



2026 Central Otago Rippa Rugby Championship

Date:	Thursday, 11 June 2026
Postponement Day:	Friday, 12 June 2026
Briefing:	9:30 am
Games start:	10 am – 2.40 (ish) pm Each game is 7 minutes per half with a 3-minute break. There is a 20-minute gap between games.
Venue:	Pembroke Park Wānaka
Parking:	Parking is available around the outside of the park
Cost:	Entry Fee is \$5 per child - charged at \$45 a team • COPSSA will invoice individual schools when entries close
Entries:	Entries will be completed by COPSSA Zone reps or please email these to jasonc@wanaka.school.nz with their team names, school and Zone Qualification is from Zone Rippa Competitions
Conditions of Entry:	The teams must all have placed in their zone events Teams should not have been altered from their zone events to the COPSSA championship
<u>Draw:</u>	Boys and Girls - 2 pools - 5 games for each team (3 pool games, 1 semi, Finals see draw). Mixed - 5 games - 4 pool games (zones will not play teams from the same zone) straight to final 5 points for a win 3 points for a draw 1 point for a loss of less than 1 try 0 points for a loss of more than 1 try

If any teams have equal points after the pool games then points differential will decide rankings

DRAW

Categories and Team Entry

CATEGORY	Dunstan Zone	Wakatipu Zone	Upper Clutha Zone	TOTAL
YEAR 5/6				
YEAR 5/6 GIRLS TEAM	3	3	2	8 teams
YEAR 5/6 BOYS TEAM	3	3	2	8 teams
YEAR 5/6 MIXED TEAM	2	2	2	6 teams
YEAR 7/8				
YEAR 7/8 GIRLS TEAM	3	3	2	8 teams
YEAR 7/8 BOYS TEAM	3	3	2	8 teams
YEAR 7/8 MIXED TEAM	2	2	2	6 teams

POSTPONEMENTS

- Rippa Rugby will only be postponed if weather and road conditions are really bad - refer to COPSSA Postponement and Cancellation Policy.
- A notice will be put on the COPSSA Website www.copssa.nz by 6:30 am on the morning of the event advising if the Rippa Rugby is on or postponed.
- School Sports Coordinators will also be emailed if postponed (individual schools to inform parents).

VENUE

Pembroke Park - Wānaka

REGISTRATION

All teams will be automatically registered based on their zone results, schools and zone coordinators are responsible for letting Jason know if their team cannot compete.
Please check in with Jason (UC), Michael (Dunstan) or Paul (Wakatipu)

OTHER INFORMATION

REFEREES

22 referees will be required. Each team is to provide a referee.

RULES

Please read the rules carefully to ensure consistency from School to Zone to COPSSA events

CERTIFICATES:

Place-getters will be acknowledged on the day after the finals

Certificate templates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd individuals in each category are available on the COPSSA

Sports Coordinators Google Site:

Admin Tab – Certificate Templates – COPSSA Championship Certificates

Schools can download certificate templates and award to place-getters

CATERING:

Mr Whippy will be onsite and Tarras is to run a sausage sizzle with sausages and burgers (to be confirmed). PLEASE BRING LOTS OF WATER!

TOILETS:

Flush Toilets on-site (public) and some portaloos

FIRST AID:

All children with injuries are to report to St John's Ambulance, which is on site.

PARKING:

Cars – designated parking around the venue - no cars are allowed on the park

Buses – designated parking around the venue - no cars are allowed on the park

MARSHALS:

Individual schools are responsible for the supervision of competitors.

Any queries should be directed to: Jason Cowan

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