

JUNIOR HEAVIES PATHWAY



2022 and Beyond

WHO ARE THE JUNIOR HEAVIES?

The Junior Heavies were founded in 2018 as an alliance between the UQ Junior Bullsharks and Kenmore Bears (later joined by the Forest Lake Wasps) with one goal in mind - to ensure young junior rugby players in the western corridor, from Under 13 and above, always have a club rugby team to compete in, all the way through to senior rugby.

ENSURING JUNIOR RUGBY IN THE WEST

The key tenet to the Junior Heavies is providing rugby opportunities for all junior rugby players in the western corridor of Brisbane. Following a strong initial 3 years, the Junior Heavies are now looking to consolidate and expand this mission to include opportunities for young players from other clubs and schools that may not be in a position to continue to enter teams into the BJRU competition as players get older.



BUILDING CONNECTION WITH UQRFC

With the Junior Heavies currently fielding an Under 16 team, 2022 will mark the first year that the alliance will have the opportunity to field teams in the U18 Junior Colts XV's Lightning Series', and complete the pathway through to the UQRFC Senior Colts Program.

This will ensure a complete pathway for players to play Rugby from Under 4's all the way through to Senior Rugby - an opportunity that cannot currently be guaranteed anywhere else for junior players in the western corridor.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE JUNIOR HEAVIES

- Join the alliance from U13-18 as numbers dictate (enter your own team or individual players)
- Provides a complete player pathway from junior rugby to representative senior rugby
- Players wear their own club socks to represent links to their origin
- Coaching support from the UQ Rugby Academy Follows the UQRFC Rugby Curriculum

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