



# **2023 AGE-GRADE CLUB FINALS TOURNAMENT PACKAGE**

Sunday December 3, 2023  
Thunderbird Stadium, UBC  
6288 Stadium Rd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3



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## Introduction

Welcome all teams to the 2023 Age-Grade Club Finals. Inside this tournament pack you will find all information to guide you through this year's event.

Should you have any questions on the day of the event that aren't addressed by this pack, please see one of the BC Rugby Staff onsite at Thunderbird Stadium.

The tournament will be covered on BC Rugby's social media platforms and matches will be available on live stream. Please refer to <https://bcrugby.com/competitions-2/2023-age-grade-club-finals/> for details on how to live stream and media links.

## Competition Purpose

Age-Grade Club Finals is the culmination of the Age-Grade season seeing the winning Boys and Girls teams in the U18 and U16 Age-Grades from the Mainland and Island come together in a crossover event to determine the provincial champions. This competition supports the long-term athlete development plan and aligns with the Rugby Canada Age-Grade Law Variations and BC Bears pathway.

## Event Details

**Location** - Thunderbird Stadium, UBC, 6288 Stadium Rd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

**Event Dates** – Sunday December 3, 2023


Entry to this event is free. There will be food, drinks, and concessions available on site. Payments can be made in cash or card. There is no ATM available on site.





## Schedule Details

Below is the Day of Event Schedule and the Changeroom Schedule.

 <b>AGE-GRADE CLUB FINALS MATCH SCHEDULE</b>				
Time	League	Team A	Team B	Format
10:30am	U16 Boys Gold Final	Island U16	Mainland U16	10-15 a side
12:00pm	U16 Girls Gold Final	Mainland U16	Island U16	10-15 a side
1:30pm	U18 Girls Gold Final	Mainland U18	Island U16	10-15 a side
3:00pm	U18 Boys Gold Final	Island U18	Mainland U18	10-15 a side

### Important, please note the following:

- Total match play per day is per Rugby Canada’s Age-Grade Law Variations.
- Half-Times will be 5mins.
- U18 Games will be 2x30min halves to allow for over time if required.





## AGE-GRADE CLUB FINALS CHANGE ROOM SCHEDULE

Time	Change Room 1 (Island Teams)	Change Room 2 (Mainland Teams)
9:10am	U16 Boys Island	U16 Boys Mainland
9:30am	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
10:40am	U16 Girls Island	U16 Girls Mainland
11:00am	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
11:30am	U16 Boys Island	U16 Boys Mainland
11:50pm	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
12:10pm	U18 Girls Island	U18 Girls Mainland
12:30pm	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
1:20pm	U16 Girls Island	U16 Girls Mainland
1:40pm	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
1:45pm	U18 Boys Island	U18 Boys Mainland
2:05pm	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
2:40pm	U18 Girls Island	U18 Girls Mainland
3:00pm	Leave changeroom with all belongings	
4:15pm	U18 Boys Island	U18 Boys Mainland
4:35pm	Leave changeroom with all belongings	

### Warm-up Areas

Teams are asked to warm up away from the fields and in the end zones.





## Jersey Colour

Some divisions may require communications between teams to avoid colour clashes. The Island teams will be viewed as the 'away' team and therefore have first choice on jersey colour.

## Results

### BC Rugby Rules of Competition:

This event is governed by the [BC Rugby Age-Grade Rules of Competition](#).

As approved by the Age-Grade Competition Committee at a meeting held on October 3, all Age-Grade Divisions will be allowed to apply for World Rugby Game on Guidelines in Age-Grade Playoffs (including Mainland and Island Finals as well as Crossover Finals) and utilize smaller team sizes. Should clubs utilize World Rugby Game on Guidelines, this will be indicated prior to the weekend of play.

### Scores:

Match scores will be posted on the BC Rugby website and BC Rugby App once reported by the referee of the game. Download the app here on [Google](#) or on [Apple](#).

## Key Deadlines & Timelines

- **9am Friday Dec 1** - Team Rosters for Playoffs must be submitted to BC Rugby via Sportlomo. All rosters submitted will be checked to ensure Rules compliance.

## Pre & Post Match Timelines

- 80 mins pre-KO: Access to allotted changeroom
- 60 mins pre-KO: Exit changeroom, removing all bags from change room
- 5 mins pre-KO: All Teams must be on the field
- Full-time: Shake hands, Runners-up & Winners Presentations On Field
- 10 mins post-match: Access to allotted changeroom





- 30 mins post-match: Exit changeroom
- 2hrs post-match: update roster submitted with all substitutions made

## Law Variations

[Rugby Canada's Age-Grade Law Variations](#) will be used for this event. Format may change if teams are unable to have a full roster.

## Key Rules of Competition for Playoffs (Excerpt)

### Section 5.7 Match Day Management:

- Under 19 Variation** – on any given day, any Player aged 18 years or younger must not exceed the number of minutes within a day as prescribed in the Rugby Canada Age-Grade Law Variations for a single match or tournament matches.
- Injury Replacement** – no player that is removed due to injury is permitted to return to the Match that they were removed from, unless they have been cleared by the designated team therapist.
- Substitutions** – all Matches shall be permitted unlimited player exchanges. That is, a removed Player may re-enter the Match as and when facilitated by the appointed Match Official.

### Section 6.2 Tie-Breaking in Playoff Matches

If the score is tied at the end of regulation time of a Playoff Match, then the tie shall be broken by the following procedures:

- First to score during a maximum of two five-minute halves of overtime shall be Played.
- If the score remains tied, the winner shall be determined by considering in order of the factors below:
  - The team with the most tries scored during the playoff match;
  - The team with the most converted tries scored during the playoff match;
  - The team with the most penalty goals during the playoff match;





- iv. The team with the most drop goals during the playoff match;
- v. The team that scored first during the playoff match;
- vi. The toss of a coin organised by the Match Official.

### Section 6.6 Player Eligibility:

In addition to Player Eligibility for the relevant Competition, the following apply to a Player's eligibility to represent a Club's Team in Playoffs. If a Team has any Player that does not comply with the following, then that Team will be deemed to have defaulted the Playoff Match and the opposition shall be deemed the winner and progress.

- (a) **Commitment** – a Player must have Played at least 50% of the Club's scheduled Matches for the Club to be eligible to represent that Club in Playoff Matches. Playing more than one Match within one week (Monday to Sunday) will only count as one Match towards the Player's eligibility calculation. The Committee will receive applications for exemptions in accordance with Section 8.3.
- (b) **Overtime** – regardless of any overtime required in Playoff Matches, any Player aged 18 years or younger must not exceed the number of minutes within a day as prescribed in the Rugby Canada Age-Grade Law Variations for a single match or tournament matches

### Section 6.7 Submitting Team Rosters:

All Team Rosters for Playoffs must be submitted to BC Rugby by Friday 9am prior to each Playoff Match. Changes may still be made up until 2 hours after the final whistle and must include all substitutions made. Roster size is consistent with regular season.

### Section 8.1 Age Restrictions:

A Team may apply for a named Player to be exempt as an over-age or under-age player from an age-grade following the Age-Grade Exemption process. No Age- Grade Team may exceed three over-age Players per roster, excluding U18 Age Grade. No player is exempted until written approval is provided by BC Rugby.

Per the World Rugby Age Banding Regulations In no competitions should there be any players on team sheets who exceed 3 years in Age difference e.g. a 16yr old cannot







play with a 12yr old, 17yr old cannot play with a 13yr old, 18yr old cannot play with a 14yr old ,and 19yr old cannot play with a 15yrs old.

## Award Presentations

Award presentations will take place after each final on the field. Medals will be presented to both the winning team and the runner-up.

## Medical Information

BC Rugby Medical Staff will be present all weekend (see venue field map). BC Rugby Staff will only step onto the field for an injury if called upon by a Coach, Referee or Therapist. Therapists will be wearing Red Pinnies to identify themselves.

Players may receive assessments or injury management from the Medical Staff at the tent at any time. No taping will take place. Please speak to the therapists directly regarding this.

BC Rugby's number one priority is player safety and adheres to World Rugby's policy of 'Recognise and Remove' when dealing with concussions or suspected concussions.

**Any player suspected or suffering from concussion should be immediately removed from competition and report to BC Rugby Medical Staff for evaluation.** Not reporting injury symptoms to avoid medical evaluation significantly increases the risk prolonging recovery and long-term effects.

Alternatively, players can be directed to Urgent Care at UBC for evaluation and treatment from a physician for any injury. Please provide documentation to medical tent for completion of the incident and witness report forms.





## Coach and Manager Certifications

Teams should be aware that all Coaches and Managers are required to have completed the following online courses:

- [World Rugby - Concussion Management for the General Public](#)
- [World Rugby – Rugby Ready Course](#)

All coaches and managers must be registered in Sportlomo under the relevant categories and associated with the club they are coaching.

## Emergency Action Plan

Thunderbird Stadium, UBC

6288 Stadium Rd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

Information	Details
Charge Person:	Tuyet Vu-Nareau: 905-467-1102
Call Person:	Appointed BC Rugby Therapist
Events Emergency Coordinator:	Sam Crawford: 778-653-1621
Emergency Services Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit scene to First Aid providers and move by-standers and players away from the area</li> <li>- When calling Emergency Services, provide name and title or position, current address, telephone number; number of individuals injured; condition of injured; first aid treatment; specific directions; other information as requested.</li> <li>- Contact First Aid providers through the Events Emergency Coordinator</li> </ul>
Directions to Stadium from Nearest Major Intersections:	<p><b><u>From University Blvd/Wesbrook Mall intersection:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head South on Wesbrook Mall</li> <li>- Turn Right (West) on Thunderbird Blvd.</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Turn Left (South) on East Mall</li> <li>- Turn Right (West) on Stadium Rd</li> <li>- Turn Left (South) approximately 400m down the road enter through the Stadium Gates</li> <li>- Call Person will meet ambulance at stadium entrance</li> </ul> <p><b><u>From 16th Ave./Wesbrook Mall intersection:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head West on 16th Ave.</li> <li>- Turn Right (North) on SW Marine Drive</li> <li>- Turn Right (East) on Stadium Rd</li> <li>- Proceed down to the roundabout and take the first exit staying on Stadium Rd</li> <li>- Turn Right (South) approximately 400m down the road enter through the Stadium Gates</li> <li>- Call Person will meet ambulance at stadium entrance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ambulance Access #1:</b></p>	<p><b><u>From University Blvd/Wesbrook Mall intersection:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head South on Wesbrook Mall</li> <li>- Turn Right (West) on Thunderbird Blvd.</li> <li>- Turn Left (South) on East Mall</li> <li>- Turn Right (West) on Stadium Rd</li> <li>- Turn Left (South) approximately 400m down the road enter through the Stadium Gates</li> <li>- Call Person will meet ambulance at stadium entrance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternate Ambulance #2 Directions to Stadium from Nearest Major Intersections:</b></p>	<p><b><u>From 16th Ave./Wesbrook Mall intersection:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head West on 16th Ave.</li> <li>- Turn Right (North) on SW Marine Drive</li> <li>- Turn Right (East) on Stadium Rd</li> </ul>





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<b>Location of Physician:</b>	At Emergency facility listed below
<b>Location of Phone and/or Cellular Phone #:</b>	Cell phone with Call Person
<b>EMS Dispatch #:</b>	911
<b>AED Location:</b>	There is no AED onsite.
<b>Security Dispatch #:</b>	UBC Campus Security 604-822-2222 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact after 911 to inform of emergency situation on campus after EAP has been activated</li> </ul>
<b>Location of Nearest Emergency Facility:</b>	<u>UBC Hospital:</u> 604-822-7121, 2211 Wesbrook Mall <u>BC Children’s Hospital:</u> 604-875-2345, 4500 Oak St <u>Vancouver General Hospital:</u> 604-875-4111, 855 W12th Avenue
<b>Assembly Point for Lightning or Severe Weather:</b>	Take shelter immediately in any surrounding building or metal-roofed vehicle. Stay inside for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder is heard.
<b>Muster Point</b>	In the events of a mass emergency such as an earthquake, the assembly point for all staff and attendees is clear of all structures in the middle of the current field.
<b>BC Rugby COVID-19 Safety Manager</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sam Crawford</li> <li>- <a href="mailto:covidsafety@bcrugby.com">covidsafety@bcrugby.com</a></li> <li>- 778 653 1621</li> </ul>





## Emergency Field Access for Thunderbird Stadium



### Venue Details

The 2023 Age-Grade Club finals are taking place at the Thunderbird Stadium, UBC 6288 Stadium Rd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3.

Please ensure that you are respectful of the venue and take cleats off when going indoors as well as throwing all garbage away.

### Parking:

Stadium Lot: 6288 Stadium Rd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

Rates: \$4.00 per hour – Max \$10

2015 Main Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia V5T 0J8  
T: 604.737.3065 E: [info@bcrugby.com](mailto:info@bcrugby.com)

BC Rugby gratefully acknowledges that its offices reside on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (*Musqueam*), Skwxwú7mesh (*Squamish*), Stó:ló and Sellwetaʔ/Selilwílulh (*Tsleil-Waututh*) Nations.





### **Changerooms:**

Teams have allocated changerooms for the event prior to and following their games. Please ensure you remove all belongings once your time slot is finished.

### **Bathrooms:**

There are washrooms located in the stadium.

### **The Rugby Shop Merchandise Stall:**

Our friends from The Rugby Shop will have a tent set up on site, where you can buy awesome BC Rugby event merchandise - including hoodies and more! Make sure you grab your event merchandise from The Rugby Shop stall.

### **Blonyx**

BC Rugby's Official Sports Nutrition partners, [Blonyx](#), will be on site for 2023 Age-Grade Club Finals. Come refuel and stay hydrated while learning more about the latest Blonyx products to help fuel your athletic ambition.

### **Restricted access:**

Spectators will not be given access to come field side. Only teams will be allowed to be field side along with coaches and therapists and BC Rugby staff who can be identified by their clothing.

### **Spectators:**

We want you to get a great view of the action so please stay in the stands at all times.

### **Travel Subsidy for Teams**

Teams travelling across the Georgia Strait will be in receipt of a \$500 travel subsidy per Team. Bank Transfers will be made out to the Club & posted following the Finals.







## Food & Water

### Food

Food Trucks - The following food trucks will be onsite

- [The Coffee Box](#) - 9:00am-2:30pm
- [Shameless Buns](#) - 10:00am-4:30pm

### Water:

Please bring your reusable water bottle and fill it up in the stadium. Please note there are limited water bottle fillers in the stadium.

## Venue Maps – Field



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## Referee Information

Match Officials from throughout the province will be appointed by BC Rugby. They will be working with Coaches of Match Officials to ensure that feedback serves player welfare, the development of the game and the development of Match Officials long term. Any questions or concerns can be directed to BC Rugby's Officials Development Manager Chris Assmus at [cassmus@bcrugby.com](mailto:cassmus@bcrugby.com)

## Weather Advisory and Cancellation Protocol

Rain and snow can be forecast leading up to and including the Age-Grade Finals Day, BC Rugby will monitor the situation accordingly. Safety is always the primary concern, and we might be forced to make a tough decision at late notice.

In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen event, champions may not be able to be determined. This is unless teams agree to rearrange and play out the championship fixture at another venue within 10 days of the original date (December 3), in which case BC Rugby will honour the result of the replayed match.

BC Rugby will endeavor to communicate any cancellation to Clubs as quickly as possible after a decision is made.

