



Male Elite Pathways 2026 Trial Information: Junior Representative and Development Squads

Introduction

The Parramatta Eels are excited for the upcoming trials for our Development Squads and Junior Representative Teams! We greatly appreciate your continued involvement and dedication to Rugby League within the Parramatta District. Your passion and enthusiasm drive our community forward. The important information you need to know about the trial process is contained within this document including the important dates, which are listed on the last page.

Important Junior League Policy

In accordance with the Junior League Policy 2.12 to 2.22, players selected from the Parramatta District to represent other district teams during the season must obtain permission from the Parramatta National Rugby League to return and participate in the Parramatta Junior League at the end of the District Representative season.

Full Junior League Policy can be reviewed on the below link:

<https://www.parraeels.com.au/siteassets/junior-league/documents/local-transfer-and-permit-policy-v1.12.pdf>

This requirement ensures a smooth transition for players, allowing them to return to their original junior league clubs if desired. Without this permission, players may not be allowed to register with a Parramatta Junior League club for the following season, specifically for the 2026 season. ***For all players not selected to trial, they are free to trial in any other district and return at the completion of their commitments to their chosen Junior League Club.***

Decision Making and Commitment

Choosing not to trial for the Parramatta Eels Development and Representative Teams, or accepting a position with another district, is a significant commitment for young athletes. It is essential to consider the potential implications of this decision, as it may affect your ability to return to the Parramatta Junior League in the subsequent season if permission is not granted. **In short if you do not accept a position to trial or a position in the Eels squads, then your registration in the Parramatta Junior League in 2026 cannot be guaranteed.**



Support and Guidance

We strongly advise you to weigh your options carefully and seek clarification if needed before proceeding. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process or the implications of not participating in the Parramatta Eels Development and Representative Teams or trials, please reach out to us for guidance and support.

The Parramatta NRL Club and Parramatta Leagues Club make significant investments in terms of time, funding, and resourcing to foster the growth of participation in the Parramatta Junior League. The Junior League Policy 2.12 to 2.16 is in place to protect the integrity of the local competition and to protect the club's investment. The support from PNRL & PLC is crucial in providing opportunities for young athletes to develop their skills and pursue their passion for Rugby League within the Parramatta District.

Conclusion

We appreciate your understanding of these regulations and your commitment to Rugby League in the Parramatta District. Our primary goal is to provide the best possible experience for our young athletes while ensuring a fair and transparent process for all involved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we wish you all the best of luck in your Rugby League endeavours.

Parramatta National Rugby League Club

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	AGE in 2026 – U14 & U15	AGE in 2026 – U16, U17, U18 & U19
Communication & Information Sharing	<p><u>Monday, August 4th</u> – Information sheet to be emailed to all PJRL Clubs & all PJRL participants from U12 to U19</p> <p><u>Friday, August 7th</u> – Information sheet to be shared on Eels website & social media channels</p>	<p><u>Monday, August 4th</u> – Information sheet to be emailed to all PJRL Clubs & all PJRL participants from U12 to U19</p> <p><u>Friday, August 7th</u> – Information sheet to be shared on Eels website & social media channels</p>
Nomination & Registration	<p><u>Friday, August 7th</u> – PJRL clubs will receive a nominations link</p> <p>TEAMS IN FIRST DIVISION = 10 nominations TEAMS IN SECOND DIVISION = 5 nominations TEAM IN THIRD DIVISION = 4 nominations</p> <p>CLUBS CAN ONLY NOMINATE PLAYERS FROM THEIR HIGHEST DIVISION TEAMS</p>	<p>Trials for U16s, Harold Matts & SG Ball are invitation only</p> <p><u>Friday, August 7th</u> – Any player who is exempt from trialling will receive notification from Parramatta Eels Pathways Recruitment Manager before this date.</p>
Nominations Submitted	<p><u>Monday, August 25th</u> – Club nominations close, by 5pm.</p>	<p><u>Friday, August 29th</u> – Invited players to receive trial invitation from Parramatta Eels Pathways Recruitment Manager</p>
Trial Notification & Confirmation	<p><u>Wednesday, September 3rd</u> – Successful trial candidates notified via email</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 3rd</u> – Trial participants announced on Eels website</p> <p><u>Friday, September 5th</u> – last day for successful candidates to confirm their place in the trial</p>	<p><u>Friday, September 5th</u> – last day for invited players to confirm their place in the trial</p>
Trial Date	<p><u>Monday, September 15th</u> – U14s</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 17th</u> – U15s</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 10th</u> – U16s & Harold Matthews (U17s)</p> <p><u>Friday, September 12th</u> – SG Ball (U18s & U19s)</p>
Squad announcement	<p><u>Wednesday, September 24th</u> – U14s</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 24th</u> – U15s</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 17th</u> – U16s development squad & Harold Matthews summer squad</p> <p><u>Friday, September 19th</u> – SG Ball summer squad</p>

