

Training Schedule

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# WELCOME TO THE 2024 SEASON!

Dear Parents, Carers, Team Staff, Supporters and Players,

Brothers RLFC will be fielding teams from Under 6 to Under 17, including Girls teams (U12, U14, U16), as well as Under 20, Reserve Grade, A Grade Men, and Open Women in the RLTD competition.

The following information has been provided for your benefit. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the contents of this booklet and enjoy the 2024 Rugby League season with Brothers.

Our Club’s **Vision and Mission Statements** clearly articulate what we are about.

## Vision Statement

Our Club will provide leadership, support, and direction to the development of Rugby League in the Townsville region. We are a Club backed by strong family values, creating a culture that is nurturing, supportive and inclusive for all our members. Where enjoyment of the game is as important as winning, where participation with one Club is lifelong, and where young people become better people.

## Mission Statement

We will provide leadership through effective Club governance, financial self-reliance, the provision of an inclusive, supportive family orientated environment for our members, our focus on one Club for life and our commitment to the development of our great game of Rugby League.

# QRL POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Enforces the existing National Code of Conduct

**What is the Program** - A fully aligned statewide program that empowers volunteers to proactively tackle behaviour issues and create a positive environment at Community Rugby League games.

**Why do we need it?** - We need this program to prevent poor behaviour and violence before it escalates and continue to allow our game to be promoted as a safe, positive and inclusive sport. **Anyone** attending matches needs to be aware that if they behave poorly, the team on the field may have their **game abandoned, lose competition points or be removed from the competition and the individual may be excluded from attending QRL games and events for a period of time.**

Full details of this program can be found at:

<https://www.qrl.com.au/clubhouse/positive-environment-program/>

# NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT - SUMMARY OF OFFENCES

Link to full details - [National Code of conduct](https://www.playrugbyleague.com/laws-of-the-game-community/code-of-conduct/?_ga=2.219445465.1730594173.1696995426-507722498.1668562058)

**ALL** Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents/carers, coaches, officials and spectators.

“Rugby League is a game for all, with a place for all. It is a sport built by the community and bound by the values of being inclusive, positive, united and disciplined. The Rugby League Code of Conduct is a direct reflection of the behaviours and standards that all players, parents, coaches, match officials, spectators and volunteers, expect the game to uphold. It is not only our duty, but everyone’s duty, to ensure the environment we create and expect abides by these rules, regardless of age, gender and ability.” Peter V’landys – Chairman ARLC

No person(s) attending a match, function, or Club related event or activity shall:

1. Use offensive or obscene language to any participant.
2. Enter the Field of Play or the Playing Area during the course of a match without the prior approval of the Ground Manager appointed by the home Club and/or League.
3. Excessively dispute the decision of a Referee or Touch Judge either during or after a match.
4. Assault, or act with aggression, to any person/s.
5. Behave in a way contrary to the Code of Conduct and/or the spirit of the game.
6. Behave in a way which disturbs the enjoyment of a match, function, activity or event by any person/s, or brings discredit to any Club, League or the game.
7. Act in such a way as to exhibit racial intolerance, by language or other conduct, to any person/s.
8. Refuse to accept the reasonable direction of the Ground Manager, official of the team/ Club which that person is supporting, or official of the home Club and/or League.
9. No person/s may make comment or take actions that bring discredit to any person, Club or league through any social media outlet.

Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents/carers, coaches, officials and spectators.

**Breaches of the Rugby League Code of Conduct may result in penalties**, including but not limited to:

› Suspension of a match and/or

› Termination of a match (including potential forfeiture of competition points) and/or

› Monetary fines and/or

› Suspension of a participant on a temporary or permanent basis and/or

› Suspension of a Club, League or Association on a temporary or permanent basis

These penalties are in addition to any penalty which may be imposed by the relevant governing League bodies.

# 2024 BROTHERS RLFC FOOTBALL BOARD MEMBERS

**Executive**

**President** – Jeff Doyle

**Vice President** – Shaun Valentine

**Secretary** – Kristy Briskey

**Board** **Members**

Cherona Lowe

Scott Dowd

Michael Parker-Walshe

John Amery

David Rath

Steve Olsen

Keira Karakyriacos

# COACHING OVERSIGHT

Our club utilises a Coaching Panel and Coaching Coordinators to assist with placement of players in teams and to act as the first point of contact for team queries within age groups.

**Staff**

## Development Officer – Carlin Anderson development@brotherstsv.com.au

## Football Operations – Kerry Winton football.admin@brotherstsv.com.au

**Office Ph : 07 4773 8037**

**Coaching Panel**

Scott Dowd

Dave Rath

Shaun Valentine

Michael Parker Walshe

## SENIOR COACHES

A-Grade - Michael Parker-Walshe

Reserve Grade – Craig Karakyriacos

Women - Kate McCulloch

U20 - Shaun Valentine

# REGISTRATION

EVERYONE involved in the great game of Rugby League MUST register online via PlayRugbyLeague.com – this includes Players, Coaches, Trainers (First Aid Officers and LeagueSafe/Water Runners), Managers, and other members involved in facilitating the Game.

Under the rules of the RLTD, NEW and TRANSFERRING Player registrations shall not be accepted until the first weekend after the commencement of the school year annually. New, transferring, and returning Player registrations will be accepted from Sign On Day onwards (27 January 2024), until teams are at capacity.

Returning Players have until the day prior to Sign On Day to secure their position for the upcoming season, before registrations are also opened to New and Transferring Players.

New Players are those who have never played Club rugby league before. New Players may register to Brothers RLFC prior to Sign On Day, HOWEVER we cannot formally accept their registration until Sign On Day. Must also provide and upload ID (Birth Certificate or Passport) showing players Date of Birth.

Clearances (Transfers): Players transferring to Brothers from another club. The Clearance process can start by:

* completing the Clearance Request online at PlayRugbyLeague.com. This can be done by trying to register to Brothers club and the system will prompt you to start a Clearance Request; OR
* by visiting the Brothers Footy Office and filling in a paper Clearance Request form.

The clearance must be approved by:

* The player’s previous club
* Relevant local leagues and regions
* Brothers Townsville RLFC
* Once the clearance is approved at all levels, the Player will receive notification via email. They **MUST** then complete the registration form online at PlayRugbyLeague.com
* VALID ID (e.g. Birth Certificate, Passport, Licence of the player) is required for all NEW and TRANSFERRING Players. Failure to provide ID at time of registration may result in processing delays.

Examples of reasons for clearance denial include:

* Unpaid fees at previous club
* Governing Body rules preventing transfer (e.g. Player meets “representative” status)
* We reach our maximum number of clearances per age group (limits set by QRL)
* Player numbers already at capacity

# BROTHERS REGISTRATION FEES & INCLUSIONS



## Juniors

Insurance is now Mandatory to be paid by the participant at time of Registration via PlayRugbyLeague.com

**Under 6 and Under 7: $200**

**Under 8 to U17: $250**

* Junior Fees include RLTD registration ($66 - U6 and U7, $82.50 U8 and above), players kit (includes playing shorts, playing socks, club polo, training shirt, cap), and end of year presentation function
* A minimum deposit of $150 is required for Players to be assigned to a team, take the field and receive their player kit. Players will NOT receive their player kit until minimum deposit has been paid.
* Fees must be paid off by 30th May or a payment plan started with full fees paid by 30th June. After this date, players **will not** be permitted to take the field until fees are paid.
* Players with outstanding fees from previous years will not be assigned to a team until such fees are paid.

Sibling/Family Discount - First child is at full price ($200 [U6/U7] or $250 [U8-U18] ), then $20 off for subsequent children ($180 [U6/U7] / $230 [U8-U18] ). The $20 discount is a flat amount which does not accumulate with more siblings. Senior Players ARE eligible for the Sibling/Family Discount.

## Seniors

**$300** (now eligible for Family Discount)

* Senior Fees include RLTD registration, insurance, club polo, training shirt, training shorts, and 1 ticket to end of year presentation.

## Registration Fee Invoices - Revolutionise

**Registration** – to be successfully registered with Brothers in 2024, you must also register through ***RevolutioniseSport -*** <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/brotherstsv/registration/>

* As we have such a large number of members, we utilise *RevolutioniseSport* to assist us to keep track of Teams, Player financials, and Player Kit sizes (e.g. Club polo, training tee, etc.)
* Register all **Players** in 2024 at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/brotherstsv/registration/> and follow the directions on the registration page to **RENEW (returning players)** or **REGISTER (new player)**
* Name details must be entered as per PlayRugbyLeague.com profile
* We will sometimes contact members directly from Revolutionise, so you may need to save “***Brothers Rugby League Townsville*** *no-reply@revolutionise.com.au*” to your Safe Senders list

## Payment of Fees

Player Registration Fees can be paid via:

* Online at time of registration though PlayRugby League (part payments NOT accepted via this option). You can pay in full at time of registration, or click “Complete Registration” and make payment via below methods
* Cash/EFTPOS/Credit Card accepted in the Footy Operations Office (end of field 2, Mon-Thurs 4:30-6:00pm during season, though times may vary)
* Part payment using Qld Government FairPlay vouchers are accepted. Check your eligibility or apply for a voucher at <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/apply> forward your pdf voucher to football.admin@brotherstsv.com.au for it to be applied to your child’s registration fees. Balance to be paid via Cash/EFTPOS/Direct Deposit
* Direct Transfer of Funds (bank details below)

**Acc name: Brothers RLFC**

**BSB: 084-502**

**ACC: 01 806 1397**

**REF: Player name + age group**

## Outstanding Registration Fees

If a Player has outstanding fees from 2023 or previous years, they **will not** be permitted to play or be allocated to a team until unpaid fees are paid in full. These players will also not be eligible for a transfer to another club until outstanding fees have been paid.

# INSURANCE

All **JUNIOR PLAYERS** (U6 to U18) will now pay a compulsory Insurance Premium as set by the Queensland Rugby League (QRL). Senior Grade insurance will still be paid by the Club. Government Legislation does not allow General Insurers to cover any costs subject to a Medicare rebate. There may still be out of pocket expenses applicable due to the schedule fee gap.

All injuries are to be reported to your team First Aid Officer and Manager so the injury can be recorded at the club for future reference. The compulsory insurance cover is marginal, and the club recommends Private Insurance cover for all players, particularly players in older age groups.

For all insurance queries, please contact AJG Insurance Broker – contact details can be found on their website: <https://www.ajg.com.au/contact>