

MATCH PROGRAM

PANTHERS JUNIORS
ROUND 2





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



WELCOME TO THE EXCITING START OF THE PENRITH & DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE 2024 SEASON

As the sun rises on the long-anticipated commencement of the 2024 season, we extend our warmest greetings to all players, coaches, volunteers, families, and supporters. This year promises to be one of our most monumental yet, thanks to the tireless efforts of our clubs and dedicated volunteers.

With an impressive array of 75 competitions spanning from U5s to Open Age & Try Time, and with teams nominated for the Metro League Tag competitions, we have amassed over a whopping 620 nominated teams and a staggering 9000+ participants, the enthusiasm and dedication within our community from our people are truly commendable.

We are thrilled to announce a ground-breaking milestone in the history of junior rugby league. For the first time in the country, our growth in the female game has led us to introduce 'on age' competitions for females from U12s and up. The 2024 Female Program will feature competitions from U10s all the way to Open Age, a testament to our commitment to promoting and nurturing the women's game in Western Sydney.

This year is brimming with excitement and events to look forward to. Our Under 6s Super Hero Gala Day and Under 7s Fire Night will be back in 2024.





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Some new additions to the calendar are our themed weekends. From Anzac Day fixtures to Saturday Night Lights rounds for senior footy, and other important weekends celebrating our Women in League and Indigenous rounds, there's something for everyone to enjoy and be a part of.

Moreover, our inaugural Magic Round for the Don Feltis Cup U19 and Open Men's, alongside standalone magic rounds for the Don Feltis Cup U18 and Open Women, will showcase the finest talents in thrilling showdowns. Additionally, the introduction of the U18 and Open Women 9s competition in the second half of the year promises exhilarating matches with a gala day atmosphere every week, promoting fun and fast-paced football.

But the excitement doesn't end there! Our Festival of Footy will culminate in three weeks of gala days for our U9 & U10 age groups which will run alongside what will be an exciting finals series for our U11s to Open Ages, providing a perfect conclusion to a remarkable season filled with camaraderie and competition.

To all the clubs, teams and players participating this season, we wish you the best of luck. Let's make 2024 a year to remember, both on and off the field. Join us in creating history and fostering unity within our community by supporting as many games as possible. Together, we will grow and succeed in every aspect, forging lifelong memories and friendships along the way.

Here's to a sensational 2024 season!

Yours in Rugby League;

Jarrad Whitby

Chairman
PDJRL



IT'S LIVE!!!

STREAM ALL SUNDAY IN 2024



MONTHLY	WEEKLY PASS	48-HOUR PASS
\$19.95 per month, automatically renews each month	\$14.95 starts immediately, cancels after 1 week	\$6.95 starts immediately, cancels after 48 hours
SIGN UP	SIGN UP	SIGN UP

SCAN HERE

All BarTV Subscriptions give you the following access:

- ✓ All comps, all grades LIVE & On-demand (except pay-per-view)
- ✓ Live instant match highlight clips
- ✓ Percentage back to grassroots
- ✓ Instant, secure signup



ORDER NOW



FEATURED MATCHES



COMMENTARY BY MATTHEW AUSTIN



VS



DON FLETIS OPEN WOMENS

12:20PM | Basil Andrews, Riverstone



VS



BARRY NICOL OPEN MENS

3:00PM | Basil Andrews, Riverstone



FEATURED MATCHES



COMMENTARY BY MINI RABS AND PADDY TOBIN



VS



DON FLETIS U19

12:30PM | Peppertree Sporting Complex



VS



DON FLETIS OPEN MENS

3:20PM | Peppertree Sporting Complex

SKINSTM

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



WOMEN'S FOOTY IN 2024



Panthers Juniors has seen nearly 1,500 female registrations in 2024 thus far - a record breaking figure contributing to a rise of 33% YTD.

In a bid to continue the increase of female participation in rugby league, Panthers Juniors is set to be the first Junior League District in the world to host on age female competitions, beginning in 2024.

In 2024 Panthers Juniors female competitions will look as follows:

U10, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U18, & Open Womens - as well as many girls playing in mixed competitions.

Panthers Juniors General Manager Blake South is pleased to be making the move to grow the women's game.

"Moving to the on age format will be a great opportunity for the girls to promote equality across female rugby league," South said.

"With the growth over the last few years we believe now is the time to attract girls lost to other sporting codes and attract new participants."





PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Each week Panthers Juniors the coaches of each team U16 - Opens will vote 3, 2 and 1 for who they thought was an outstanding performer from their opposition.

Follow each week to see who is in line to ultimately receive the player of the year awards for their age group!





WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Each week Panthers Juniors will put together a team of the week for Sunday Football, based on the coaches votes for player of the year!

Follow each week to see who is in line to ultimately be included in the PDJRL Team of the Year!

ANZAC DAY GAMES

Windsor will be the place to be come Anzac day on 25 April.

1 Don Feltis U19 and 1 Don Feltis Open Men's game to take centre stage as we commemorate and remember the fallen

More to come...

OPEN MEN'S REP GAME

New in 2024 there is more to play for this year including the opportunity to represent Penrith against Cronulla in the Open Men's Rep Challenge.

More to come...

MAGIC ROUND

New in 2024 you will not want to miss this footy festival.

More to come...





BEHIND THE MIC



GET TO KNOW ME Mini Rabs.

The Panthers Juniors RL competitions resume this weekend after a seven month lay off. I have been lucky enough to receive the opportunity to do the play-by-play commentating for a few matches every week.

Although I did call a few grand final games last season, most of you won't know who I am.

Who are you and what is your rugby league background?

- My name is Michael Ponticello.
- I am now 20 years old and have been watching footy since 2011.
- I have been a Manly Sea Eagles fan ever since and have had the dream to be like my hero Ray 'Rabs' Warren and become a professional sports commentator.

What are you most looking forward to in this 2024 Panthers Juniors season?

- I am especially looking forward to being a part of the BEST junior competition in the world and seeing all the up and coming stars rise through the ranks.
- I am also very keen for the themed rounds this year, especially magic weekend and ANZAC Round...

This year's competitions are set to be some of the biggest ever.

I will be commentating alongside Paddy Tobin at Peppertree this weekend, so come say hi!





FROM THE REFEREES



HOW TIME FLIES, WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER JUNIOR LEAGUE SEASON.

This year sees a new opportunity for our members to succeed across the season grades. With the introduction of new laws and interpretations to streamline with NSWRL competitions.

This is an exciting challenge for our members, for members who have refereed for years, it is a change from what they have always done. For our referees who are seeking to get selected for the NSWRL Development Referees Squad at the end of the year it is an opportunity to begin officiating with the laws & interpretations they will use in their competitions.

The main changes coming into effect this year in 17s & above:

- Set restarts instead of penalties when beyond yardage (on or past your own 40m line) for ruck and 10m/marker infringements.
- Roll ball – When a player fails to make a genuine attempt to play the ball with their foot it will result in a handover not a penalty.
- Scrum/PTB position – in most instances the team will be allowed to move the scrum or PTB to 10m or 20m in from touch or in centre field.





FROM THE REFEREES



- Contested kick off/Drop out – If there is a kick off/drop out that can be contested by both teams and the ball fails to travel the required distance or goes out on the full, it will result in a handover instead of a penalty. If the kick cannot be contested and goes out on the full it will still be a penalty.

Although we would love to get every decision correct, we know we will not, and we will not shy away from this fact. But before you consider criticising us, have you thought about picking up the whistle and giving it a crack? Or do you know the Laws book from cover to cover? Why not express your interest in becoming a referee via the QR code.

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST TO BECOME A REFEREE





VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



MY PLACE is the new Principal Partner
of the Penrith Panthers and have jumped on board the
Panthers Junior family and launch the VOTM

NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



MyPlace

JUNIOR LEAGUE
**VOLUNTEER OF
THE MONTH**

**SCAN TO
FIND OUT MORE**



billy



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our 2023 Volunteer of the Year and the recipient of the Ian Robinson Medal

JO WRIGHT





SKINS PARTNERSHIP



In Season 2024 SKINS will be providing player of the week
SKINS Compression prize packs!

Our commentators each week will determine Best on Ground
(BOG) and award them the prize which can then be selected
by the player themselves the following week.



SKINS™

**PLAYER
OF THE
WEEK**

?????????

UNDER 19 DIV 1

CENTRE
2 TRIES
42 - 10 WIN







SKINS PARTNERSHIP



NEVER SEEN BEFORE PRICES
GET YOUR PANTHERS JUNIORS SKINS

We are proud to showcase our collaboration with SKINS for all members to wear for training and on-field purposes with our logo present on the clothing.

These price points are exclusive and cheaper than any retailer for all the Panthers Juniors family to enjoy!

There is no need to look any further for your SKINS wear.

ORDER BELOW OR VIA THE QR CODE
<https://bit.ly/PJSKINS>

EXCLUSIVE PRICING FOR ALL



ORDER YOURS TODAY



OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
panthersjuniors.com/home-2





SPORTSHEADS PARTNERSHIP



CHEER ON YOUR TEAM LIKE NEVER BEFORE

As a proud partner in 2024, Sportsheads are thrilled to introduce an EXCLUSIVE 20% off discount using code **PJ20** on all custom head orders

ORDER NOW BELOW OR VIA QR CODE
bit.ly/SportsheadsCustomOrder

MAKE SURE TO USE CODE - **PJ20**

20% OFF



USING CODE - PJ20

ON ALL CUSTOM SPORTSHEADS





PENRITH AND DISTRICTS
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

ROUND 2
MATCH PROGRAM

PANTHERSJUNIORS.COM.AU