7s competition played in accordance with Rugby Australia eligibility rules. Summer 7s runs in Term 4 and is a 4-6 week competition format depending on clubs hosting. Age groups offered and days offered will be dependent on clubs running this competition.

All clubs, schools and independent bodies, entities (eg League teams etc) are encouraged to enter teams.

Summer 7s operates in single age year windows, commencing with 10s through to 18s. Please refer to Appendix 2 for age eligibility for each age group.

Summer 7s will be run by clubs in 2023 through events.

Teams participating will play in a Gala format with all teams playing at host venue selected. This competition may be played at venues across Brisbane and on different days dependent on the clubs hosting Summer 7s competition. Age groups offered will be dependent on clubs running the competition.

Key dates for the Summer 7s Competition are (please refer to Appendix One - Calendar):

- 28 August: Expressions of Interest for Teams and Host Venues
- 8 September: Team and host venue nominations due (Registrations Open).
- 18 September: Registrations to be finalised on Xplorer for players and officials
- 4 October: Season Draw published in Rugby Xplorer by clubs
- 6 October: Round 1
- Date to be announced – depending on 4 or 6 weeks competition

3. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

3.1 DRAWS

An effort will be made to try to ensure that the U6 – U9 draw will be established for the season, as soon as possible into the season. Late changes due to field availability should be counteracted if clubs are aware of their host dates early.

Static season draws for U10 – U16 cannot be finalised until grading/skill development rounds are complete. Once they are done, the draw should be set. Any changes will follow the below requirements:

1. No regrading or time change requests will be undertaken unless received one week prior to the request.
2. Where a game has been forfeited, the remaining game times will not be condensed to cover the gap.
3. Games not played due to field closures will not be rescheduled or moved to other venues.
4. Submit team list notification for less than 1 hour prior to match commencement.

3.2 GRADING AND REGRADING

The only competition in which grading is an issue is the Sunday XVs competition. BJRU notes that in the Sunday XVs competition, grading has been a major source of concern for clubs each year. Grading is, by its nature, an inexact science. While results from previous years are relevant to which Division a team is best suited in the current year, there are other variables in play, including:

- Player departure and movements
- Club strength and support
- Number of teams and strength of different Divisions.

Historically BJRU has made its best estimate of a suitable division for each team to be initially graded based on its knowledge of the above factors and divisional requests from Clubs. The Skills Development rounds provide an opportunity for games to be played and subsequent results used to provide an indication of divisional placement. In an ideal world grading would result in every team winning half their games by 5 points and losing half their games by 5 points, so all games are competitive at the level of the teams in that Division. This unfortunately is not an ideal world and score line variations for divisions allow for a much greater margin.

We acknowledge that in some cases this is difficult and there are instances when clubs genuinely request a team be graded or regraded differently because they are clearly in the wrong Division. However, we are also aware that in many cases there is a strong desire from clubs to push teams down Divisions so their teams can enjoy winning many games and possibly even a championship in a lower division. Very few clubs want to have teams in Division 1! Clearly the mathematics of this does not work – in every Division, from 1 to 9, one team has to come last just as one team has to come first, and that is a part of playing in a competitive sport.

U10 and U11 competitions do not play for premierships and only where possible due to a bye or consensus of another team changing division, would a regrade be considered.

Where premierships are contested (u12-u18), regrades are not encouraged at all, therefore **it is very important that clubs play their correct squads in their respective teams in the Skills Development Rounds and NOT SHARE PLAYERS as this creates incorrect results that guides BJRU in placing teams in divisions.**

A regrade will only be considered (due to a bye or another team changing division) and under extraordinary circumstances and only if viable and with full knowledge and approval of the BJRU Board.

ALL Teams approved by the Board (moving to a lower or higher division), will

- 1) Lose all their competition points and starting from zero points for the remaining games
- 2) if moving down, would be removed from premiership consideration

3.3 ISSUE MANAGEMENT

For the 2022/2023 season BJRU has created multiple shared email addresses for general enquiries, representative and girls' rugby specific enquiries. The BJRU is also introducing an online system for issue management where issues or cases that are not covered by the Rugby Match Day App can be logged, managed and tracked. This system, in line with the revised Rugby AU Code of Conduct and Report a Concern breaches will also give the Board better oversight of the status of these issues and the overall workload of the administrators, giving the Board a better ability to provide support as needed. A Board Member will be appointed to each respective case, if required to ensure the issue is handled in a timely manner.

Please refer to Appendix Three – Issue Management Process, as the correct process for issue management.

3.4 REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Rugby Xplorer will continue to be the registration and competition management system used in 2023. For all competitions in 2023:

- Every player must be registered
- A separate registration is required for each competition in which a player participates ie XVs or 7s.
- Every volunteer must be registered (including club officials, coaches, managers, First Aid, Assistant Referees and Ground Marshalls, noting there is zero cost to register as a volunteer).
- **Coaches must be smart rugby compliant.**
- **In 2023, for teams to be submitted to play a match, BJRU will adjust Xplorer to require that every team in every competition has nominated a suitably qualified Coach and a Manager for every match. Without their inclusion teams will not be able to submit and matches will not be able to start.**
- All draws will be published in Xplorer
- All Teams will be selected in Xplorer
- All competitions will be managed in Xplorer.
- **All match results must be entered into Xplorer including yellow cards, red and blue cards.**

3.5 DISPENSATIONS - SIZE FOR AGE AND GENERAL AGE DISPENSATION

BJRU is required to follow the Rugby Australia policies on Size for Age and General Age dispensation. All clubs should be aware of the Size for Age guidelines and where appropriate, have communicated these requirements to the families of players who may trigger mandatory assessment.

For General Age Dispensations, BJRU will maintain the existing policy arrangements in 2023.

Note there are also special requirements for Under 7s wishing to play Under 8s (tackle) rugby. Under Rugby Australia requirements an U7 player wishing to play U8 Tackle (even filling in), must have completed the U8s Consent Form, have submitted it, to their club. The club must have submitted it to BJRU for processing and the club must have received, the formal approval response BEFORE the player is allowed to play in an U8 game.

All assessment request and assessments must be triggered and applied for through Rugby Xplorer. Any players who do not meet the mandatory assessment guidelines, yet wish to play down an age group, or outside the two-year window must follow the same procedures as those for a Mandatory assessment to play. **Players are not allowed to play outside their correct age group until formal approval has been received from the BJRU.**

Due to the large number of players being signed off to play down in 2021/22, whilst not meeting mandatory assessment levels, new assessment requirements will be put in place. These being:

- A player who is inside the minimum height and weight for their age, who wishes to be assessed to play down an age level, will be required to:
 - Pay an assessment charge of \$135* (male/female requested down)

- Must be assessed by an external club Level 2 Coach Assessor.
- A player who does not meet the minimum height and weight for their age group, who wishes to be assessed to play up outside two-year window, will be required to:
 - Pay an assessment charge of \$135* (male/female requested up)
 - or no charge is applied if the assessment is organised by the club and completed by an external assessment

*** ALL VOULANTRY ASSESSMENTS NEEDS TO BE SIGNED OFF BY THE CLUB AND WILL BE CHARGED A FEE PER PLAYER. THE CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THESE FEES BEFORE A PLAYER WILL BE ASSESSED.**

A simplified series of growth charts for the use of Clubs, Schools, parents, coaches, competition managers and State Unions are provided below:

Mandatory Assessment Guidelines for Male Players

Age Turning in Calendar Year	Players <u>below</u> both		Players <u>above</u> both	
	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
10 years old	130	26	158	58
11 years old	134	29	164	65
12 years old	140	32	172	72
13 years old	147	36	179	79
14 years old	153	40	185	85
15 years old	158	45	188	91

Mandatory Assessment Guidelines for Female Players

Age Turning in Calendar Year	Players <u>below</u> both		Players <u>above</u> both	
	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
10 years old	129	26	158	60
11 years old	136	29	165	68
12 years old	143	33	171	75
13 years old	147	36	174	80
14 years old	149	39	175	85
15 years old	150	41	176	88

The Assessment process for the player will require:

- Accurate height, weight and sitting height measurements taken using medical grade scales and stadiometer;
- A calculation of maturity offset based on Peak Height Velocity (PHV);
- For players potentially playing above the age grade he/she is turning in the relevant calendar year, field based physical tests for speed, power, strength and endurance;
- An assessment at training based on a set of prescribed skills; and
- An assessment in match conditions in the age grade he /she is turning in the relevant calendar year.

3.6 JOINT VENTURES / COMBINED TEAMS

The BJRU acknowledges that in some instances there maybe less opportunity for players of all abilities to find suitable teams to play in because of limited playing numbers. This is more apparent in older age groups. The BJRU encourages the cooperation of clubs to formulate joint ventures, where it is not possible for individual clubs to provide playing opportunities for some of its' age groups.

- Where this occurs, BJRU supports the formation of Joint Venture teams. Where joint ventures are to take place, the BJRU must be informed as early as possible to ensure that player registration and clearances can be completed prior to game commencement.
- In the case of established joint venture arrangements, UQ Junior Heavies, Moreton Barbarians, BJRU will only require the team's nominations for the 2023 season.
- The Board reserves the right to decline a joint venture application at its own discretion, where it deems the application to not be of overall benefit of junior rugby in Brisbane.

4. GIRLS

4.1. OVERVIEW

For an overview of the Girls' competitions BJRU intends to run in 2023 please refer to Sections 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above.

Generally speaking, BJRU is committed to growing the game of rugby for girls and providing them with meaningful options to play. This includes:

- offering a 4-week emerging development program for all female players aged 10 – 18 years.
- offering one XV's competition and two 7s competitions in 2023.
- supporting pathways for girls to play 2023 Representative Rugby for XV's and 7s.
- supporting girls who wish to play mixed gender rugby in U6 -U12 Junior Rugby in accordance with the Rugby Australia gender eligibility requirements.

As opportunities for girls to participate in both the 12s/XV's-a-side and the 7s version of rugby union at both club and representative level, dispensation will not be granted by female players to participate in the Boys U13 – U15 competition in 2023.

As noted in the Competition outlines above, all Girls' competitions in 2023 will be played in two-year odd age groups, ie Open (U17), U15, U13 and U11.

4.2. PATHWAYS

BJRU supports girls playing representative rugby for Representative Teams and higher teams. In 2023 BJRU will support for girls:

- BJRU entering girls 1 x U18 (XV's), 2 x U16 (XV's) and 2 x U14 (12s) teams at the Victoria XV's State Championships in June 2023
- BJRU entering girls 7s Representative teams U17s and U15s at the QRU Girls 7s State Championships in September 2023.

5. SEVENS

5.1. OVERVIEW

The Summer 7s emphasis is on participation, recruitment, and enjoyment for existing and new players to both sevens and rugby in general. The Summer 7s will be run by Clubs in 2023.

Further information is provided in section 2.4, 2.7 and 2.8 in relation what offerings BJRU provides for sevens programs.

5.2. PATHWAYS

Currently there is discussion as to an U18 boys 7s representative rugby pathways provided by QRU for club participation. There is only a pathway for Girls 7s.

In 2023 all junior club representative rugby union is intended to resume. As such, BJRU will be working towards preparing for the 2023 representative programs for both boys and girls.

6. REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

6.1. OVERVIEW

BJRU's primary commitment is to provide all players within the Greater Metropolitan area (including Brisbane, Logan City, Ipswich City, Moreton Bay Region, and Redlands City) with suitable opportunities for them to play rugby at a level that is appropriate for them, with clubs as the foundation of junior rugby. This includes giving all players the opportunity to play with their friends in their club teams which in many cases means playing in teams of mixed ability. This is one of the core elements of the values and culture of rugby and BJRU is committed to it.

BJRU does not support representative rugby being the primary focus for players or any other participants, nor does it support representative rugby being a distraction from club rugby. BJRU has concerns that there is a growing emphasis on representative rugby, at the expense of club rugby, and is considering ways to address this.

Beyond that primary commitment, BJRU will support the provision of higher pathways options for players of suitable ability. This includes support for the 2023:

- U10 and U11 Skills Development and 4 x Regional Team Selection to play in a Development Carnival
- U12 Simon Abubaker Carnival and Representative U12 Regional Carnival
- Brisbane Representative teams x 1 per age group playing Championship Tournaments TBC in July (U13, U14, U16s.) and September vs SJRU
- U18 BJRU Dream Team to play against an invitational U18 GCDRU Team.
- Brisbane Girls Representative teams in U14, U16s, and U18s to play at Victoria State Championships in June 2023.
- Brisbane Girls 7s Representative teams in U15s and U17s to play at QRU State Championships in September 2023.

6.2 Boys XV's

U10 / U11 NEW DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

2023 will see a new development Carnival implemented to help with improving the skill levels for these age groups.

At the end of the season, kids will be nominated by their clubs to participate in 2x Skills Development sessions that will run on 2 Saturdays (19 & 26 August @ Wynnum (u10s) and Redlands (u11s)).

The teams will be selected from the Skills Development session in sixteen (16) regional teams participating in the U10/U11 Development Carnival scheduled for 23-24 September at Wynnum and Redlands respectively. They will have 3 training sessions leading into the carnival. Teams will be divided into four pools, who will play a round robin competition with the final games being across pool against their equally ranked sided in the other pool.

U10 PATHWAYS



U11 PATHWAYS



U12 SIMON ABUBAKAR CARNIVAL

The traditional Simon Abubakar will continue in 2023 with the eight (8) regional teams participating in a development program leading up the carnival, the first weekend in the June school holidays, 24th – 25th June, 2023.

The teams will be selected from a gala viewing round held on 14th May 2023. They will have 5 – 6 training sessions leading into the carnival. Teams are divided into the two pools, who play a round robin competition with the final games being across pool against their equally ranked side in the other pool.

<u>Pool Rugby</u>	<u>Pool Union</u>
Blue	Emerald
Grey	Gold
Jade	Maroon
Yellow	Royal

U12 REGIONAL CARNIVAL

U12 Vending 1st Challenge Cup will encompass the four surrounding regional areas and replaced the State Carnival. The carnival would see:

6 teams participating in a round robin competition (5 games played over two days) the second weekend in the June School holiday – 1st – 2nd July, 2023.

Participating Teams

BJRU Red
BJRU Blue
Darling Downs
Far North Coast
Gold Coast
Sunshine Coast

A merit team would be selected from this carnival as part of the event.

U12 PATHWAYS



U13, U14 AND U16 Boys

2023 will have a new competition / championship to replace the Qld Country Championships.

BJRU will select one representative team in each of the age groups (u13, u14, u16) for the 2023 tournament / competition / championship (details TBC). This championship will be held from the 8 – 9 July 2023 in Brisbane.

U13 PATHWAYS



U14 PATHWAYS



U16 PATHWAYS



JUNIOR COLTS U18

Merit Team – At the end of the Lightning series Term 1 an U18 merit team will be selected from all participants. Selectors will be made up from groups such as Reds Academy staff and selected U18 age group coaches.

The “dream” team will have a training session with the Qld Reds Academy and then play invitational games and then compete in a Regional Colts Club Competition.

U18 PATHWAYS



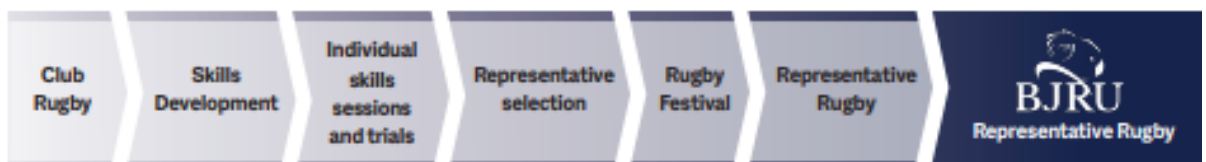
6.3 GIRLS XV's

2023 will see a return to the representative program for girls XV-a-side. BJRU are committed to providing a representative opportunity for U14 - U15, U16 and U18 girls to play XV-a-side rugby.

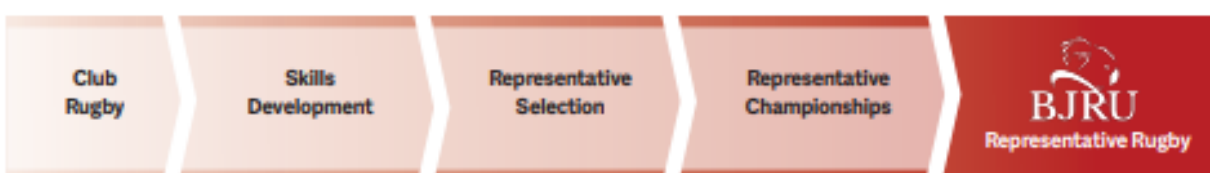
Teams participating in the 2023 State Championships in Victoria will be 1 x U14 XV-a-side, 1 x U16 XV-a-side and 1 x U18 XV-a-side teams being held on June 10 – 13

2023 will see the first U18 Super W championships played during April. Whilst the program is outside of BJRU parameters, BJRU previous players names have been provided to QRU for consideration.

GIRLS U12s, U14s, U15XVs, U16XVs



GIRLS U18 XV's



6.4 GIRLS 7s

There have not been any changes to the Girls 7s State Championship format for 2023. As such, a Brisbane Girls 7s Representative team in U15s and U17s to play at QRU State Championships currently scheduled for the 22nd and 23rd September 2023, will be selected to participate.

GIRLS 7s PATHWAYS – U15s & U17s



7. SUPPORTING CLUBS

BJRU regards Clubs as the foundation of junior rugby. With that in mind BJRU proposes the following arrangements for 2023:

7.1. SUPPORT FOR CLUBS

Well run and well governed clubs make a significant difference to the success of rugby. BJRU acknowledges and appreciates the work and efforts of all the volunteers who help run clubs – without their support there would be no junior rugby!

There are varying degrees of strength amongst clubs in Brisbane. Some are well-resourced with paid employees and dozens of volunteers who actively support the club, while others struggle with little in the way of resources and only a few people holding the club together.

Rugby AU has online support for clubs for preparations for new seasons along with various learning courses from Coaching to refereeing to Administration.

[Rugby Australia](#)

[All Codes and Policies](#)

[Risk and Insurance](#)

Government Funding and Grant Opportunities for Clubs:

[Qld Funding and Grants](#)

[Outdoors Qld Grants and Funding](#)

[Qld Local Government Grants and Funding for Sporting Clubs](#)

[Australian Sports Foundation - Funding for an active sporting nation](#)

7.2 COACH DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

To assist with the across-the-board development of our junior players, the BJRU is focusing on Club Coach development in 2023, to assist the delivery of quality coaching programs for the competition in general. Open to all, the BJRU will provide Coach the Coaches seminars from January to June to all coaches involved in the BJRU competitions.

Dates and Venues to be published on the BJRU Webpage & Facebook. Clubs will be informed on dates well in advance. All sessions are FREE of charge.

January 2023

BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 1 – Topic: Attack

Date: Monday 30th January 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: South Rugby Union Club (Seniors)

February 2023

BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 2 – Topic: Defence

Date: Monday 6th February 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Souths Rugby Union Club (Seniors)

March 2023BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 3 – Topic: Breakdown

Date: Monday 13th March 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Souths Rugby Union Club (Seniors)

BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 4 – Topic: Tight Five/Scrums

Date: Monday 20th March 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Souths Rugby Union Club (Seniors)

April 2023BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 5 – Topic: Team Synchronisation

Date: Monday 3rd April 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Souths Rugby Union Club (Seniors)

APPENDIX ONE – BJRU 2023 CALENDAR

The BJRU calendar on this page is current as at 7 February 2023. Further updates may be implemented.

Date	Event	Competition/s
Dec-19 (2022)	Season Rollover to 2023 (Rugby X not available)	Rugby AU
Dec-20 (2022)	2023 Registrations can be opened by clubs	All Clubs
Jan-09	OFFICE REOPEN	BJRU STAFF
	BJRU Rep Team Management Positions CALLED	All Clubs and Officials
Jan-23	School Begins (TERM 1)	
	Rugby Xplorer REGISTRAR Training-6pm @Brothers Rugby Club	All Clubs - Registrars
	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Jan-30	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 1 – 6pm @ Souths Rugby Union Club	All Coaches
Jan-31	Expression of Interest for Lightning Series u18 Boys	All Clubs / Interested Parties
Feb-03	Expression of Interest u6-u16 Teams and Host Venues	All Clubs
Feb-06	Lightning Series u18 Boys - Team Nominations Due	All Clubs / Interested Parties
	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 2 – 6pm @ Souths Rugby Union Club	All Coaches
Feb-09	Regional Meeting TBC	Regional Chairs and Clubs
Feb-13	BJRU Rep Team Management Nominations DUE	All Clubs and Officials
Feb-19	Lightning Series U18 Boys Rd 1 @ Sunnybank	All Clubs / Interested Parties
Feb-23	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Feb-26	Lightning Series U18 Boys Rd 2 @ Albany Creek	All Clubs / Interested Parties
Mar-03	U6-U16 Team Nominations Due	U6-U16 All Clubs
Mar-05	Lightning Series U18 Boys Rd 3 @ Redlands	All Clubs / Interested Parties
	GEM Skills Development Wk 1	All female players aged 10 - 18
Mar-09	Presidents Forum	All Club Presidents
Mar-12	Lightning Series U18 Boys Rd 4 @ TBA	All Clubs / Interested Parties
	GEM Skills Development Wk 2	All female players aged 10 - 18
Mar-13	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 3 – 6pm @ Souths Rugby Union Club	All coaches
Mar-19	Lightning Series U18 Boys Rd 5 @ Pine Rivers	All Clubs / Interested Parties
	GEM Skills Development Wk 3	All female players aged 10 - 18
Mar-20	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 4 (Tight Five) – 630pm @ TBA	All coaches
Mar-26	Lightning Series U18 Boys Rd 6 (GRAND FINAL) @ Norths	All Clubs / Interested Parties
	GEM Skills Development Wk 4	All female players aged 10 - 18
	Girls XV's - Skills Session to determine Pos vs Prob	Girls
Mar-27	Rugby Xplorer MANAGERS Training @ Brothers Rugby Club u6-u12: 530pm - 630pm u13-u18: 7pm – 8pm	All Managers
Mar-30	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Mar-31	School Ends (TERM 1)	

Apr-3	BJRU/REDS Coaching Seminar 5 (Break Down) – 630pm @ TBA	All coaches
Apr-11	Jnr Colts Teams & Girls nominations due (Term 2)	All clubs / Interested Parties
Apr-15-16	Girls XVs - Holiday Clinic TBC	Girls
Apr-16	Lightning Series u18 Merit Team Game vs Gold Coast u18 Merit Team	U18 Boys Merit Team
Apr-17	School Begins (TERM 2)	
Apr-22	U6-U9 Competition Rd 1	U6-U9
Apr-23	U10-U16 Rd 1 Skills Development	U10 – U16
	Jnr Colts U18 Rd 1 (TBC)	U18 Boys
	GEM XV Series Rd 1	Girls
	Girls XVs - Pos vs Prob Game to determine final selections	Girls
Apr-27	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Apr-29	U6-U9 Competition Rd 2	U6-U9
Apr-30	U10-U16 Rd 2 Skills Development	U10 – U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 2	Girls
May-1	U13, U14, u16 Rd 1 Skills Development by Invitation (Club Nominated) (U13s - Sunnybank, U14s - GPS, U16s - Riverside)	U13, U14 & U16
May-6	U6-U9 Competition Rd 3	U6-U9
May-7	U10-U16 Rd 3 Skills Development (Viewing for u13, u14, u16 for Rep Selection – venues TBC)	U10 – U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 3	Girls
May-11	Regional Meeting TBC	Regional Chairs and Clubs
May-13	U6-U9 Competition Rd 4	U6-U9
May-14	Skills Development Rd 4 (Viewing for u12 for Regional Team Selection) @ Pine Rivers	U10 – U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 4	Girls
May-15	U12 Regional Teams Announcements;	u12 Boys/Girls
	U13, U14 & U16 Round 2 (Rep Trials by Invitation) (U13s @ Sunnybank, U14s @ GPS, U16 @ Riverside)	U13,U14,U16 Boys
May-20	U6-U9 Competition Rd 5	U6-U9
May-21	U10-U16 Competition Rd 1	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 5	Girls
May-22	U12 Regional Teams Training Wk 1 (Venues TBC)	U12 Regional Teams
May-25	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
May-27	U6-U9 Competition Rd 6	U6-U9
May-28	U10-U16 Competition Rd 2	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 6	Girls
May-29	U12 Regional Teams Training Wk 2 (Venues TBC)	U12 Regional Teams
	U13, U14, U16 Round 3 Final Team Announcements/Selections	U13, U14, U16
Jun-3	U6-U9 Competition Rd 7	U6-U9
Jun-4	U10-U16 Competition Rd 3	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 7	Girls
Jun-5	U12 Regional Teams Training Wk 3 (Venues TBC)	U12 Regional Teams
	U13, U14, U16 Rep Training Wk 1 (Venues TBC)	U13, U14, U16 Rep Teams
Jun-10	U6-U9 Competition Rd 8	U6-U9
Jun 10 – 12	NSW Girls U14 – U18 State Champs	BJRU Rep Girls U14 12-a-side and U16 & U18 XV-a-side
Jun-11	U10-U16 Competition Rd 4	U10-U16

	GEM XV Series Rd 8	Girls
Jun-12	U12 Regional Teams Training Wk 4 (Venues TBC)	U12 Regional Teams
	U13, U14, U16 Rep Training Wk 2 (Venues TBC)	U13, U14, U16 Rep Teams
Jun-17	U6-U9 Competition Rd 9	U6-U9
Jun-18	U10-U16 Competition Rd 5	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 9	Girls
Jun-19	U12 Regional Teams Training Wk 5 (Venues TBC)	U12 Regional Teams
	U13, U14, U16 Rep Training Wk 3 (Venues TBC)	U13, U14, U16 Rep Teams
Jun-22	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Jun-23	School Ends (TERM 2)	
June 24 – 25	Simon Abubakar Carnival @ Albany Creek	U12
Jun-26	U12 Vending Teams Announcements	U12 Regional Teams
	U13, U14, U16 Rep Training Wk 4 (Venues TBC)	U13, U14, U16 Rep Teams
Jun-28	U12 Vending Teams Training (Venue TBC)	U12 Vending Teams
July 1 – 3	U13, U14, U16 Championship Comp TBA	U13, U14, U16 Boys & U16 Girls XVs
	U12 Vending First Challenge Cup @ Sunnybank	U12 Vending Teams
July 4	Jnr Colts Teams & Girls nominations due (Term 3)	Jnr Colts & Girls 7s
Jul-10	School Begins (TERM 3)	
Jul-13	Regional Meeting TBC	Regional Chairs and Clubs
Jul-15	U6-U9 Competition Rd 10	U6-U9
Jul-16	U10-U16 Competition Rd 6	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 10	Girls
	Girls 7s - Skills Session to determine Pos vs Prob	Girls
Jul-22	U6-U9 Competition Rd 11	U6-U9
Jul-23	U10-U16 Competition Rd 7	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Rd 11 (Semi Finals)	Girls
	Girls 7s - Pos vs Prob game to determine final team selections	Girls
Jul-27	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Jul-29	U6-U9 Competition Rd 12	U6-U9
Jul-30	U10-U16 Competition Rd 8	U10-U16
	GEM XV Series Grand Final	Girls
Aug-5	U6-U9 Competition Rd 13	U6-U9
Aug-6	U10-U16 Competition Rd 9	U10-U16
	Girls 7s Rd 1	Girls
Aug-10	Presidents Forum	All Club Presidents
Aug-12	U6-U9 Competition Rd 14 Final Round	U6-U9
Aug-13	U10-U16 Competition Rd 10 Final Round	U10-U16
	Girls 7s Rd 2	Girls
Aug-19	U10/U11 Skills Development by Invitation Rd 1 (U10 @ Wynnum, U11 @ Redlands)	U10 - U11
Aug-20	Semi-finals (U13, U14s @ Norths, U15s, U16s, U18s @ Sunnybank)	U13 – U18 Boys
	Girls 7s Rd 3	Girls
Aug-26	U10/U11 Regional Team Selections Rd 2 (U10 @ Wynnum, U11 @ Redlands)	U10 - U11

Aug-27	Preliminary Finals U13-U18@ Norths	U13 – U18
	Girls 7s Rd 4	Girls
Aug-28	U10/U11 Regional Team Announcements	U10 - U11
	Summer 7s EOIs and Host Venues EOIs	U10 – U18 Boys & Girls
Aug-31	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Sep-03	Grand Finals (U13-U18 Boys and Girls 7s Rd 5 and GF) @ Albany Creek	U13 – U18 & Girls 7s
Sep-04	U10 Regional Team Training Wk 1	U10 Regional Teams
Sep-06	U11 Regional Team Training Wk 1	U11 Regional Teams
Sep-08	Summer 7s Team Nominations Due	U10-U18 Boys and Girls
Sep-11	U10 Regional Team Training Wk 2	U10 Regional Teams
Sep-13	U11 Regional Team Training Wk 2	U11 Regional Teams
Sep-14	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Sep-15	School Ends (TERM 3)	
Sep-17	SJRU vs BJRU Rep Games U13,U14,U16 TBC	
Sep-18	U10 Regional Team Training Wk 3	U10 Regional Teams
	Summer 7s Registration Open	
Sep-20	U11 Regional Team Training Wk 3	U11 Regional Teams
Sept 22 – 24	Girls 7s State Championships TBC	U15 & U17
Sep 23 - 24	u10-u11 Development Carnival (u10 @ Wynnum and U11 @ Redlands)	U10 - U11
Oct-3	School Begins (TERM 4)	
Oct 6	Summer 7s / Touch Summer 7s run by Clubs through Rugby Events Rd 1	Age dependent on Clubs
Oct-12	Regional Meeting TBC	Regional Chairs and Clubs
Oct-26	BJRU Board Meeting TBC	BJRU Board Members
Nov-17	Final Rd Summer 7s TBC	U13 – U18 Competition 7s Boys & U12 – U18 Girls
Nov-30	BJRU AGM	All Clubs
Dec-8	School Ends (TERM 4)	
Dec-15	OFFICE CLOSED	BJRU STAFF
Dec-19	Season Rollover – 2024 Registrations can be opened by clubs	ALL CLUBS

APPENDIX TWO – AGE ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITIONS IN 2023

The general rule for all age groups is the age a player turns during the calendar year is the age group to which they belong. For example, if a player turns 12 at any time during 2023, he or she will be an Under 12.

Most BJRU competitions play in one (1) year age windows. Some (Girls and Summer 7s) play in two-year windows.

If for any reason a player in any competition wishes to play in a different age group other than the one, they naturally belong to, they must comply with the requirements of BJRU Competition Rule 3.5. Players may be assessed to or receive dispensation to play in a different age group under Rugby AU Size for Age or other Policies, such as Disability or Two-Year Window policies.

The tables in this Appendix show the default age groups a player belongs to before any dispensation is applied.

Girls 7s, 12s and/or XV's

Under 11	Under 13	Under 15	Under 17
Born 2012, 2013	Born 2010, 2011	Born 2008, 2009	Born 2006, 2007
Dispensation required born 2011 or 2014	Dispensation required born 2009 or 2012	Dispensation required born 2009 or 2010	Dispensation required born 2005 or 2008

Girls age groups will operate for U11, U13, U15 and U17 age groups. As these are two-year age windows, players who turn an even age (eg 12) during 2023 will play up one year in the higher age group (eg Under 13s).

Boys U6 – U9

Under 6	Under 7	Under 8 (Tackle)	Under 9 (Tackle)
Born 2017, 2018*	Born 2016, 2017	Born 2015	Born 2014, 2015
Dispensation required born 2016	Dispensation required born 2015	Dispensation required born 2016* or 2014	Dispensation required born 2013 or 2016*
*Must have turned 5		*U8 Parent Consent Form	*Only by Mandatory Assessment

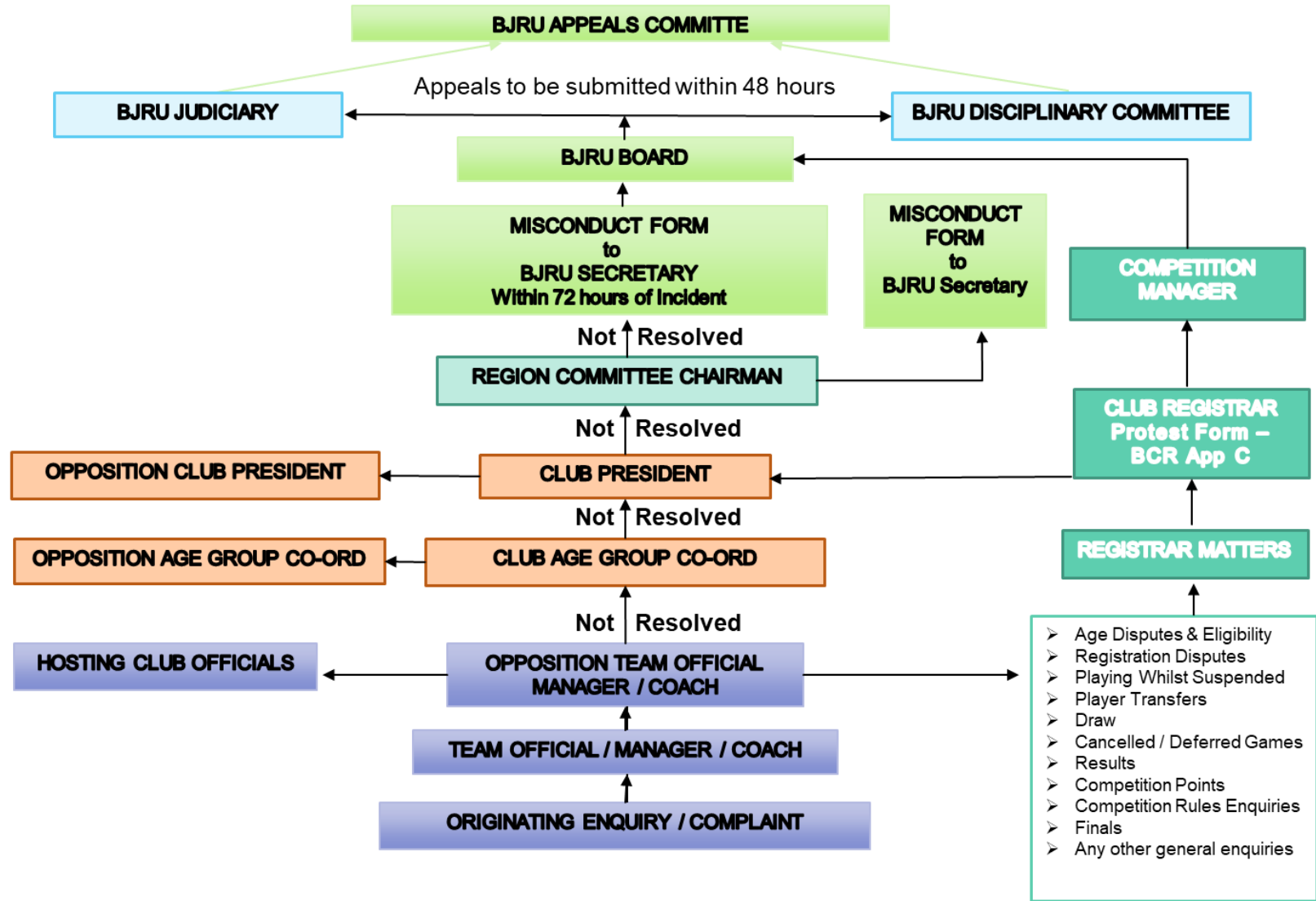
Boys U10 – U12, Summer 7s and XV's (Pathway Modified)

Under 10	Under 11	Under 12
Born 2013, 2014	Born 2012, 2013	Born 2011, 2012
Dispensation required born 2012 or 2015	Dispensation required born 2011 or 2014	Dispensation required born 2010 or 2013

Boys U13 – Jnr Colts u18 – Lightning Series, Summer 7s, and XV's

Under 13	Under 14	Under 15	Under 16	Under 18
Born 2010, 2011	Born 2009, 2010	Born 2008, 2009	Born 2007, 2008	Born 2005, 2006
Dispensation required born 2009 or 2012	Dispensation required born 2008 or 2011	Dispensation required born 2007 or 2010	Dispensation required born 2006 or 2009	Dispensation required born 2004 or 2007

INCIDENT RESOLUTION PROCESS



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PROTEST REPORT

1.	Full Name of Person Submitting Report:				
2.	Position Held:		Organisation:		
3.	Full Name of the Person / Team / Club Named in Report				
	Surname:		First Name:		
	Club:		Team:		
	Position at Club (player, manager, official, spectator, etc.):				
4.	Where it Occurred:		Date:		Time:
5.	Describe precisely the grounds on which the Report is being made, including reference to the Laws of the Game, and/or the BJRU Competition Rules that have been breached (please attach other pages if insufficient room to describe incident). <i>This form is not to be used for reporting Code of Conduct or Member Protection Policy breaches:</i>				
6.	List Accompanying Statements & Documentation (signed Statutory Declaration Forms):				
7.	I agree that the events mentioned above are true and correct.				
	Details of Person Submitting Report:				
	Full Name:	President / Secretary Name			
	Signature:	President / Secretary Signature			
<p>This form and accompanying documentation can be forwarded to Competition Manager by 5:00pm on the first business day after the match to:</p> <p>E-mailed: as a scanned PDF document to compmanager@bjru.com.au</p> <p><i>This form is not to be used for reporting Code of Conduct or Member Protection Policy breaches. Please use the following link: Code of Conduct RA</i></p>					