

Rugby League

Fact Sheet

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Rugby league is a team-based sport where opposing teams attempt to place the football over the try line without being tackled. Goals and penalty goals add to the total team score. The team with the highest score at the end of the time period wins.

HIERARCHY					
Element	State	Regional	Local - Category A	Local - Category B	Notes
Queensland Rugby League Hierarchy	State	Regional	Local	-	
Total Site Area	6 ha	5.5 ha	4 ha	2 ha	
PLAYING AREA					
Orientation	Refer to Notes		E	Refer to Notes	
				NE	North-south orientation is required to minimise the effects of the sun's glare. The best orientation is 15° east of north. There is an allowable limit between 20° west of north and 45° east of north. Junior fields may run in an east-west orientation across a senior field. A senior field may be developed on an east-west orientation if site constraints dictate and competition on the field will be restricted to night times.
No. and size of playing areas	1 premier senior field plus 2 senior fields (may be multi-use)	E	1 showcase senior field plus min. 1 senior field (may be multi-use)	E	2 senior fields (may be multi-use)
				E	Min. 1 ha of lit grassed space for multipurpose use
				E	Senior Field: width - 68m length goal line to goal line - 100m In goal areas - to measure 68m x 8m Junior Fields: 8 to 9 years - 68m x 30m with 5m in-goals and 5m run off zones 10 to 12 years – 48m x 80m with 10m in-goals and 5m run off zones Senior fields to be developed where possible, as they accommodate multiple junior fields within the same playing area. Fields may be multi-use other than the premier field.
Coaches boxes (2)	Elevated position for 4 people	E	Touchline seating for 4 people (separate to Substitutes Bench)	E	-
					Separate Coaches Boxes should be provided for the home and away teams, ideally on the western side of the ground close to the halfway line.

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			5m long x 1.2m wide (Accommodate 8 people)						E Permanent, heavy duty, vandal resistant structures that have three fixed sides to provide shelter and UV protection, form part of the boundary fence and seat club officials and interchange players. Ideally the facilities should not impede viewing of the ground and have side panels and back panels to allow for ventilation. Metal bench seating should be fixed within the shelter on a concrete pad.
Goal posts			Height:16m. Width: 5.5m. Crossbar: 3m.						E At a State League level, goal posts must be 16m in height, 5.5m apart with a crossbar at 3m from the ground. The bottom 2m of the uprights should be padded. At a Regional and Local level, a reduced goal post height is permissible. Mini League: 3.5m High and 3m wide, crossbar is located 2m above the ground.
Interchange steward/ umpires/ officials box	Shelter with seat on half way	E	Shelter with seat on half way	NE					
Playing area surfaces	Grass playing area with no undulations or depressions.				E	Grass area	E	Wintergreen couch is the recommended turf for grass playing areas.	
Playing area drainage	Sub-surface drainage	E	Turtle back or single cross-fall 1% max. gradient. Sub-surface drainage around field perimeter	E	Single cross-fall 1% max. gradient. Swale drains around field with catch pits.	E	Flat to single cross-fall 1% max. gradient, swale drains on perimeter of total playing area	E Appropriately designed surface and sub-surface drainage and the development of a good overall maintenance plan for sports field drainage is critical in enhancing the participant experience and maximising the use of the facility (meaning fewer cancelled games). Installing sub-surface drainage systems in an existing playing fields may be required to improve surface quality, reduce cancellations and maximise use of existing facilities.	
Playing area marking	Marked using white paint.								E Grass growth retardant may be mixed with the paint to lengthen the life of the application. Herbicides or oils must not be used, as these will kill the grass and create depressions over time, which may cause injury.
Playing area perimeter/ run-off	5m	E	4m	E	3m	E	3m	E There must be adequate run-off area between the field of play and any perimeter fencing. Where possible, any new fields should aim for the highest run-off area (i.e. 5m).	
Scoreboard	Electronic	CR	Electronic		CR			To be positioned for optimal visibility for spectators and players and, if includes LED, consider the impact of afternoon sun on readability.	
LED sports lighting (average minimum lux)	Training: 100 lux Competition: 200 lux	E	Training: 50 lux Competition: 150 lux	E	Training: 50 lux Competition: 100 lux		E	Appropriate playing field lighting is essential in maximising facility use and therefore participation. High quality lighting will also reduce localised overuse of the playing field. Preferred minimum requirements for playing field lighting will vary depending on the level of competition and therefore facility. Lighting levels to be achieved at all times during night play, in accordance with AS 2560.2.3-2007 (R2017) – Sports lighting Specific applications – Lighting for football (all codes).	

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Playing area fencing	1.2m steel post and rail (for premier field only)		E	1.2m steel post and rail	NE	-		Fencing provides separation of players from spectators, assists in ball control and provides opportunities to display sponsorship signage.	
Irrigation	Sprinklers in line across the field and additional sprinklers around the outside and corners of the fields.		E	Sprinklers in line across the field.		E	Irrigation of the playing area must be provided to ensure continued growth of the turf. An automatic watering system is required. The preferred controller is Toro Custom Command Series and the preferred rotors are Toro T-7 Series stainless steel. Refer to Recommended Sport Field Construction Specifications for Logan City.		
SURROUNDS									
Storage (grounds maintenance)	45m ²				E	45m ² if responsible for grounds maintenance	E	Sufficient space for tractors and/or mowers (7.5m x 3m bay).	
Storage (playing equipment)	22.5m ²				E	Included in clubhouse		One additional bay on 7.5m wide grounds maintenance storage shed, to be used for storing goal post pads, tackle bags, bump pads, corner posts, balls and other team equipment used directly on the field. The shed is to be accessible from the playing fields (7.5m x 3m bay).	
Clock	Visible time clock	E	Visible time clock	NE	-		An approved match time clock that can be seen by spectators, players and officials shall be provide at all State League venues.		
Siren	Yes				E	-			
Spectator seating	Grandstand or tiered seating for min. 200 persons on main field, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons for other fields	NE	Bench seats or tiered seating for 100 persons on main field, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons for other fields	NE	Bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons per field	NE	-	Grandstand or tiered seating, bench seating is preferred with some covered.	

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