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MATCH PROGRAM

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COATES FEMALE PARTNERSHIP



Panthers Juniors is excited to confirm that Coates is continuing as a Major Partner in 2025, proudly supporting our female teams for the second consecutive year!

This extended partnership reflects a shared commitment to empowering young female athletes and growing the game across the Penrith district. In 2025, you'll see the Coates logo on all female competition jerseys—and our girls playing with Coates' signature orange footballs, a bold symbol of their support.

Here's to another big year for our female teams—powered by Coates!





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2025 SEASON LAUNCH FROM THE CHAIR



It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2025 Penrith and District Junior Rugby League season!

We've hit the ground running this year, and the numbers speak for themselves with 9,316 players and a staggering 2,770 volunteers already registered, and this number is growing daily! We're well on track to surpass last year's totals, and this simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible commitment of our volunteers. Whether you're coaching, managing, running water, flipping snags, or supporting behind the scenes, thank you for putting your hand up in 2025. Your dedication forms the backbone of our community, and we are truly grateful.

Record-Breaking Growth Across the Board

This year marks some significant milestones:

- Female participation has reached a record-breaking 1,832 players—an outstanding 33.33% increase from last year, reflecting the growing strength of our female programs.
- 660 teams are taking the field in 2025—our highest number yet!



- We've seen fantastic growth in our junior age groups, with an additional 50 players in the 3-7s and 97 more in the 10-12s, and these numbers are growing daily.
- Each weekend, we'll see over 260 junior fixtures played across the district (not including senior competitions), a testament to the strength and scale of our league.

Referees & Officiating: Setting New Standards

Our game doesn't happen without our match officials. This year, we've retained 74% of our referees—the highest retention rate we've ever recorded, and we're welcoming a record 97 new referees into the fold. This achievement ensures we're setting a strong foundation for the future of officiating in our game.



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Sponsorship – Our Partners in Growth

We're proud to welcome our new sponsors for 2025: Swarm, Revolutions, and Young Guns. Thank you for your support! A big shoutout also to Jaybro, returning for another two seasons, and Coates, who have significantly upgraded their partnership to become our Major Presenting Partner for the Girls/Women's Rugby League and League Tag competitions. You'll see Coates proudly displayed on player apparel and across our fields with a custom-designed Coates Steeden making its debut this season!



We also have all our returning sponsors the previous seasons for 2025. Thank you to all who support our Junior League. We couldn't do what we do for our participants with your help.

Strategic Changes for a Better Game

Following the great progress of 2024, we've implemented some key changes in 2025 that will bring long-term benefit to the game:

- Talent Equalisation for our Under 5s, 6s, and 7s: Creating a level playing field that puts fun and learning at the forefront.
- Non-scoring games at these ages to support skill development and enjoyment.
- Zoning of U5, U6s and U7s into three regions, reducing travel and giving families more time back on the weekend.
- Live video coverage of Under 16s through to Senior Footy via BarTV, enhancing player safety, family engagement, and game integrity.



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Kicking Off 2025 in Style

We started the year with a bang at the Open Men's Pre-Season Challenge at Peppertree Sporting Complex. Teams from Penrith, Parramatta, and Group 6 went head-to-head in the heat, with Emu and Windsor squaring off in a thrilling final. We'll see this event return in 2026 bigger and better.

Exciting Events Ahead

- ANZAC Day Fixtures will expand to three venues this year after last year's success in Windsor—don't miss the chance to

- commemorate and celebrate with our rugby league community.
- The Luke Lewis Cup returns to Penrith, with our Open Men's squad taking on Cronulla in what promises to be another epic chapter—we'll be out to defend our title and keep the cup in the west!
- Superhero Round (U5s & U6s) and Fire Night Round (U7s) return with more excitement—despite losing Penrith Stadium to renovations, we're working hard to make this year's editions unforgettable.
- Magic Round is set to be even bigger in 2025!
- 4-Peat Gala Days are back for our U7s to U11s.



A Milestone Finals Series

This season will also see an important development: a separate Finals Series for our Female competitions, culminating in a dedicated Female Grand Final Day—a huge step forward in giving our girls and women the spotlight they deserve.

Let's Make 2025 Our Best Season Yet To every club, coach, player, referee, official, and supporter, thank you. Your continued passion is what makes this district the powerhouse of junior rugby league.



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I wish each of you the very best this season on the field and beyond. May your goals be reached, whether they're about winning games, building stronger clubs, improving training, growing your teams, or most importantly ensuring every child has fun, learns, and wants to come back and do it all again in 2026.

Good luck, enjoy the footy, and let's make 2025 a season to remember!

Yours in Rugby League

Jarrad Whitby
Chairman
Penrith & District Junior Rugby League





JUNIOR REPS FINALS BOUND



Finals Fever Has Arrived!

Week 1 of finals kicks off, and our girls are ready to make their mark.

LISA FIAOLA | Sunday, 13th April – @ Windsor Sports Complex

The Lisa Fiaola squad faces a must-win clash against the Knights this weekend. It's all on the line – win, and they move into Week 2 of finals; lose, and the season ends. The team has been locked in and working hard, and they're ready to rise to the challenge. Expect a high-energy performance with everything to play for.

TARSHA GALE | Sunday, 13th April – @ Collegians Sporting Complex

Meanwhile, our Tarsha Gale team is set to meet the Steelers in a highly anticipated match-up. After a strong regular season, they're eager to launch their finals campaign with a confident start. A big win here would give them serious momentum as they push toward the pointy end of the competition.

Both teams are fired up and ready to go – let's get behind them and show our support as they chase finals success!



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- Specialise in loading/unloading shipping containers (manual handling, strapping, wrapping)
- Develop our team members to provide opportunities for them to achieve their Best Version

What We Need

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- Strong work ethic, punctuality and a team-first attitude
- Have reliable transport

- Flexible
- Great culture
- Work with your mates
- Attractive Wage
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SENIORS ROUND 1 RE-CAP



DON FELTIS CUP - OPEN MEN



18 **16**



22 **24**



56 **14**



44 **30**



DON FELTIS CUP - U19 MALE



0 **60**



40 **10**



62 **0**



44 **14**





SENIORS ROUND 1 RE-CAP



BARRY NICOL SHIELD - OPEN MEN



30 **56**



38 **30**



16 **24**



BARRY NICOL SHIELD - U19 MALE



60 **0**



28 **18**



10 **38**





SENIORS ROUND 1 RE-CAP



DON FELTIS CUP - OPEN WOMEN



0 60



20 6



JAN CAMERON TROPHY - OPEN MEN



12 52



28 34



60 8



66 4





ROUND 2

SENIOR FIXTURES

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WELCOME FROM MINI RABS



Local Footy in Penrith is back!!

I have been lucky enough to receive the opportunity to do the play-by-play commentary for a few matches every week for a 2nd consecutive season.

I called 35 games out west in 2024, so most of you would know my voice very well, but wouldn't know too much else about me...

- My name is Michael Ponticello.
- I am now 21 years old and I've been watching footy since 2011.
- I am a Manly Sea Eagles fan, and have been ever since I was 7 years old.
- My dream is to be like my hero Ray 'Rabs' Warren and become a professional sports commentator...

For this season, I am looking forward to seeing how this district grows.

Last year was such a successful year for all competitions, so I'm excited to see further progress be made in 2025.

See you out and about in 2025!!





SENIORS ROUND 2 DRAW



DON FELTIS CUP - OPEN MEN



The Kingsway
5:00pm



Allsopp Paterson Oval
5:05pm



Windsor
Sporting Complex
5:50pm



Peppertree
Sporting Complex
6:30pm



DON FELTIS CUP - U19 MALE



The Kingsway
2:00pm



Allsopp Paterson Oval
2:05pm



Windsor
Sporting Complex
2:50pm



Peppertree
Sporting Complex
3:30pm





SENIORS ROUND 2 DRAW



BARRY NICOL SHIELD - OPEN MEN



Heber Park
3:40pm



Heber Park
5:10pm



Warrimoo Oval
6:00pm



BARRY NICOL SHIELD - U19 MALE



Windsor Sporting
Complex
1:20pm



Heber Park
2:10pm



Warrimoo Oval
4:30pm





SENIORS ROUND 2 DRAW



DON FELTIS CUP - OPEN WOMEN



Doug Rennie
1:20pm



Doug Rennie
2:30pm



JAN CAMERON TROPHY - OPEN MEN



The Kingsway
3:30pm



Allsopp Paterson Oval
3:35pm



Windsor
Sporting Complex
4:20pm



Peppertree
Sporting Complex
5:00pm





SENIORS ROUND RE-CAP



COMMENTARY BY MICHAEL MINI RABS
LIVE FROM WINDSOR SPORTING COMPLEX

DON FELTIS CUP - OPEN MEN



Windsor
Sporting Complex
5:50pm



SKINS™ PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DON FELTIS CUP - U19 MALE



Windsor
Sporting Complex
2:50pm



JAN CAMERON TROPHY - OPEN MEN



Windsor
Sporting Complex
4:20pm





OPEN MENS TEAM OF THE WEEK



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TEAM OF THE WEEK

LUXE EFFECTS
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E. LEAUANAE



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C. BYRD



A. FAINGA'
ANUKU



S. HUIHUI



R. FALCONER



H. REID PORTER



P. TUAVAO



B. DEMANUELE



T. ROMER



E. LINDSAY



J. FAIUMU



F. TOOMALATAI

BENCH

- 14. D. WILLIAMS (WCT)
- 15. J. HILL (LBM)
- 16. J. HANCOCK (WOR)
- 17. S. FIFITA (DOO)

COACH

K. BLACKMAN (CAM)

REFEREE

JOSH WILLIAMSON



CLUB OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



As a strong supporter of grassroots footy, Royal Caribbean is recognising and rewarding the dedication of our local clubs in a big way.

As part of this partnership:

- Overall Club of the Year Prize – An unforgettable 8 night cruise cruise experience across the South pacific for a few lucky people within the Royal Caribbean Club of the Year winner!
- Monthly Prize – A Cumberland Lounge experience for 4 at a Panthers CommBank Stadium home game

CONGRATULATIONS BLACKTOWN CITY OUR MARCH NOMINEE





4-PEAT GALA DAY WEEK 1



In 2025, Panthers Juniors is excited to launch the "4-Peat Gala Days" for all U7-U11 players. The Gala Days are designed to provide kids in the Penrith District with more games played throughout the season than ever before.

Panthers Juniors is thrilled to continue to mark the Panthers continued success in honor of their 4th Premiership.

The festivities are scheduled across four Saturdays of action packed Rugby League which commenced last Saturday April 5 with over 370 GAMES in the one day





TRY OF THE WEEK



TRY OF THE WEEK IS BACK!

Get ready, because Try of the Week is making its return—bigger and better than ever! Stay tuned for the sponsorship announcement coming soon.

Last year, our winner took home an iFLY experience for their entire team and a signed framed Panthers Jersey—who will take the crown this season? Keep an eye out for more details!

Submit your entry today by emailing junior.league@panthers.com.au or DM us on Instagram or Facebook





SKINS PARTNERSHIP



SKINS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Jayden Busfield, who was our Round 1 Player of the week for the seniors comp last week.

Jayden bagged a hatrick in a comprehensive win over premiers Colyton

He now will get to pick anything from the SKINS store. Stay tuned across our socials for the weekly winner and to view each players interview!

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SKINS COMPRESSION PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JAYDEN BUSFIELD
SKINS
SKINS Player of the Week is here in 2025. Congratulations Jayden from Windsor's U19 side 🐾
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



The 2024 season was filled with standout performances and memorable moments, and we're excited to highlight our award winners who made it so special. We're looking forward to seeing how this season unfolds!

2024 FEMALE WINNERS

AWARD	NAME
U16'S	HANNAH ISON
U18'S	ELLYSSA MYERS
OPEN WOMENS	GRACE MAKALIO-HARRIS



2024 MEN AWARDS

AWARD	NAME
U16'S	DOMINIC VELLA
U17'S	HUNTER BELL
U19'S	JACK ATTARD
BARRY NICOL	SIONE FIFITA
JAN CAMERON	CLAYTON BARKER
DON FELTIS	TORIE WILLIE





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