



**THAMES VALLEY
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

**SHAW CUP
&
FLEMING SHIELD**

2021

Aim:

To provide an opportunity for as many Year 8 and below students as possible to experience the enjoyment of rugby and to play in a tournament under specific rules and conditions.

Dates:

Saturday 31st July – Rhodes Park, Thames.

Saturday 7th August – Sports Park, Whitianga.

Saturday 21st August – Boyd Park, Te Aroha.

Grades:

There will be two grades of competition:

- Shaw Cup (Year 7 and below students)
- Fleming Shield (Year 8 and below students)

Only one team may be entered in each grade from the regions listed below of the Thames Valley Rugby Football Union (TVRFU) Inc. The Year Groups specified for each competition must be met by ALL players on the official date of the first day.

Shaw Cup - Player eligibility:

- Must be a Year 7 or below Student as of the 1st January 2021.
- There are NO Secondary School Students eligible to play.
- There is NO weight limit.
- Must attend a school located within the TVRFU Provincial Boundaries or are registered before the 3rd July 2021 to a club affiliated to the Thames Valley Rugby Football Union.
- Any player attending Thames Valley Schools that play Hockey, Soccer, Netball, Rugby league etc. are eligible to play in the Shaw Cup and Fleming Shield Tournament.

Fleming Shield - Player eligibility:

- Must be a Year 8 or below Student as of the 1st January 2021.
- There are NO Secondary School Students eligible to play.
- There is NO weight limit.
- Must attend a school located within the TVRFU Provincial Boundaries or are registered before the 3rd July 2021 to a club affiliated to the Thames Valley Rugby Football Union.
- Any player attending Thames Valley Schools that play Hockey, Soccer, Netball, Rugby league etc. are eligible to play in the Shaw Cup and Fleming Shield Tournament.

Teams:

Regionally based teams would be selected from players who are eligible for that region using the following criteria:

- a. The player is registered and playing for the club(s) that are based within these regional areas.
- b. The player attends a School listed within these regional boundaries.
- c. Players that currently play other sports (e.g. hockey, football etc.) and fit the criteria set out in a & b above are eligible to play.
- d. College students will not be eligible to play in the Shaw Cup or Fleming Shield.

Shaw Cup Regions:

For 2021 there will be 4 (four) main regions for the Shaw Cup competition. This has the aim of ensuring that there are 4 competitive teams with the maximum of 25 players in each squad (22 per game) throughout the tournament (15 aside, full field).

The table below outlines the regional teams and what clubs/schools make up those regional teams for the Shaw Cup Competition.

Regional Team:	Clubs:	Schools:
Peninsula	Coromandel, Tairua and Mercury Bay Junior Clubs	Whenuakite, Te Rerenga, Te Wharekura O' Manaia, Coroglen, Colville, Kennedy Bay, Mercury Bay Area School, Coromandel Area School, Hikuai, Tairua.
Hauraki / Thames	Thames & Hauraki Plains Junior Clubs	Tapu, Te Puru, Moanataiari, Parawai, St Francis, Thames South, Matatoki, Puriri, Kerepehi, Ngatea, Turua, Kaihere, Kopuarahi, Waitakaruru.
Central Coast	Whangamata & Waihi Junior Clubs	Opotuere, Whangamata AS, Whiritoa, Waihi College, Waihi Beach, Waihi Central, Waihi East, Waikino, St Josephs (Waihi)
Te Aroha/ Paeroa	Te Aroha & Paeroa Junior Clubs	Stanley Ave, Te Aroha Primary, St Josephs (Te Aroha), Waitoa, Springdale, Elstow-Waihou, Manawaru, Miller Ave, Paeroa Central, St Joseph's (Paeroa), Paeroa Christian School, Tirohia, Karangahake, Hikutaia, Netherton.

Fleming Shield Regions:

For 2021 there will be 4 (four) main regions for the Fleming Shield competition. This has the aim of ensuring that there are 4 competitive teams with the maximum of 25 players in each squad (22 per game) throughout the tournament (15 aside, full field).

The table below outlines the regional teams and what clubs / schools make up those regional teams for the Fleming Shield Grade:

Regional Team:	Clubs:	Schools:
Peninsula	Coromandel, Tairua and Mercury Bay Junior Clubs	Whenuakite, Te Rerenga, Te Wharekura O' Manaia, Coroglen, Colville, Kennedy Bay, Mercury Bay Area School, Coromandel Area School, Hikuai, Tairua.
Hauraki / Thames	Thames & Hauraki Plains Junior Clubs	Tapu, Te Puru, Moanataiari, Parawai, St Francis, Thames South, Matatoki, Puriri, Kerepehi, Ngatea, Turua, Kaihere, Kopuarahi, Waitakaruru.
Central Coast	Whangamata & Waihi Junior Clubs	Opotuere, Whangamata AS, Whiritoa, Waihi College, Waihi Beach, Waihi Central, Waihi East, Waikino, St Josephs (Waihi)
Te Aroha/ Paeroa	Te Aroha & Paeroa Junior Clubs	Stanley Ave, Te Aroha Primary, St Josephs (Te Aroha), Waitoa, Springdale, Elstow-Waihou, Manawaru, Miller Ave, Paeroa Central, St Joseph's (Paeroa), Paeroa Christian School, Tirohia, Karangahake, Hikutaia, Netherton.

Jersey Numbers:

All players must have a jersey number allocated for the official tournament; players must play in the same jersey number for the entire tournament.

Registration:

There is an entry fee of \$40.00 per team to be paid to Thames Valley Rugby Football Union.

This fee is to cover administration costs only, including referee expenses.

Player Nominations:

Shaw Cup:

Team management may nominate no more than 25 players.

(Note: there must be 5 front row forwards named on the list who have all completed a Scrum Factory Clinic. This is an NZRFU ruling). *(22 per match-day squad maximum, per game - 15 aside)*

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Code of Conduct:

Coaches, Managers and Parents must remember that the tournament is held for the enjoyment of our young rugby players in the Thames Valley. Participation, enjoyment and positive support are the key to the success of this tournament. A full code of conduct can be found in the Junior Rugby Information Handbook, located on the TVRFU website.

Player Safety:

Team coaches and managers are responsible for the safety and discipline of their team members. There is every likelihood that there will not be a St John or medical expertise available at any of the venues. Management must be able to provide the necessary first aid if needed. Coaches & Managers must have done a Small Blacks Course.

Game Times:

All games will be of no more than two 20-minute halves. There will be a half-time break of five minutes. The appointed Thames Valley Referee is the sole judge of time.

Rules of Rugby:

All matches will be played according to the rules of rugby as set by the NZRFU Small Blacks Development Model and adopted by TVRFU. These rules have been played all year and can be found online, or in the TVRFU Junior Rugby Handbook. The format and draw are set by the tournament organizers prior to the commencement of the tournament and all teams must abide by the conditions of play set.

Any questions or queries please contact:

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