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World Cup set for 2026

Southern Hemisphere to host rugby league showcase

THE next IRL Rugby League World Cup will take place in the Southern Hemisphere in 2026, with men's, women's and wheelchair tournaments to again be played alongside each other.

An IRL board meeting in Singapore has agreed to shift the World Cup from 2025 to 2026 and stage it under a revised format as part of a new calendar to 2030 aimed at capitalising on the growth of the international game.

The 2026 Rugby League World Cup will feature 10 men's, eight women's and eight wheelchair teams.

The changes were made after France's decision to withdraw as hosts of the previously scheduled 2025 Rugby League World Cup.

In addition, it has been decided that the following Women's Rugby League World Cup, after RLWC2026, will be held as a stand-alone tournament in 2028.

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