

U15 Hampshire League and Cup 2026-27

How the leagues work: Div 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The Hampshire U15s league stage will take place from 27th September until 6th December 2026. Div 1 and 2 will have five teams and Div 3 and 4 will have six teams. Each team will play the other teams in their league, once. 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and bonus points for 4 tries or more and being within 7 or less points in a match.

All games are on [RFU GMS](#) so that managers can access the fixtures, submit team lists and complete Electronic Match Cards for each game.

At the end of the league phase teams will be ranked according to Total points from their 4 or 5 games. If two teams are tied on points in their division, then whichever team won their head-to-head will be placed higher up the league, if that game was a draw, then the team with most points for will be placed higher up the league. If there is still no separation, then it's a COIN TOSS!

How the Cup Competition Works - Cup, Plate, Bowl, Shield & Vase

The principle: nobody is just knocked out

Every team's league form feeds directly into the cup draw; every team keeps playing for something all the way to Finals Day. (With the exception of playoff game for 21st place which will take place on 31st Jan 27) If you lose your Quarter-Final, you cascade down to play for the next trophy instead. The only exception is the Vase: as this is the last trophy on the ladder, there is no cascade.

Step 1: Three pools, set by league form

After League Round 5, all 22 teams are ranked together using league points, peer-to-peer result and then points scored to determine position in each league. (the same fair, cross-division method used to build the league itself). That single ranking splits into three pools:

Pool	Who's in it	Plays for
Pool 1	Top 8 teams from Div 1 and Div 2	Cup (QF winners) and Plate (QF losers)
Pool 2	Next 8 teams overall from Div 2 Div 3 and Winner of Div 4	Bowl (QF winners) and Shield (QF losers)
Pool 3	Bottom 6 teams overall (Winner of Div 4 Plays in Bowl Comp and Lowest League Team in Div 3 plays in Vase Competition) – See fixtures	Vase only - standalone knockout

Step 2: How the cascade works

Take Pool 1, as an example, and the same logic will apply to Pool 2.

- All 8 teams in the pool play a seeded Quarter-Final on 10th January
- Win your Quarter-Final, and you are through to the Cup Semi-Final on 31st January.
- Lose your Quarter-Final, and you cascade down to the Plate Semi-Final on the same weekend - no extra fixture needed.
- Both the Cup and the Plate then run their own Semi-Final, with the final being played on Finals Day at New Milton on the 7th March

Pool 2 works identically, producing the Bowl (Quarter-Final winners) and the Shield (Quarter-Final losers).

Pool 3 (the lower 6 teams) is smaller, and the teams play for the Vase: Except The winner of Division 4 is promoted to the Bowl/Shield competition and the last team in Division 3 is demoted to the Vase competition but they are seeded 1 in the Vase and the team that was placed 2nd in Div 4 is seeded 2. Both of which receive a bye to the semifinals on the 31st January.

Finally, the losing teams from the Vase Quarterfinals will play off for 21st and 22nd positions in the rankings on the 31st January.

Fair approach

- Your Quarter-Final opponent and your trophy are both set by how your team actually performed in the league, not by which division you happened to be drawn into.
- A single bad result in the Quarterfinal doesn't end your season - it moves you into a competition you could still win.

Key Dates

Stage	Date	What happens
Quarter-Finals	Sun 10 Jan 2027	20 of the 22 teams play – Vase competition seeds 1 and 2 received byes to Semifinals. This weekend decides who's still in the top trophy of their pool and who cascades down
Semi-Finals	Sun 31 Jan 2027	Four teams left in each of the five competitions Losers of Vase QF3 and QF4 play for 21 st and 22 nd rankings.
Finals Day	Sun 07 Mar 2027	Cup, Plate, Bowl, Shield & Vase Finals - hosted by New Milton RFC

All five Finals - Cup, Plate, Bowl, Shield and Vase - are hosted by New Milton RFC on Sunday 07 March 2027.

Quick FAQ

Q: We lost our Quarter-Final - are we out?

No. You move into the Semi-Final of the next trophy down (Cup to Plate, or Bowl to Shield) on the same weekend.

Q: What if we are in Pool 3?

You will be playing for the Vase only – this is a smaller, standalone knockout competition, with byes for the top 2 seeds, given there is not a trophy below the Vase to cascade into.

Q: Can our Quarter-Final opponent come from a different division to us?

Yes - pools are set by overall league form across all four divisions.