

What is Elite Rugby League Pathways (ERLP)?

Elite Rugby League Pathways (ERLP) is a private enterprise, operated by Mark Andrews, providing Rugby League-specific gym and field sessions to introduce its athletes to training and behaving like professionals.

Neither the St George Illawarra Dragons nor the Illawarra Steelers run this program.

The St George Illawarra Dragons have endorsed the program as beneficial to young male and female Rugby League players wishing to improve their game. The Illawarra Steelers have no affiliation with this program.

Is this the St George Illawarra Dragons Academy?

No, the St George Illawarra Dragons Academy is selected and run exclusively by the St George Illawarra Dragons.

Is it a requirement to be a member or participate in ERLP to get selected for the Illawarra Rugby League Development Program or Illawarra Steelers Junior Rep teams?

No. There is no agreement with ERLP, the Illawarra Rugby League, or the Illawarra Steelers.

Participating in ERLP is not a prerequisite for selection in these programs.

Does signing up to ERLP guarantee selection in the Illawarra Steelers or St George Dragons Junior Rep teams?

No, the Illawarra Steelers and St George Dragons independently select their teams. Neither ERLP nor its proprietors or staff have any say in the selection process for these squads.

Do you have to pay to join ERLP?

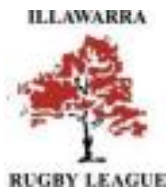
As this is a private enterprise, it costs money to join.

What if I can't afford to join ERLP?

There is no obligation for you to join ERLP. It would be the same decision for any other private gym or program. If you wish to join and cannot afford to, you should discuss this with ERLP.

Does St George Illawarra run an Academy?

Yes. The St George Illawarra Dragons run senior and junior academies beginning in May 2023. These are by invitation only and selected by the Dragons.



Does being a part of the St George Illawarra Dragons Academy cost money?

No. The St George Illawarra Dragons fund this.

How do the St George Illawarra Dragons select their Academy? Can I be a part of that Academy?

The Dragons select participants from their pathway's programs (IRL & Group 7 Development, Illawarra Steelers, and St George Dragons) and their recruitment teams observing local competitions.

The St George Illawarra Dragons Academy remains by invitation only.

Is it compulsory to attend ERLP if selected for a development program, Junior Reps, or Dragons Academy?

No. ERLP remains an optional independent program if you want additional external training to improve your rugby league skills.

Can I attend other external Rugby League training programs? Will that hinder my selection chances for development or Junior Reps?

If you wish to undertake additional external training, that is your decision.

There are many programs out there offering similar services. From an Illawarra Rugby League and St George Illawarra Dragons perspective, we do not provide preferential treatment to players from any specific program.

I signed up to ERLP thinking it was one of the Dragon's rep Academies. Can I get my money back?

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