

# Gold Coast Rugby Super Schools Cup



## Project Overview

The Gold Coast Rugby Super Schools Cup is collaboration between Gold Coast District Rugby Union, local Rugby Clubs, Schools and the community. Each of the participating schools have a direct partnership with its local community Rugby Club to promote participation and support the growth of the game within the Gold Coast Region. Gold Coast District Rugby Union is at the forefront of Rugby development in the area.

The winning school has been encouraged to enter the Ballymore Cup a QRU coordinated competition promoting Regional schools competition.

The age group participating in the competition is under 15 which will be contested on a Wednesday afternoon in Term 1 for 5 weeks culminating in a Grand Final in week 6 conducted at Bond University RUC.

## Relationship Between the Schools

As the majority of the targeted schools are State Schools, the students live in close proximity so it is logical to link them with their community Rugby Club. The clubs will provide atmosphere, support and facilities, enticing the students that are not currently playing club rugby to join their local club.

The school/club links are:

Bond Pirates RUC: Miami SHS; Marymount College; Varsity College

Helensvale RUC: Helensvale SHS

Yatala RUC: Ormeau Woods SHS

Surfers Paradise RUC: Merrimac SHS

## Coaching Strategy

Currently there are 16 Coaches requiring the Foundation Coaching Course. GCDRU is conducting the course with support from QRU on 1 December 2018. All coaches will be provided membership to the GCDRU Coaches Club which provides coaching development and mentoring throughout the year. Bond University RUC in collaboration with GCDRU will also provide access and support to its Premier Grade coaches for mentoring and experience. All participating clubs will also provide support when required with its coaches on a needs basis. GCDRU will provide access to its Representative coaches for specialist support when requested.

## Match Official Strategy

The Gold Coast Rugby Referees Association (GCRRA) are providing support in the match day referees.

Schools have been encouraged to qualify students as referees and utilise them as the Assistant Referees (ARs) on match day. QRU have indicated support in conducting referee qualification in unison with GCRRA for the students in 2019 prior to commencement of the competition. Each participating club has appointed a schools Liaison Officer (LO). The LO is responsible for the coordination with their allocated school, convenor, match day management, utilisation of club resources when required and when available provision of BBQ for students on match day to promote the clubs culture and experience.

## Venues

School/Club venues (Home and Away)

All matches will be played at the linked clubs. Two clubs will be utilised on any given match day.

## Sustainability

The integration of schools with Gold Coast Rugby Union Clubs enables an opportunity for all local Rugby stakeholders to engage and benefit from the program. The Gold Coast Rugby Clubs involved have appointed a Schools Liaison Officer for the sole purpose of direct support, communication and engagement in the program. GCDRU is actively looking to source sponsorship for this competition to enable its sustainability into the future.

Participants that decide to join their club for the competitive club season will receive a discounted registration.

## Region

Gold Coast District Rugby Union  
Helensvale, Bond Pirates, Surfers Paradise  
and Yatala Rugby Union Clubs  
Queensland

## Convenor

Robert Enright

## Status

Year 1 completed Term 1 2019

## Current Project Expenditure

Year 1 \$50,962.68 Approved

## Start up Schools' Competition

### Local Geographical

**Age/Grade:** Year 10

**Game Form:** 15-a-side

**Gender:** Male

**Number of Schools:** 6

**Schools new to Rugby:** 6