

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

Carnegie Champion Schools / Colleges 2009
Rugby League Tournament

Are you in it?



Year 7 Boys Final at Wembley Stadium

Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament

Carnegie Challenge Cup Weekend 2009

Contact the RFL 0844 477 7113

What is Carnegie Champion Schools?

The **Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament** is a national rugby league competition for **secondary schools and colleges**. The aim is to provide a prestigious competition that will **reward excellence** and also encourage broad participation.

In the last Academic year over 1,500 teams and 25,000 players competed in the Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament, making it the largest rugby league competition in the world.

The finals of the 2009 Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament will be played in London during the weekend of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.



The road to Wembley?

Schools initially compete in local stage competitions usually organised geographically by district /service area. The local winners then progress to the Regional Stage.

Teams battle their way through the regional competitions hoping to progress to the National Stage of the tournament.

For those lucky enough a trip to Wembley awaits.....



To anybody given the chance to represent your school in the Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament final, give your best, no one can ask

for anymore, you may not go back again the year after, so take the opportunity."

Terry O'Connor



Playing in the curtain raiser at Wembley in 1994 was a life changing

experience for me. It was after that I knew I wanted a career in rugby. I remember thinking 'this is for me' and that I wanted to be part of the big occasions."

Chev Walker

Who can play?

Schools enter any boys team from Year 7 through to Year 11.

Girls play a 9 a-side competition from Year 7 through to Year 11.

Proposed time lines for 2008/09 season Regional and National

The Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament and last years newly launched Champion Colleges fits comfortably into the new National Competition Framework; it is inclusive for both boys and girls at all age groups with a progressive structure which offers competition at local, regional and national levels. It is branded throughout and has a high profile at every stage.

CARNEGIE CHAMPION SCHOOLS BOYS YEAR 7 TO 10

Local stage	Completed by Friday 24th October 2008 (before October half term)
Regional Stage	Completed by Friday 13th February 2009 (before February half term)
National Stage Rd 1	Completed by 13th March 2009
Quarter Finals	Completed by 3rd April 2009
Semi-finals	28th April 2009 (Yr 8 & Y10) 30th April 2009 (Yr7 & Y9)

CARNEGIE CHAMPION GIRLS YEAR 7 TO 10

Local stage	Completed by Easter
Regional Stage	Completed by end of May 8th 2009
Regional Final	9th June 2009
National Festival	19th May 2009 (Yr7 & Yr9) 21st May 2009 (Yr8 & Yr10)

CARNEGIE CHAMPION SCHOOLS BOYS YEAR 11

Local stage	Completed by Friday 24th October 2008
Regional Stage	Completed Wednesday 4th February 2009
National Quarter Finals	Completed by 27th February 2009
Semi-finals	W/E 17th March 2009
Final	W/E 1st April 2009

CARNEGIE CHAMPION GIRLS YEAR 11

Local stage	Completed by Friday 24th October 2008
Regional Stage	Completed by end of November 2008
National Festival	19th March 2009
Final	W/E 1st April 2009

It may be deemed necessary to move some National round games to neutral venues to ease travel time, distance and cost. Schools may be eligible for travel subsidy during the National Stage when travelling over 100 miles (claim 50% support - subject to Andy Harland's approval)

CARNEGIE CHAMPION COLLEGES BOYS

Regional Stage Rd 1	Completed by 22nd October 2008
Regional Stage Rd 2	Completed by 5th November 2008
Regional Stage Quarter Finals	Completed by 26th November 2008
Regional Stage Semi Finals	Completed by 10th November 2008
Regional Stage Finals	Completed by 11th February 2009
National Quarter Finals	Completed by 4th March 2009
Final	Completed by 1st April 2009

www.carnegiechampionschools.co.uk

How to take part...

Contact your national or regional development manager and they will direct you to your nearest schools liaison officer.



For anybody selected for the Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament finals, get

involved, try your best, but make sure you enjoy it, that is what it is all about at your age."

Phil Clarke

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