

# SUNSHINE COAST RUGBY FESTIVAL 2018

*Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia 14 and 15 July 2018*

The Sunshine Coast Rugby Union (SCRU) is inviting schools **and clubs** from New Zealand, Fiji, Singapore, Papua New Guinea and all states of Australia to participate in the inaugural *Sunshine Coast Rugby Festival 2018* on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

The *Sunshine Coast Rugby Festival 2018* is scheduled for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and will feature boy's teams from Under-12's through to Under-18's to play Rugby 10's and girls Under-13, Under-15 and Under-18's teams to play Rugby 7's. The Festival will be held at Lighthouse Park, Caloundra the home of the Caloundra Rugby Union Club.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop young rugby players through the experience of a unique, regional tour set to welcome girls and boys to fun, festival of active sport **on** Queensland's Sunshine during the July school holiday period.

Located just sixty minutes' drive north of the Queensland's capital, the Sunshine Coast enjoys a wonderful sub-tropical climate with 300 days of sunshine annually, allowing you to immerse **in** a number of Australia's best beaches, escape to a natural hinterland, taste fresh local produce from the ocean and the earth or check out a croc at our world-famous Australia Zoo. The Sunshine Coast Airport has daily flights to Sydney and Melbourne with direct flights to Auckland also available. We'd love to welcome your school or club to the *Sunshine Coast Rugby Festival 2018*.

## CARNIVAL PARTICIPANTS

SCRU is aiming to attract a mixture of teams from across the world. This diverse mix of cultures is an experience that cannot be gained from a traditional billeted tour. The enthusiasm, fun and friendships generated in the accommodation venues is something young athletes will remember as a highlight of the tournament experience.

## AGE DIVISIONS

Girls 7's	Under 13s	Boys 10's	Under 12's
	Under 15s		Under 13's
	Under 18s		Under 14's
			Under 15's
			Under 16's
			Under 18's

*Any players outside the "2-year window" for an age group will need to complete the required exemption form available from SCRF management or directly from the ARU. Under certain strict conditions players may also be able to "play down" and for this to happen, another special exemption form is required to be filled in, appropriately signed off and submitted to the ARU.*

## CARNIVAL STRUCTURE

All teams compete in round robin matches before progressing through to finals. Where possible, teams will be split into tiered divisions to progress in semis and finals against teams of similar strength. **The design of each draw will depend on the number of participating teams in each age group and the playing strength of each team.**

Teams compete across the two-day competition with 3 games on the first day and at least 2 on the second.

#### CARNIVAL VENUE

Lighthouse Park Caloundra, home to the Caloundra Rugby Union Club, will be the venue for the Sunshine Coast Rugby Festival 2018 and is within walking distance to aquatic centres, accommodation, dining and pristine ocean beaches. The Wallabies have a strong connection the Sunshine Coast and particularly Caloundra, setting up training camps based at Lighthouse Park dating back to the 1990's before their successful Rugby World Cup campaigns.

Lighthouse Park,  
81 Arthur Street,  
Caloundra QLD 4551

[www.caloundrarugbyunion.com.au](http://www.caloundrarugbyunion.com.au)



#### TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Non-local teams have the freedom to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. However, if assistance is required with flights, team or supporter accommodation etc., the Sunshine Coast SCRUI has partnered with a World Sport Travel and Events to provide you with this service. World Sport is now available to assist you with flights, visa information, group accommodation and transfers as well as a variety of Sunshine Coast activities.

Worldsport can be contacted on +61 7 5545 1935 or at [info@world-sport.com.au](mailto:info@world-sport.com.au)

#### REGISTRATION FEES

The entry fee for this wonderful Festival of Rugby is \$350.00 per team.

- Twelve (12) Girl 7's players or Sixteen (16) Boy 10's, the coach and manager from each team will receive a tournament cap, and booklet of the event

- Trophies and medallions will be presented to division winners and runners up
- Fully qualified referees and dedicated Sport First Aid Officers will be present at all games

#### DRAFT ITINERARY

Friday: Most non-local teams arrive

Saturday: 7:30am Team Managers meeting at the Lighthouse Park clubhouse  
 8:30am Welcome to teams  
 9:30pm Matches commence  
 5:00pm Games conclude

- *There will be no break for lunch. Teams arrange their own lunches to fit in with their particular draw*
- *If team photos are required, arrangements with the photographer must be made at the management meeting on the first day*

Sunday: 7:30am Follow up Team Managers meeting  
 8:30am Matches commence  
 4:00pm Games conclude  
 4:30pm Presentation of Division Winners and Team of the Festival  
 5:15pm End of Festival BBQ

The Sunshine Coast offers a wonderful destination and excellent facilities to host this inaugural event. A number of teams from NZ and WA who will participate the week before in the Gold Coast Rugby Carnival have already registered for the 2018 SCRF.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Sunshine Coast and to the Rugby Festival 2018.

Warm regards,

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NEXT STEPS *(all new and waiting for comments!)*

1. If you require additional information -  
Email Luke Wyatt, General Manager of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union, at [luke.wyatt@scru.com.au](mailto:luke.wyatt@scru.com.au)
2. Complete and submit the online registration form  
<https://form.jotform.co/73050715784862>
3. Pay Team Registration Fee  
After receiving your registration, an invoice with payment details will be emailed to you. (Should your team be non-local and participation in the SCTF only part of an extended tour assisted by Worldsport, a costed itinerary will also be emailed for your consideration. In this case the \$350 will serve as a deposit and a schedule of subsequent payments outlined.
4. Read the Team Information Package  
Once your team confirms participation and pays the team registration fee an electronic Team Information Package will be sent to you containing comprehensive information about the event's venue, the latest itinerary for the weekend and Festival guidelines.
5. Sunshine Coast Rugby Festival Draw  
A draft draw for both the boys 10's and the girls 7's will be sent to all team managers 3 weeks before the commencement of the Festival. Following feedback and determination of the exact number of teams participating, the final draw will be constructed and emailed to managers and/or team contacts 1 week before the start date.