

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Lead Area:	Rugby Operations
Lead Policy Title:	<b>POLICY ON EXPANSION, RELOCATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RUGBY CLUBS</b>
Policy Reference No:	<b>WAC1</b>
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## SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Unless and until the Board otherwise determines the following policy has been endorsed by RugbyWA's Community Rugby Advisory Committee (CRAC) and has been in place since 2014.
- The following RugbyWA Policy has also been endorsed by the RugbyWA Juniors and as such is a joint policy for both Senior and Junior Rugby. In the case of Junior Rugby matters both RugbyWA and the RugbyWA Juniors should be contacted.

## Background

The RugbyWA constitution requires RugbyWA to "Foster and Control Rugby in WA". Therefore RugbyWA supports initiatives that grow rugby participation and rugby talent in Western Australia. Growth of the game is a shared responsibility between clubs, schools, affiliated bodies and RugbyWA. For rugby to be truly successful in growing the game all parties must work together.

Western Australia's accelerating population growth means that it is inevitable that expansion, relocation or establishment of new rugby clubs will occur from time to time. RWA intends to maximise growth in participation. This policy is intended to support the overall growth and development of rugby in manner which is consistent with the best interests of Rugby in WA. RugbyWA will take into account the following policy and guidelines when considering growth proposals.

## Policy

- RugbyWA is committed to assisting clubs, schools and affiliated bodies in their efforts to grow and maximise participation and will work with them in developing their growth plans.
- Clubs or affiliated bodies considering any significant growth plans should discuss them with and notify RugbyWA in writing as a priority. Any proposed expansion, relocation or establishment of a new Rugby club requires RugbyWA approval.
- A key aspect of growth is the long term sustainability of existing rugby clubs and all efforts to grow rugby participation must take into account not only their long term sustainability but also the impact on their club when applying the guidelines below.

## Guidelines

In supporting the expansion, relocation and establishment of Rugby clubs the following guidelines will be considered in determining the support of RugbyWA:-

- The proximity of another club.
- The number of existing registered players within the immediate area of the proposed new club.
- The demographic profile of the proposed area.
- The strength of the committee and administration.
- The available facilities.
- The proposed governance and linkage with the existing club.