

**LEEDS &
HUNSLET
SCHOOLS'
RUGBY
LEAGUE**

Handbook

Season 2025-26



LEEDS & HUNSLET SCHOOLS' RUGBY LEAGUE

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CALENDAR 2025-26

High School

Boys and Girls Champion Schools Qualifiers & Boys Development Festivals

September-October

Boys Cup and Plate

November-March

Boys Cup Finals

2 March (JCCS): Years 8 & 10 tbc

9 March (JCCS): Years 7, 9 & 11 tbc

Girls Indoor Touch

January-February

Finals: 9 (Y8) & 11 (Y7) February

Boys "Rhinos" Nines

March-June

Finals: *29 June (Headingley) tbc*

Girls Contact

April-June

Y7/8 "War of the Roses": 27 April

Y9/10 "War of the Roses": 13 May

Cup Finals: *6 July (Headingley) tbc*

Primary School

Tag Qualifiers: March-May

Tag Finals: *29 June (Headingley) tbc*

Girls Tag qualifiers: 10 June

Tag Finals: *6 July (Headingley) tbc*

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HONOURS 2024-25

High Schools - Boys

CUP WINNERS

Wilson Cup (Year 11): **Crawshaw**

Harrison Shield (Year 10): **Brigshaw**

Lee Trophy (Year 9): **Cockburn**

Goldthorpe Cup (Year 8): **Bruntcliffe**

Gilston Cup (Year 7): **Brigshaw**

PLATE COMPETITION

Year 11: **Garforth**

Year 10: **Garforth**

Year 9: **Carr Manor**

Year 8: **Farnley**

Year 7: **Sherburn**

“RHINOS NINES” *SUPER LEAGUE* CHAMPIONS

Year 9: **Cockburn**

Year 8: **Morley**

Year 7: **Sherburn**

“RHINOS NINES” *CHAMPIONSHIP* WINNERS

Year 9: **Garforth**

Year 8: **Temple Moor**

Year 7: **Wetherby**

High Schools - Girls

Contact Y9/10: **Dixons Unity**

Contact Y7/8 (Goldthorpe Cup): **Crawshaw**

“War of the Roses” Y9/10: **Corpus Christi**

“War of the Roses” Y7/8: **Crawshaw**

Indoor Touch: Y8: **Leeds West**

Indoor Touch Y7: **Bruntcliffe & Trinity**

Primary Schools

Well Schools Tag: **Gledhow & St Theresa's**

Girls Tag: **Rothwell St Mary's**

HISTORY PAGE

Rugby League was first organised in Leeds schools over 120 years ago, following a meeting in the Green Dragon Hotel (on the Headrow) on September 3rd, 1903. The two trophies played for by the 23 schools in membership during that first season were the Goldthorpe Cup, for a knock-out competition – this trophy is of course still in use – and the Leeds FC Shield, for the league championship – this trophy is now in the association's archives.

Below is what is believed to be the oldest existing action photograph of schools' rugby league: Bramley v Jack Lane in 1905-06.



More information about the history of schools' rugby league in Leeds can be found on the official Leeds & Hunslet Schools' Rugby League website:

<https://leedsandhunsletsr.l.wixsite.com/mysite-4>

Secretary Steve Boothroyd has written a book entitled "The History of Schools' Rugby League in Leeds".

Copies (priced £8) can be obtained by emailing stephenboothroyd@btinternet.com

Leeds & Hunslet Schools' Rugby League

Management Rules

- 1 The Association shall be called the "Leeds and Hunslet Schools' Rugby League"
- 2 The object is to promote Rugby League for schoolchildren.
- 3 All schools affiliated to the Leeds Schools' Sports Association are eligible for membership and to play in competitions.
- 4 The General Committee shall consist of President, Vice Presidents, Officers, all past Chairmen, all Life Members (including those from former Leeds Schools' and Hunslet & Morley Schools' Associations), members of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation and members of staff from each team in the Association.
- 5 The General Committee shall have power to:-
 - (a) elect Life Members;
 - (b) co-opt any other persons; such persons having the power to vote.
- 6 The General Committee shall elect its own President, Vice Presidents and Officers at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held in the summer term.
- 7 All Officers shall retire after one year and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 8 The Officers shall consist of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 9 At the A.G.M. the Officers shall present a report and the Treasurer shall present a duly audited balance sheet.
- 10 Alterations to rules shall only be made at the A.G.M. or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Suggestions of alterations, duly proposed and seconded, shall be sent to the Secretary 14 days before the meeting.
- 11 The General Committee shall normally meet for ordinary business once a term. Any urgent business shall be dealt with by a special meeting or by the Officers and one other member. At any such meeting three members (including at least one officer) shall constitute a quorum. A special meeting may be called by the Officers or by a member of the General Committee supported by four other members, such a meeting shall be held within 14 days.
- 12 The Officers shall liaise closely with the Leeds Rhinos Foundation to arrange Cup Finals and other school competitions.
- 13 It is the winning team's responsibility to ensure that trophies are returned engraved and in good condition. Schools will be responsible for the costs of any trophy which is lost or damaged.
- 14 The General Committee shall settle all disputes.

Rules agreed: 15.7.2025

Competition Rules

- 1 A member of staff shall be responsible for each team playing matches.
- 2 Referees shall be mutually agreed by the coaches of the opposing teams in all matches.
- 3 Age limits are determined on 31st August/1st September in the academic year of the competition.
- 4 Games shall be played under Rugby League rules, modified where necessary to meet the particular needs of school teams:-
 - (a) All primary school competitions shall be played non-contact
 - (b) The duration of each match shall be:
Boys (13-a-side):
Year 7 – 20 minutes each way
Years 8/9 – 25 minutes each way
Years 10/11 – 30 minutes each way
Girls (11-a-side):
Years 7/8/9 – 20 minutes each way
Years 10/11 – 25 minutes each way
The duration of matches at tournaments shall be determined by the number of matches to be played.
 - (c) Players shall not play more than one year above their age-group;
 - (d) Ball sizes shall be as follows:
Primary school – size 3
Boys Years 7/8 – size 4
Boys Years 9/10/11 – size 5
Girls (all high school ages)- size 4
 - (e) Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.
 - (f) In the event of misconduct by a player, the referee shall have the power to caution, suspend for a temporary period or dismiss the offender. Any serious misconduct will be reported to the RFL, if deemed necessary.
 - (g) All protective gear worn by players shall be well-fitting and safe.
- 5 In the event of a draw in a Cup match, the winner shall be decided by extra-time of five minutes (not “golden point”). If the scores are still level, then the team scoring most tries shall be declared the winner. If both teams have scored the same number of tries, then the winner shall be determined on the toss of a coin. In the event of a draw in a cup final, after extra-time of five minutes has been played, the trophy shall be shared.
- 6 All match results shall be communicated by the coach of the winning team, as soon as possible after the match, to the competition organiser.
- 7 The General Committee shall settle all disputes.

Safety

All schools must use the generic Leeds City Council risk assessments and adapt them to be school/site specific. They can be found on the LCC EVOLVE website.

AWARDS FOR HOVINGHAM & GARFORTH

Hovingham Primary School received the Ben Bateson Award for their effort and enthusiasm. They become the 32nd different school to receive the award, which was first presented in 1981-82.



Garforth Academy became the first school to be awarded the John Ahm Award for a second time. The award, for sportsmanship and participation, was first presented in 2015-16.



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... and also on social media:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/589916139122644>

<https://twitter.com/LeedsHunsletSRL>