

SSI / IRFU MEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE 2023-24



GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Sport Ireland (SSI) in association with the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) shall run the SSI / IRFU Men's Rugby League for all SSI affiliated colleges during the 2023-24 academic year. This league is specifically aimed at increasing participation in the sport of Men's Rugby in Colleges and Universities.

Only teams from SSI affiliated institutions are eligible to participate in the SSI leagues. A list of SSI member institutions can be found on the SSI website at www.studentsport.ie.

FORMAT

For the 2023-24 season a league and cup competition will be run.

The league competition will run across three divisions with all games completed before the Christmas break. The final league placing of your team following the completion of league games will determine the seeding for the cup competition. With a shorter window to play games a final decision on league structure will be determined by SSI's Sports Clubs and Competitions Committee based on the number of entries received. The aim will be to complete all league divisions and finals before Christmas. (All league finals schedule is subject to change due to weather).

The Senior Cup competitions will commence in early February 2024. All teams from Division 1 and the champions of Division 2 will compete in the Brendan Johnston Cup. Tier 2 Cup will be made up of remaining teams in Division 2 plus the finalists from the Division 3 league. All remaining teams will compete in Tier 3 Cup. (SSI/IRFU reserve the right to move teams up or down in competitions depending on extra entries in cup competitions)

Teams are not obligated to enter both the league and the Cup competitions but please notify SSI if you do not wish to compete in both.

Facilities, in terms of pitches and booking time are highlighted in the competition "Rules & Regulations".

FIXTURE DATES

Provisional dates for the competitions are as follows:

Senior League fixtures, O'Boyle Cup Competitions Fixtures and will be released in late October.

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday 25th September 2023.

Player registration

The Registration Sheet for Men's Rugby Competitions must be received by the SSI Office by 5pm on October 10th before the first round of the league.

ENTRIES AND FEES

Entries should be returned via email to noel@studentsport.ie and payment should be made online via the bank details on the entry form.

The entry fee is €175 per team.

ELIGIBILITY

SSI's Eligibility Guidelines for Domestic Competitions shall strictly apply to all those competing in the SSI / IRFU Men's Rugby League. The Eligibility Guidelines document is available for download from SSI's website at www.studentsport.ie. In relation to the guidelines, no "year of grace" exists in the SSI Men's Rugby league. Please see the "Rules & Regulations" for further information on eligibility. A student must be 18 years or older to compete in Student Sport Ireland national third level sports competitions on the island of Ireland.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries in relation to the SSI / IRFU Men's Rugby League 2023-24, please contact:

- For league administration, fixture and general queries –

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