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100 days to go until Rugby League World Cup 2026

Live, free and exclusive on Seven and 7plus
Sport from Thursday, 15 October

The countdown to one of Rugby League's biggest events has begun, with today marking 100 days to go until the **Rugby League World Cup 2026**, broadcast live, free and exclusively on Seven and [7plus Sport](#) from Thursday, 15 October to Sunday, 15 November 2026.

Kicking off with a blockbuster clash between Australia and New Zealand at Sydney's Allianz Stadium, Seven's month-long coverage will showcase the very best of international rugby league with 18 men's, 15 women's and 20 wheelchair matches.

Hosted by Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, **Rugby League World Cup 2026** will feature 26 teams from around the world, including England, Tonga and Samoa.

Seven **Rugby League World Cup 2026** Host, Mel McLaughlin said:
"There's nothing quite like the energy and passion that comes with the **Rugby League World Cup**.

"To have the 2026 tournament on home soil is a landmark moment for fans, and with so many nations capable of claiming the top prize, it's shaping up to be one of our most exciting sport events yet.

"You know how much I love a World Cup – and this one will be everywhere on Seven. Wall-to-wall coverage, unmatched behind-the-scenes access, and all the biggest breaking news stories as they happen.



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Seven Director of Sport, Chris Jones said: “What makes this Rugby League World Cup so compelling is the strength and depth of talent now emerging.

“The international game has never been more competitive. This is Origin, but on a global scale,” he said.

“At Seven, we're thrilled to bring every single moment of this prestigious event live, free and exclusive to Australians. This is more than just a sporting tournament. It's a celebration of rugby league's global growth and the superstars who continue to elevate the game.

“We can't wait to share that journey with audiences in every corner of Australia, live and free on Seven and 7plus.”

Seven's Head of **Rugby League World Cup**, Lesley Tapsall added: “The **Rugby League World Cup** is set to be one of the biggest television events of the year, and Seven will deliver a viewing experience worthy of the occasion.”

“We've assembled a world-class production and on-air team that will be on the ground across every Australian venue throughout the tournament, bringing fans comprehensive coverage from the opening seconds to the final whistle.”

“Whether you're a lifelong rugby league supporter or tuning in for the spectacle, all eyes will be on Seven and 7plus as the game's biggest stars create some of the most memorable moments of 2026.”

Seven's all-star experts and commentary team for the **Rugby League World Cup 2026** will be announced in the coming months.

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