



Central Highlands Junior Rugby League Pirtek 2026 Season Draw



How the draw works...

Creating a season draw for the Pirtek Central Highlands Junior Rugby League is a detailed and complex process. It is not simply allocating games to weekends — it involves balancing team numbers, age groups, field availability, travel distances, volunteer capacity, competition integrity, and fairness for every club. We understand the significant distances our communities travel each week, and every effort has been made to minimise travel where possible while still ensuring a fair and competitive season for all clubs. Importantly, all clubs have been involved in the development of the draw and the final structure reflects collective input and compromise.

1. Team Structures

- U6–U11 (8 clubs) will play cluster-style carnivals at designated venues. This allows flexibility for clubs with smaller numbers, enables player sharing where appropriate, and provides opportunities for multiple games. Some clubs do not have full team numbers in the younger age groups. To support participation, Game Day Coordinators must communicate proactively with host clubs contacting visiting clubs as early as possible to organise match combinations and times. Player sharing should be encouraged to maximise playing time for all participants. Our priority in these age groups is development, enjoyment, and participation, the more football our kids play, the better they develop.
- U13 (8 teams), U15 (5 teams), U17 (5 teams) compete in scheduled International Rules matches. The number of rounds depends on team entries. Due to team numbers, these age groups may not always travel with their full club each week. While not ideal, this is unavoidable.

2. Larger Game Days & Volunteer Considerations

- Clubs have collectively opted for larger game days with fewer total home games across the season. This approach reduces the operational burden on volunteers, minimises the number of weekends clubs must fully staff canteens, grounds, and officials and allows clubs to better plan and resource their hosting commitments. As a result, game day length will vary depending on hosting responsibilities and age group allocations. Game Day Coordinators from each club will continue to work collaboratively throughout the season to ensure each round is structured in the most practical way possible for all involved.

3. Byes

- With five teams in U15 and U17, one team must have a bye each round. Byes have been spread as evenly as possible, though consecutive weeks off may occur — this is mathematically unavoidable.

4. Travel Requirements – Central West

- Central West face significant travel demands, often completing a 6–8 hour trip by bus therefore U15 and U17 teams from Central West must travel together. They cannot split across two separate venues on the same weekend. The draw accommodates this to ensure their continued participation, which we greatly appreciate. This year we have 3 local clubs travelling West to allow Central West 3 home games, we appreciate these clubs providing this opportunity to Central West.

5. Super Saturdays

- Each club has been allocated a “**Super Saturday.**” This ensures junior teams have the opportunity to play prior to a senior match. Clubs are encouraged to collaborate with their senior club to create a shared event atmosphere. Responsibility for planning and coordinating the day sits with the host club. These days are important for, strengthening club culture, promoting pathways from juniors to seniors, showcasing junior talent and building community engagement.

6. Hosting Responsibilities

- Host clubs are responsible for:
 - ✓ Organising mini-mod referees (U6–U11)
 - ✓ Liaising with the Referees Association for International games
 - ✓ Videoing all International matches
 - ✓ Coordinating match-day logistics

21.8. Each match shall be played in the below time periods:

Age Group	Time Period	Half Time Period
U6-U9	4 x 8 minute quarters	Club discretion
U10-U12	2 x 20 minute halves	5 minutes
U13	2 x 30 minute halves	10 minutes
U15/14	2 x 30 minute halves	10 minutes
U17/16	2 x 30 minute halves	10 minutes

Lastly, thank you for your patience and understanding with the draw. It is a difficult and lengthy process and our Draw Committee has worked hard to put this together.

Let's get excited for our 2026 Pirtek Central Highlands Junior Rugby League season! Let's make it a great one for our players, volunteers, and communities. 🍌



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			Cluster Teams		INTERNATIONALS		INTERNATIONALS	
14/03/2026 PM	1	AFTERNOON/NIGHT GAMES (TIGERS)			Tigers Green	Brothers White	Tigers	Brothers
					Brothers Blue	Tigers Black		
15/03/2026 SUNDAY	1	TIGERS	Tigers	Blackwater				
			Peak Downs	Clermont	Blackwater	BYE	Blackwater	BYE
		MIDDLEMOUNT	Middlemount	Dysart	Middlemount	Dysart	Central West	BYE
			Springsure	Brothers	Springsure	BYE	Dysart	BYE
21/03/2026	2	AFTERNOON/NIGHT GAMES (BROTHERS)			Brothers White	Tigers Black		
					Brothers Blue	Tigers Green		
22/03/2026 SUNDAY	2	BROTHERS	Brothers	Blackwater	Middlemount	Blackwater	Brothers	Blackwater
			Springsure	Middlemount				
		PEAK DOWNS	Peak Downs	Tigers	Springsure	Dysart	Central West	Dysart
			Clermont	Dysart			Tigers	BYE
28/03/2026 SAT ARVO	3	AFTERNOON/NIGHT GAMES			Tigers Black	Tigers Green		
29/03/2026 SUNDAY	3	DYSART	Dysart	Blackwater	Dysart	Blackwater	Dysart	Blackwater
		TIGERS	Tigers	Peak Downs			Central West	Tigers
CLERMONT	Clermont	Brothers	Brothers Blue	Springsure	Brothers	BYE		
	Middlemount	Springsure	Middlemount	Brothers White				
4/04/2026 11/04/2026 18/04/2026								
26/04/2026 SUNDAY ANZAC DAY WKD	4	MIDDLEMOUNT	Middlemount	Brothers	Middlemount	Brothers Blue	Brothers	Blackwater
			Dysart	Clermont	Brothers White	Dysart	Central West	BYE
		PEAK DOWNS	Peak Downs	Tigers	Tigers Black	Springsure	Tigers	Dysart
			Blackwater	Springsure	Blackwater	Tigers Green		
2/05/2026		CENTRAL WEST (BARCALDINE)					Central West	Dysart

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



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9/05/2026	5	SPRINGSURE SUPER SATURDAY	Springsure	Tigers	Springsure	Tigers Black	Dysart	Tigers
			Dysart	Clermont	Dysart	Tigers Green		
		BROTHERS	Brothers	Middlemount	Brothers Blue	Middlemount	Brothers	Central West
			Peak Downs	Blackwater	Brothers White	Blackwater	Blackwater	BYE
16/05/2026	6	CLERMONT	Clermont	Blackwater	Blackwater	Springsure	Blackwater	Dysart
			Springsure	Tigers	Tigers Green	Dysart	Tigers	BYE
		MIDDLEMOUNT	Middlemount	Brothers	Middlemount	Brothers White	Central West	Brothers
			Peak Downs	Dysart	Brothers Blue	BYE		
					Tigers Black	BYE		
23/05/2026	7	CENTRAL WEST (ALPHA)					Central West	Blackwater
			SPRINGSURE	Springsure	Peak Downs	Springsure	Middlemount	
		Brothers		Middlemount				
		CLERMONT	Clermont	Tigers	Blackwater	Dysart	Dysart	BYE
			Dysart	Blackwater				
MID WEEK (BROTHERS)			Tigers Black	Brothers Blue	Brothers	Tigers		
30/05/2026	8	DYSART SUPER SATURDAY	Dysart	Brothers	Dysart	Brothers White	Dysart	Brothers
			Peak Downs	Blackwater	Brothers Blue	Blackwater		
		TIGERS	Tigers	Springsure	Tigers Green	Tigers Black	Tigers	Central West
			Middlemount	Clermont	Springsure	Middlemount	Blackwater	BYE
6/06/2026	9	TIGERS	Tigers	Blackwater	Tigers Green	Blackwater	Tigers	Blackwater
			Middlemount		Tigers Black	Middlemount		
		SPRINGSURE	Springsure	Peak Downs	Springsure	Brothers White	Brothers	BYE
			Clermont					
		DYSART	Dysart	Brothers	Dysart	Brothers Blue	Dysart	Central West



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13/06/2026	10	MIDDLEMOUNT SUPER SATURDAY	Middlemount	Blackwater	Middlemount	Tigers Green	Tigers	Blackwater	
			Tigers	Peak Downs	Tigers Black	Blackwater	Central West	BYE	
		BROTHERS SUPER SATURDAY	Brothers	Dysart	Brothers White	Brothers Blue	Brothers	Dysart	
			Springsure	Clermont	Dysart	Springsure			
20/06/2026	11	TIGERS SUPER SATURDAY	Tigers	Brothers	Tigers Green	Brothers Blue	Tigers	Brothers	
			(DOUG SLACK SHIELD)		Tigers Black	Brothers White			
		U7'S TACKLE READY	SPRINGSURE	Springsure	Blackwater	Springsure	Blackwater	Blackwater	Central West
				Clermont					
			PEAK DOWNS	Peak Downs	Middlemount	Dysart	Middlemount	Dysart	BYE
				Dysart					
27/06/2026 4/07/2026 11/07/2026 <h3 style="margin: 0;">SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</h3>									
18/07/2026	12	DYSART SUPER SATURDAY	Dysart	Tigers	Dysart	Tigers Black	Dysart	Tigers	
			Middlemount	Clermont	Tigers Green	Middlemount			
		MENTAL HEALTH RD	BLACKWATER	Blackwater	Brothers	Blackwater	Brothers Blue	Blackwater	Central West
				Springsure	Peak Downs	Brothers White	Springsure	Brothers	BYE
25/07/2026	13	BLACKWATER S/S NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS	Blackwater	Tigers	Blackwater	Tigers Black	Blackwater	Tigers	
			Springsure		Springsure	Tigers Green	Central West	BYE	
		COUNTRY WEEK RD	CLERMONT SUPER SATURDAY	Clermont	Brothers	Brothers Blue	Brothers White	Dysart	Brothers
				Dysart		Dysart	BYE		
						Middlemount	BYE		



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1/08/2026	14	BLACKWATER	Blackwater	Dysart	Blackwater	Middlemount	Blackwater	Dysart
			Middlemount	Clermont	Tigers Black	Dysart		
		BROTHERS	Brothers	Tigers	Brothers White	Tigers Green	Brothers	Central West
			Springsure	Peak Downs	Brothers Blue	Springsure	Tigers	BYE
8/08/2026	15	BLACKWATER	Blackwater	Brothers	Blackwater	Brothers White	Blackwater	Brothers
			Dysart	Clermont	Brothers Blue	Dysart	Dysart	BYE
		PEAK DOWNS	Peak Downs	Tigers	Tigers Green	Springsure		
			Springsure	Middlemount	Middlemount	Tigers Black		
CENTRAL WEST (LONGREACH)					Central West	Tigers		
15/08/2026		BROTHERS	9-11'S CLUSTER		Semi - Finals			
22/08/2026		CLERMONT	9-11'S CLUSTER		Preliminary Finals			
29/08/2026		MIDDLEMOUNT	9-11'S CLUSTER		Grand Finals			