



# BOWEN

## SUMMER 10s

# 2026

# CARNIVAL

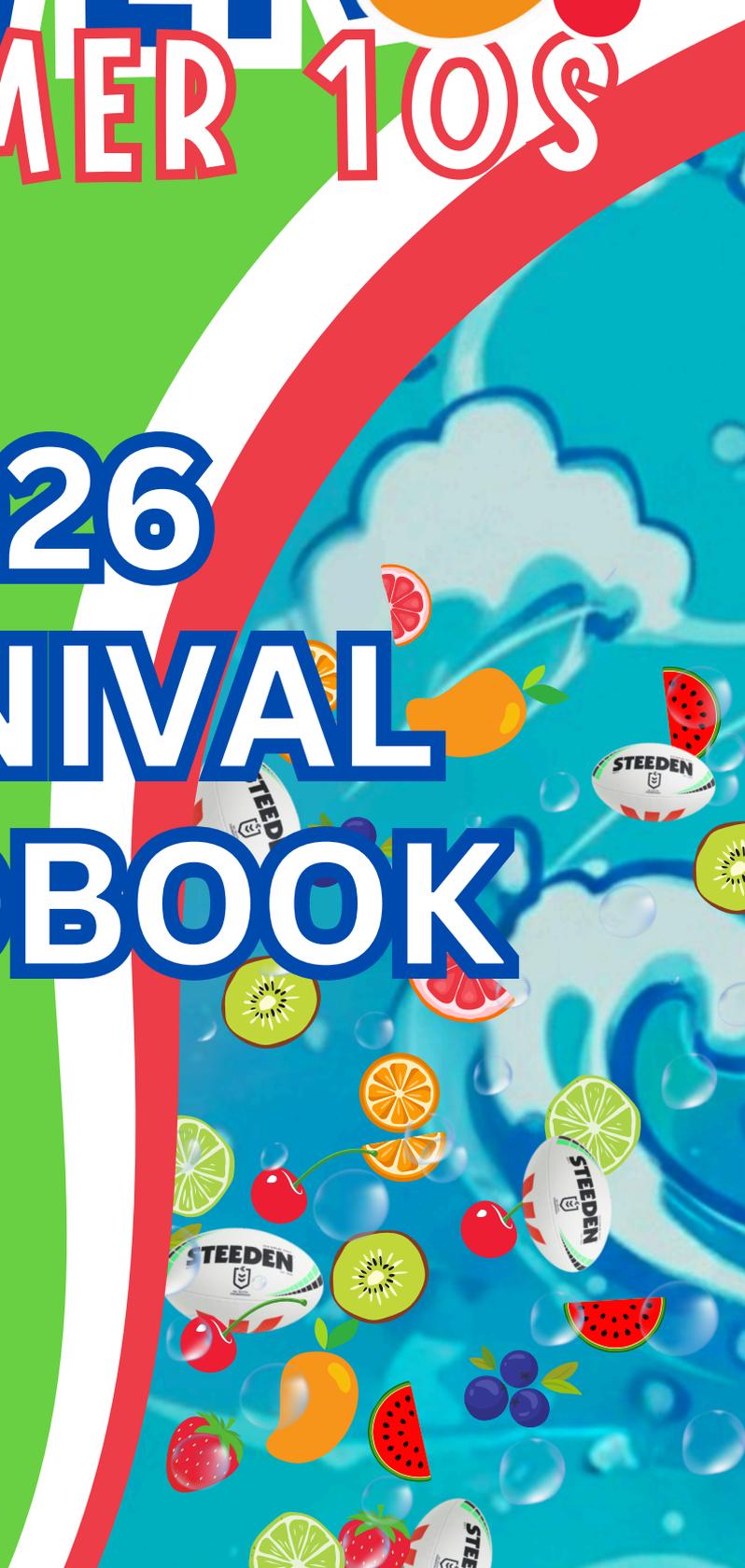
# HANDBOOK



28TH FEB. 2026



DENISON PARK, BOWEN





# OVER A DECADE OF IMPACT

The Bowen Summer 10s Carnival was started in 2012 by Bryan Horstman, who planted the seed for the event following the loss of his father to cancer. His primary goal was simple: to raise money for vital cancer research.

In the years since that inaugural game, the Carnival has become a powerful source of community support. The proceeds have provided essential juice, totaling thousands of dollars to support cancer charities and local health organizations, as well as offering direct assistance to numerous individuals battling the disease.

## Cultivating the Next Generation

A portion of the annual profits is also dedicated to the host, the Bowen Seagulls Junior Rugby League. This financial support helps reduce registration fees, making the game accessible to more families. This commitment ensures the Seagulls can fully execute their core mission and spirit:

"We will provide the opportunity for any child or young person, irrespective of ability or background, to learn the game, play the game, and love the game."

## Growth and Harvest

What began as a small competition featuring a handful of local teams from Bowen and Burdekin has truly ripened. Today, the Carnival attracts up to 24 vibrant teams (approximately 400 players) from across the entire region—the excitement is truly going bananas!

Mark your calendars! The next juicy season is scheduled for February 28, 2026, and it is already shaping up to be the biggest and best tournament yet.



# CHANCES TO WIN

**Mens Champion – \$2500**

**Womens Champion – \$2500**

**Mens Runners Up – \$1500**

**Womens Runners Up – \$1500**

**Lucky Team Draw – \$1000**

**Team Relay Men – \$500**

**Team Relay Women – \$500**



BOWEN SEAGULLS RUGBY LEAGUE IS INVITING ALL SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS AND TEAMS, FROM ROOKIES TO PRO'S AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN, TO COMPETE IN THE BOWEN SUMMER 10'S ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT THE HOME OF RUGBY LEAGUE, DENISON PARK BOWEN.

### NOMINATIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 12 players, maximum of 20
- MUST have NRL accredited team staff including Coach, Manager, Level 1 or 2 Sports Trainer and League Safe
- Every player must have an NRL ID and be registered to the carnival by 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026 - no players/team staff will be accepted beyond this date
- Manager must have ability to fill out team sheet via Google Sheets AND entered in via MySideline App by Fri, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026
- On-field uniforms must display QRL logo and be from a QRL approved supplier - list of suppliers [CLICK HERE](#)
- TEAMS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITHOUT THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS BEING MET

### PLAYERS AGE

Senior competition QRL rules apply - Players must be 18+ to participate. Those who are currently 17 (must be turning 18 this year) there is an option to apply for *Special Consideration*. To do this, the request must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the coach and written consent from the player's parents. Please note that approval is not guaranteed and will require assessment by the Regional Manager on a case-by-case basis. <https://www.cognitoforms.com/QueenslandRugbyLeague1/2026SpecialConsiderationForm>. Players who are 16 or turning 16 this year are not permitted.

Players over 40 must have medical clearance from GP submitted in writing to committee & QRL rep.

### NOMINATION FEE

\$380 + GST per team - paid at registration via [www.bowenseagulls.au](http://www.bowenseagulls.au)  
\$50 of this fee will go straight to carnival charity!

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Bowen Seagulls Rugby League Supports the NRL Code of Conduct during the carnival, we ask all teams and supporters to follow the code throughout carnival. Bowen Seagulls Carnival Committee and QRL Officials will have final say on scoring/finals/disqualifications etc and will not enter into any disputes on the day. Teams who disregard this request will be automatically disqualified and disallowed from future carnivals.

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## TEAM RAFFLE

Each team must provide a few pieces of team merchandise to contribute to the COMBINED PRIZE RAFFLE on the day raising funds for the cause.



## MEALS

A Full canteen will operate throughout the carnival and menu will be provided closer to event + various food trucks.



## SHADE SHELTERS

Each team is responsible for their teams shade on the day. Gazebos can be set up the Friday before from 2 pm. 1 x 6x3 tent per team Please ensure you clean around your team's area at the end of the day.



## ICE

Bags of ice can be purchased at the bar after 8:30 am.



## SCORE UPDATES

Scores will be updated on the MySide line App throughout the day



## GROUND RULES

- No alcohol to be consumed outside the licensed club area
- No smoking/vaping inside the grounds
- No dogs/bikes/scooters/e-scooters



## DRAW

Draw will be sent out via email to Managers 2 weeks prior to carnival date and posted on Facebook page however changes may occur up until carnival start.



## TEAM CANCELLATION

Refunds will not be given for pre-order merchandise or team nomination fees if a team is to withdraw or be disqualified at any time.

### GAME RULES

- 10 players on the field per side
- Team staff and players must remain in allocated interchange tents during games
- Unlimited interchange
- 10 minute halves - 2 minute half time
- 5 tackles per set
- Player who scores converts
- Conversions are drop goals behind the goal post back into the field of play in a line with where the try was scored.
- 20 second shot clock for conversions
- The scoring team will dropkick to restart play
- 3 minute sin bins. A send off will result in exclusion from the carnival
- The clock for the next game will start 3 minutes from the end of the previous regardless if teams are ready.
- All teams must wear the correct uniform during all games including football boots
- Each team shall have only 2 officials who can run water to players during the game.
- The carnival supports the NRL Code of Conduct. All teams and spectators are to follow the code.
- Players under 17 are not eligible to play. Players who are over 17 and not yet 18 are required to submit a letter of consent from their parent/guardian for QRL approval.
- Players over 40 will require a doctors clearance to compete and must be approved by QRL.
- Any player currently sanctioned by the governing body who is serving match bans or suspension is not eligible to compete.
- A draw in points from pool games will be decided on for and against.
- A draw in the finals will trigger 5 minutes each way of extra time and decided on golden point
- If an unregistered player/team staff (including registrations completed after 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026) takes the field at any time the team is automatically disqualified from the carnival.
- Lucky Door team will be drawn at random

### POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

- Any Half Win - 3 points, Full Time Win - 2 points, First Try Scorer - 1 point, Any Half Tie - 1 point, Full Time Tie - 1 point
- Finals Games revert to normal game scoring - Game leader at the end of game WINS

**IN THE EVENT OF MAJOR TIME LOSS DUE TO INJURY, A DECISION ON GAME TIMES WILL BE MADE BY THE CARNIVAL COORDINATOR.**



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# CARNIVAL VENDORS

ALONG WITH OUR CANTEEN AND BAR WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING FOOD VENDORS VISITING THE CARNIVAL!



WE ALSO HAVE A PHYSIOTHERAPIST AVAILABLE FOR STRAPPING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**CHRIS ELPHINSTONE**  
**RPL PHYSIOTHERAPY BOWEN**



# QUICK LINKS



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(TYPE YOUR TEAM NAME  
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[TEAM LIST - MANAGERS](#)

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