SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

12 YRS & UNDER RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

“The Gary Balkin Cup”

To be held annually in July/August

1. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the School Sport Australia Primary General Championship Rules and should be reprinted in the Championship program.

2. Unless otherwise stated, the rules as set down by the Australian Rugby League (Mod Rules for 12 year olds) shall apply with the following exception:

   a) Unlimited interchange shall be allowed.

3. The Championship shall extend over a minimum of seven (7) days and a maximum of nine (9) days.

4. a) Teams shall be limited to a maximum of seventeen (17) players. Age eligibility will be as per School Sport Australia rules.

   b) **Age Dispensation**

      ACT shall have an age dispensation of up to six (6) months for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

      NT shall have an age dispensation of up to twelve (12) months for 30% of team members for the period 2012-14.

      SA shall have an age dispensation of six (6) months for up to eight (8) players in its team for the period 2012-14.

      VIC shall have an age dispensation of six (6) months for up to eight (8) players in its team for the period 2012-14.

5. The **draw** shall be as follows:

   a) **For 7 competing states/territories**

      2 Pools are established with rankings based on the addition of each team’s finishing position from the previous 4 years’ Championships with the lowest score ranking highest. Where scores are equal, the team with the highest finishing position in the previous year’s competition will be awarded the higher ranking. An invitational team will be invited to fill the bye. This team will be ranked in consultation between the host state and the National Secretary.

      When designing the draw, the invitational team should be drawn in the same pool if that team is from the host state.

      **Pools are as follows:**

      | Pool A | Pool B |
      |--------|--------|
      | 1      | 2      |
      | 4      | 3      |
      | 5      | 6      |
      | 8      | 7      |

      **Draw is as follows:**

      **Day 1 Cross Pool Rd 1**

      1 v 2
      4 v 3
      5 v 6
      8 v 7
Day 2 Cross Pool Rd 2
1 v 7
4 v 2
5 v 3
8 v 6

Day 3 Cross Pool Rd 3
1 v 6
4 v 7
5 v 2
8 v 3

Day 4 Cross Pool Rd 4
1 v 3
4 v 6
5 v 7
8 v 2

Day 5 Excursion

Day 6 Intra-pool Game
After 4 rounds all teams are to be ranked 1 – 8 in the same ladder irrespective of their pool. If teams are equal on points after the 4th game, the ranking will be based on points differential.

Day 6 Games
Game 1  6 v 7
Game 2  5 v 8
Game 3  2 v 3
Game 4  1 v 4

If a match on Day 6 is drawn, the final ranking for those teams will be based on the ranking (1 – 8) of the teams after Day 4. The team ranked highest after Day 4 matches will be given the higher position.

Day 7 Cross Pool Games
Game 1 - loser game 1 v loser game 2 decides 7th and 8th
Game 2 - winner game 1 v winner game 2 decides 5th and 6th
Game 3 - loser game 3 v loser game 4 decides 3rd and 4th
Game 4 - winner game 3 v winner game 4 decides 1st and 2nd

b) For 6 competing states/territories
A round robin competition - 5 games for all teams followed by
1 v 2  - ARL Development Pool
3 v 4  - Graham Johnston Pool
5 v 6  - Ian Duncan Pool

c) For 5 competing states/territories
The host state to enter an invitational team - a round robin competition as for 5(a).

d) For 4 competing states/territories
Teams will play two rounds followed by
1 v 2  - ARL Development Pool
3 v 4  - Graham Johnston Pool

e) Teams will be programmed to play one match per day.

f) In the event of a draw in the ARL Development Pool, the Graham Johnston Pool or the Ian Duncan Pool, joint winners will be declared.

g) The competition shall be conducted on a points for/points against format, not percentages.
6. The Australian Rugby League Referees Association Coordinator will appoint referees for all matches.

7. All matches will be of 2 x 20 minute halves with a 5 minute interval.

8. An official time-keeper/scorer shall be appointed by the host state.

9. No team official or spectator shall coach a team from the sideline whether by voice, signal or any other method while the game is in progress.

10. Team officials may only encroach onto the field in the event of injury to a player or if called upon to do so by a referee or Championship official. In the event of injury a designated team official may enter the field of play to treat a player. If the official requires assistance from qualified medical personnel he will signal by raising one arm. Play will continue in this instance.

If further assistance is deemed necessary, the medical personnel will signal a match official who will stop play to allow treatment of the injured player. Only in this instance will time-off be allowed.

11. Results of all matches shall be handed to the Championship organiser or such other person designated at the Pre-Championship Meeting, on the official form provided, not later than thirty (30) minutes after the close of play.

12. **Protests**

   a) Protests must be lodged, in writing, by the team management, with the Championship convener within forty-five (45) minutes of the conclusion of the game in question. Officials of the team subject to a protest are to be informed immediately.

   b) At the Pre-Championship meeting a protest committee of three (3), consisting of the Championship convener (Chairperson), the National Secretary and an elected state representative, will be appointed. When the National Secretary is not in attendance, the position will be filled by a second state representative.

---

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

**SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>YEAR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ian Duncan</td>
<td>NT</td>
<td>2002</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kevin Corcoran</td>
<td>NSW</td>
<td>2003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gary Murtha</td>
<td>ACT</td>
<td>2006</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Glyn Sargent</td>
<td>ACT</td>
<td>2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dave Cohen</td>
<td>SA</td>
<td>2011</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

**ECLECTIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>YEAR</th>
<th>SPORTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sharyn Smith</td>
<td>NT</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Rugby League / Australian Football</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>