

World Cup

The number of competing nations rose from four in 1954 to ten in 1995. Since 2000, only the best nations qualify automatically all other teams had to play a qualification before.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
1954, Oct 30 - Nov 13	Paris FRA	GBR	16:12	FRA	AUS
1957, Jun 15 - 25	Brisbane, Sydney AUS	AUS	---	GBR	NZL
1960, Sep 24 - Oct 08	Bradford, Leeds, Swinton, Wigan GBR	GBR	---	AUS	NZL
1968, May 25 - Jun 10	Sydney AUS	AUS	20:2	FRA	GBR
1970, Oct 21 - Nov 08	Leeds GBR	AUS	12:7	GBR	FRA
1972, Oct 28 - Nov 11	Lyon FRA	GBR	10:10aet ¹	AUS	FRA
1975, Mar 02 - Nov 06	home & away	AUS	---	ENG	WAL
1977, May 29 - Jun 25	Sydney AUS	AUS	13:12	GBR	NZL
1985, Jul 07 - 1988, Oct 09	home & away	AUS	25:12 ²	NZL	GBR
1989, Jul 23 - 1992, Oct 24	home & away	AUS	10:6 ³	GBR	NZL
1995, Oct 07 - 28	London GBR	AUS	16:8	ENG	---
2000, Oct 28 - Nov 25	Manchester GBR	AUS	40:12	NZL	---
2008, Oct 25 - Nov 22	Brisbane AUS	NZL	34:20	AUS	---
2013, Oct 26 - Nov 30	Manchester GBR	AUS	34:2	NZL	---
2017, Oct 27 - Dec 02	Brisbane AUS	AUS	6:0	ENG	---
2022, Oct 15 - Nov 19 ⁴	Manchester ENG	AUS	30:10	SAM	---

Women's World Cup

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
2000, Nov 07 - 24	Warrington GBR	NZL	26:4	GBR	AUS
2003, Sep 28 - Oct 12	Auckland NZL	NZL Kiwi Ferns	58:0	NZL Maori	---
2008, Nov 06 - 16	Brisbane AUS	NZL	34:0	AUS	---
2013, Jul 05 - 14	Leeds ENG	AUS	22:12	NZL	ENG
2017, Nov 16 - Dec 02	Brisbane AUS	AUS	23:16	NZL	---
2022, Nov 01 - 19 ⁵	Manchester ENG	AUS	54:4	NZL	---

Rugby League World Cup 9s

1. 2019, Oct 18 - 19 Sydney AUS

Men

	Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
2019	AUS	24:10	NZL	---

Women

	Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
2019	NZL	17:15	AUS	ENG

¹ An additional twenty-minute extra time was played in the final, but no further score resulted, and Great Britain were awarded the cup by virtue of a better position in the table.

² Conversely, FRA was unable to fulfil their 1987 tour of Australasia due to financial difficulties, and had to forfeit away fixtures against AUS, NZL and PNG. The two top teams on the table AUS and NZL met in the World Cup final in Auckland NZL.

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World Club Challenge

The World Club Challenge is a match played between the champions of the Australian National Rugby League and the English Super League annually since 2000.

Predecessors:

Until 1994, the matches were played between the current champions of NSWRL Premiership and RFL Premiership. Only in 1997, the competition inflated to all 22 clubs of the Australian and English Super Leagues. 1976 and 1987 editions were unofficially.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up
1976, Jun 29	Sydney	Eastern Suburbs Roosters AUS	25:2	St. Helens RLC ENG
1977 - 1986	<i>not played</i>			
1987, Oct 07	Wigan	Wigan RLFC ENG	8:2	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles AUS
1988	<i>not played</i>			
1989, Oct 04	Manchester	Widnes RLFC ENG	30:18	Canberra Raiders AUS
1990	<i>not played</i>			
1991, Oct 02	Liverpool	Wigan RLFC ENG	21:4	Penrith Panthers AUS
1992, Oct 31	Wigan	Brisbane Broncos AUS	22:8	Wigan RLFC ENG
1993	<i>not played</i>			
1994, Jun 01	Brisbane	Wigan RLFC ENG	20:14	Brisbane Broncos AUS
1995 - 1996	<i>not played</i>			
1997, Oct 17	Auckland NZL	Brisbane Broncos AUS	36:12	Hunter Mariners AUS
1998 - 1999	<i>not played</i>			
2000, Jan 22	Wigan	Melbourne Storm AUS	44:6	St. Helens RLC ENG
2001, Jan 26	Bolton	St. Helens RLC ENG	20:18	Brisbane Broncos AUS
2002, Jan 25	Huddersfield	Bradford Bulls ENG	41:26	Newcastle Knights AUS
2003, Feb 14	Bolton	Sydney Roosters AUS	38:0	St. Helens RLC ENG
2004, Feb 13	Huddersfield	Bradford Bulls ENG	22:4	Penrith Panthers AUS
2005, Feb 04	Leeds	Leeds Rhinos ENG	39:32	Canterbury Bulldogs AUS
2006, Feb 03	Huddersfield	Bradford Bulls ENG	30:10	Wests Tigers AUS
2007, Feb 23	Bolton	St. Helens RLC ENG	18:14	Brisbane Broncos AUS
2008, Feb 29	Leeds	Leeds Rhinos ENG	11:4	Melbourne Storm AUS
2009, Mar 01	Leeds	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles AUS	28:20	Leeds Rhinos ENG
2010, Feb 28	Leeds	Melbourne Storm AUS	18:10	Leeds Rhinos ENG
2011, Feb 27	Wigan	St. George Illawarra AUS	21:15	Wigan Warriors ENG
2012, Feb 17	Leeds	Leeds Rhinos ENG	26:12	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles AUS
2013, Feb 22	Leeds	Melbourne Storm AUS	18:14	Leeds Rhinos ENG
2014, Feb 22	Sydney	Sydney Roosters AUS	36:14	Wigan Warriors ENG
2015, Feb 22	St. Helens	South Sydney Rabbitohs AUS	39:0	St. Helens RFC ENG
2016, Feb 21	Leeds	North Queensland Cowboys AUS	38:4	Leeds Rhinos ENG
2017, Feb 19	St. Helens	Wigan Warriors ENG	22:6	Cronulla Sharks AUS
2018, Feb 16	Melbourne	Melbourne Storm AUS	38:4	Leeds Rhinos ENG
2019, Feb 17	Wigan	Sydney Roosters AUS	20:8	Wigan Warriors ENG
2020, Feb 22	St. Helens	Sydney Roosters AUS	20:12	St. Helens RFC ENG
2021, Oct 07	Wigan	<i>St. Helens RFC ENG</i>	<i>np⁶</i>	<i>Melbourne Storm AUS</i>
2022		<i>St. Helens RFC ENG</i>	<i>np</i>	<i>Penrith Panthers AUS</i>
2023, Feb 18	Sydney	St. Helens RFC ENG	13:12gp	Penrith Panthers AUS
2024, Feb 24	Wigan	Wigan Warriors ENG	16:12	Penrith Panthers AUS

⁶ On Nov 19, 2020, the Super League confirmed the World Club Challenge was never going to take its allotted place in February 2021, with travel difficulties due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It was postponed into fall first but finally cancelled.

Four Nations (defunct)

The Four Nations replaced the **Tri Nations** tournament adding a fourth team to the three top teams AUS, ENG and NZL since 2009 onwards. The fourth team is the winner of the European Cup if the tournament take place in the northern hemisphere and the winner of the Pacific Cup if the tournament is organized in the southern hemisphere respectively.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
Tri Nations					
1999, Oct 15 - Nov 01	Auckland NZL	AUS	22:20	NZL	GBR
2004, Oct 16 - Nov 27	Leeds GBR	AUS	44:4	GBR	NZL
2005, Oct 15 - Nov 26	Leeds GBR	NZL	24:0	AUS	GBR
2006, Oct 14 - Nov 25	Sydney AUS	AUS	16:12 ⁷	NZL	GBR
Four Nations					
2009, Oct 23 - Nov 14	Leeds ENG	AUS	46:16	ENG	NZL
2010, Oct 23 - Nov 13	Brisbane AUS	NZL	16:12	AUS	ENG
2011, Oct 28 - Nov 19	Leeds ENG	AUS	30:8	ENG	NZL
2014, Oct 25 - Nov 15	Wellington NZL	NZL	22:18	AUS	ENG
2016, Oct 28 - Nov 20	Liverpool ENG	AUS	34:8	NZL	ENG

Youth World Cup (U16) (defunct)

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
2005, Sep 23 - Oct 01	Moskva RUS	AUS	62:6	FRA	PNG

Rugby League World Sevens (defunct)

The World Sevens was a pre-season rugby league sevens first held in 1988 for New South Wales teams only. Since 1992, also teams from outside Australia joined to the tournament, which was ceased after founding of the RLIF. Later it came back as RLIF World Sevens but was not continued since 2004.

It was held in Parramatta until 1991 and then in Sydney (except the opening day 1995 in Brisbane, 1996 in Parramatta).

	Champions	Final	Runners-up
Rugby League World Sevens			
1992, Feb 07 - 09	Wigan Warriors GBR	18: 6	Brisbane Broncos AUS
1993, Feb 05 - 07	Eastern Suburbs Roosters AUS	18:12	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles AUS
1994, Feb 04 - 06	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles AUS	44:12	St. George Dragons AUS
1995, Feb 04 - 05	Manly Warringah Sea Eagles AUS	36:12	Fiji Batis FIJ
1996, Feb 03 - 04	Newcastle Knights AUS	48:18	North Sydney Bears AUS
1997, Feb 08 - 09	Parramatta Eels AUS	32:22	North Sydney Bears AUS
RLIF World Sevens			
2003, Feb 01 - 02	Parramatta Eels AUS	42:18	England
2004, Jan 24 - 25	Wests Tigers AUS	18: 7	Parramatta Eels AUS

Super League World Nines (defunct)

During the "rugby war" the Super League created the Super League World Nines as a counterpart to the Rugby League World Sevens. After the founding of the RLIF continuation was decided starting from January 2002, but ultimately did not take place.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
1996, Feb 22 - 24	Suva FIJ	NZL	26:10	PNG	AUS
1997, Jan 31 - Feb 02	Townsville AUS	NZL	16:0	SAM	---

⁷ The final was decided in extra time after "golden point".