

SSI/IRFU WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE 2019-20



GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Sport Ireland (SSI) and Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) will once again be coordinating the SSI Women's Rugby League's and Cup's for all third level institutions during the 2019-20 academic year. This league is specifically aimed at increasing participation in the sport of Women'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

This season will see the league competitions pre-Christmas and cup competitions after Christmas. There shall be two or three divisions in the league based on entries received. Division 1 will have six teams and will be full 15-a-side. Division 2 and a possible Division 3 will be based on the number of entries received and the level of each team, with the main aim to get all teams out playing competitive rugby against teams of a similar standard and squad size number. Division 2 and 3 may be run on a 15-a-side, 12-a-side or 10-a-side basis. Division 1 will see six teams play each other once with the top team declared winners at the end. Division 2 and 3 will see groups set up on geographical location and will likely have the top team for different groups meeting in a final. (Format for Division 2 and 3 will be based on the number of entries).

The cups competitions after Christmas will have six teams in a top tier cup competition with quarter finals, with winners going into cup semi-finals and losers going into shield semi-finals, ensuring all teams at least two games. Tier 2/3 cup will be based on the number of entries received. Seedings will be based on final league positions, the draw and competition launch will take place in the Aviva Stadium in early January.

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

FIXTURE DATES

The SSI office shall issue a final fixture list in late September based on the entries received. End of leagues will be in late November, with the finals for the Cup's pencilled in for March 20th at a venue to be confirmed.

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday 23rd September 2019.

Player Registration Deadline

The closing date for receipt of player registration sheets is 5pm on Friday 27th September 2019

ENTRIES AND FEES

Entries should be returned, with entry fee payment enclosed, by post to;

Student Sport Ireland, Irish Sport HQ, National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 DY62

The entry fee is €135 per team.

ELIGIBILITY

SSI's Eligibility Guidelines for Domestic Competitions shall strictly apply to all those competing in the SSI Women's Rugby League. The Eligibility Guidelines document is available for download from SSI's website at www.studentsport.ie. NO "year of grace" exists in the SSI Women's Rugby league. Please see the "Rules & Regulations" for further information on eligibility.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries in relation to the SSI / IRFU Women's Rugby League and Cup 2018-19, please contact:

- For league administration, fixture and general queries –

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