

The Rugby Championship

The **Tri Nations** was an international competition of the leading rugby nations of the southern hemisphere contested annually. In 2012, the Tri Nations was extended to **The Rugby Championship** adding Argentina. The SANZAAR (until 2015 SANZAR), a joint venture of the rugby unions of Argentina (since 2016), Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, operates this competition.

The teams play each other on a home-and-away basis twice and since 2006, three times (except 2007, 2011, 2016 - 2018, 2020, 2021 only two times and 2015, 2019 only one match each other).

	Champions	Runners-up	Third place
Tri Nations			
1996, Jul 06 - Aug 10	NZL	RSA	AUS
1997, Jul 19 - Aug 27	NZL	RSA	AUS
1998, Jul 11 - Aug 22	RSA	AUS	NZL
1999, Jul 10 - Aug 28	NZL	AUS	RSA
2000, Jul 15 - Aug 26	AUS	NZL	RSA
2001, Jul 21 - Sep 01	AUS	NZL	RSA
2002, Jul 13 - Aug 17	NZL	AUS	RSA
2003, Jul 12 - Aug 16	NZL	AUS	RSA
2004, Jul 17 - Aug 21	RSA	AUS	NZL
2005, Jul 30 - Sep 03	NZL	RSA	AUS
2006, Jul 08 - Sep 09	NZL	AUS	RSA
2007, Jun 16 - Jul 21	NZL	AUS	RSA
2008, Jul 05 - Sep 13	NZL	AUS	RSA
2009, Jul 18 - Sep 19	RSA	NZL	AUS
2010, Jul 10 - Sep 11	NZL	AUS	RSA
2011, Jul 23 - Aug 27	AUS	NZL	RSA
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2012, Aug 18 - Oct 06	NZL	AUS	RSA
2013, Aug 17 - Oct 05	NZL	RSA	AUS
2014, Aug 16 - Oct 04	NZL	RSA	AUS
2015, Jul 17 - Aug 08	AUS	NZL	ARG
2016, Aug 20 - Oct 08	NZL	AUS	RSA
2017, Aug 19 - Oct 07	NZL	AUS	RSA
2018, Aug 18 - Oct 06	NZL	RSA	AUS
2019, Jul 20 - Aug 10	RSA	AUS	NZL
2020, Oct 31 - Dec 05 ¹	NZL	ARG	AUS
2021, Aug 14 - Oct 02 ²	NZL	AUS	RSA
2022, Aug 06 - Sep 24	NZL	RSA	AUS
2023, Jul 08 - 29	NZL	RSA	ARG
2024, Aug 10 - Sep 28			

¹ Originally planned on Aug 08 - Sep 05 but rescheduled to Nov 07 - Dec 12 due to the COVID-19 pandemic with all matches held in Australia. On Oct 16, RSA withdrew from the competition due to South African government travel restrictions, player welfare and safety concerns.

² With continued restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, all games were staged in Australia and New Zealand, except of the two games RSA vs. ARG, which were held in Port Elizabeth.

Super Rugby

Super Rugby is an international competition for professional rugby union teams of the southern hemisphere contested annually. Arising from the South Pacific Championship the SANZAAR operates this competition under different names since 1996.

In 2016, Super Rugby expanded to 18 teams also including one team from ARG and JPN each. In 2018, the number of teams were reduced to 15 again, as two teams from RSA and one team from AUS withdrawn. In 2021, the teams of AUS and NZL played the series alone due to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

		Champions	Final	Runners-up	Third place
South Pacific Championship					
1986, Apr 12 - May 11	single round	Canterbury NZL	---	Auckland NZL	New South Wales AUS
1987, Apr 11 - May 10	single round	Canterbury NZL Auckland NZL	---	---	Queensland AUS
1988, Apr 09 - May 08	single round	Auckland NZL	---	Wellington NZL	New South Wales AUS
1989, Apr 09 - May 07	single round	Auckland NZL	---	New South Wales AUS	Queensland AUS
1990, Mar 17 - May 06	single round	Auckland NZL	---	Queensland AUS	New South Wales AUS
1991	<i>not played</i>				
Super 6 (6 Teams)					
1992, Mar 29 - May 24	single round	Queensland Reds AUS	---	Auckland Blues NZL	New South Wales Waratahs AUS
Super 10 (10 Teams)					
1993, May 22	Johannesburg RSA	Transvaal Lions RSA	20:17	Auckland Blues NZL	---
1994, May 14	Durban AUS	Queensland Reds AUS	21:10	Natal Sharks RSA	---
1995, Apr 08	Johannesburg RSA	Queensland Reds AUS	30:16	Transvaal Lions RSA	---
Super 12 (12 Teams)					
1996, May 25	Auckland NZL	Auckland Blues NZL	45:21	Natal Sharks RSA	---
1997, May 31	Auckland NZL	Auckland Blues NZL	23:7	ACT Brumbies AUS	---
1998, May 30	Auckland NZL	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	20:13	Auckland Blues NZL	---
1999, May 30	Dunedin NZL	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	24:19	Otago Highlanders NZL	---
2000, May 27	Canberra AUS	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	20:19	The Brumbies AUS	---
2001, May 26	Canberra AUS	The Brumbies AUS	36:6	Coastal Sharks (Durban) RSA	---
2002, May 25	Christchurch NZL	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	31:13	ACT Brumbies AUS	---
2003, May 24	Auckland NZL	The Blues (Auckland) NZL	21:17	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	---
2004, May 22	Canberra AUS	ACT Brumbies AUS	47:38	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	---
2005, May 28	Christchurch NZL	The Canterbury Crusaders NZL	35:25	New South Wales Waratahs AUS	---
Super 14 (14 Teams)					
2006, May 27	Christchurch NZL	The Crusaders NZL	19:12	The Hurricanes NZL	---
2007, May 19	Durban RSA	Bulls (Pretoria) RSA	20:19	The Sharks (Durban) RSA	---
2008, May 31	Christchurch NZL	The Crusaders NZL	20:12	New South Wales Waratahs AUS	---
2009, May 30	Pretoria RSA	Bulls (Pretoria) RSA	61:17	Chiefs (Hamilton) NZL	---
2010, May 29	Soweto RSA	Bulls (Pretoria) RSA	25:17	Stormers (Cape Town) RSA	---
Super Rugby (15-18 Teams)					
2011, Jul 09	Brisbane AUS	Queensland Reds AUS	18:13	The Crusaders NZL	---
2012, Aug 04	Hamilton NZL	Chiefs (Hamilton) NZL	37:6	The Sharks (Durban) RSA	---
2013, Aug 03	Hamilton NZL	Chiefs (Hamilton) NZL	27:22	ACT Brumbies AUS	---
2014, Aug 02	Sydney AUS	New South Wales Waratahs AUS	33:32	The Crusaders NZL	---
2015, Jul 04	Wellington NZL	The Highlanders NZL	21:14	The Hurricanes NZL	---
2016, Aug 06	Wellington NZL	The Hurricanes NZL	20:3	The Lions (Johannesburg) RSA	---

2017, Aug 05	Johannesburg RSA	The Crusaders NZL	25:17	The Lions (Johannesburg) RSA	---
2018, Aug 04	Christchurch NZL	The Crusaders NZL	37:18	The Lions (Johannesburg) RSA	---
2019, Jul 06	Christchurch NZL	The Crusaders NZL	19:3	Jaguares (Buenos Aires) ARG	---
2020	<i>Since Mar 14 suspended the 2020 campaign was cancelled later due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>				
Super Rugby Trans-Tasman (5 teams from AUS and NZL each) - no official championship					
2021, Jun 19	Auckland NZL	The Blues (Auckland) NZL	23:15	The Highlanders NZL	The Crusaders NZL
Super Rugby Pacific season (5 teams from AUS and NZL each + 1 team from FIJ + 1 team representing other Pacific Islands)					
2022, Jun 18	Auckland NZL	The Crusaders NZL	21:7	The Blues (Auckland) NZL	---
2023, Jun 24	Hamilton NZL	The Crusaders NZL	25:20	Chiefs (Hamilton) NZL	---
2024, Jun 22	Auckland NZL	The Blues (Auckland) NZL	41:10	Chiefs (Hamilton) NZL	---

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