Girls show speed, skill

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TYPICALLY rugby league is a brutal game, built around crunching tackles and out-muscling your opponents.

A different side to the game was on display at Sarvaas Park yesterday, with speed and evasion the key to success in the Riverina League Tag Championships.

NRL game development officer Dean Whymark said it was an opportunity to get girls involved in a sport that often plays second fiddle to the AFL.

“We’ve found that there’s some real interest in league tag locally, and the girls today have really got into it,” Whymark said.

“A lot of these girls have played touch footy before, and this is just another way for them to learn the skills of the game even further.”

The door is open for more and more kids to be exposed to league tag, with the majority of physical education teachers present at the championships qualified to coach the game.

“A number of the teachers here have done a coaching course, so we’re hopeful there’ll be more and more interest,” Whymark said.

“We would have had about 50 extra players compared to this time last year, so we’re really excited about the direction it is heading.”