

# SSI / IRFU MEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE 2022-23



## 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 2022-23 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](http://www.studentsport.ie).

### FORMAT

For the 2022-23 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 O'Boyle Cup will now be for students born on or after **1<sup>st</sup> January 2003**, this competition format will be determined by the number of entries. The 2022-23 O'Boyle Cup will be a one day competition run on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Senior Cup competitions will commence in early February 2023. 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.

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 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **Player registration**

The Registration Sheet for Men's Rugby Leagues and O'Boyle Cup must be received by the SSI Office by 5pm on October 11<sup>th</sup> before the first round of the league.

## **ENTRIES AND FEES**

Entries should be returned via email to [noel@studentsport.ie](mailto:noel@studentsport.ie) and payment should be made online via the bank details on the entry form.

The entry fee is €150 per team.

Please note entry form for the O'Boyle Cup will be issued separately.

## **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](http://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 2022-23, please contact:

- For league administration, fixture and general queries –

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