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NSW Community Rugby Announcement

National Participation Review

The way that we manage, administer and develop rugby is changing with Australian Rugby moving to a funding model where every player nationally will pay an individual registration fee and insurance levy.

This is a similar system to what's already in place for other major sports in Australia. An important part of that change is the introduction of Rugby Link which will go live in January replacing the existing MRA system, but more on that later.

Unfortunately there is a lot of misinformation about fees and levies, which will vary from State to State; this is how it will apply in New South Wales;

- An individual National Participation Fee (NPF) will apply to all rugby players, replacing the team levy introduced by the ARU last year. The Fee in 2015 will be \$33.00 for Seniors; \$27.50 for Juniors; and \$11.00 for Mini's (including GST). This equates to \$2.00 per game for Senior and Junior players based on a 15 game season.
- National Insurance Levy (NIL) will also go to an individual fee, rather than a team based premium. The Insurance levy in 2015 will be \$75 for Seniors; \$8.00 for Juniors; and zero for Mini's (U6/U7). The NIL is based on a team comprising of 23-30 players. Clubs with more than 30 players per team will receive a rebate from the Insurer.
- The NPF and the ARU Compulsory Insurance will be collected individually in 2015, using the registration and payment options in Rugby Link.

2015 Participation and Insurance (inclusive of GST)

	NPF	NIL	Total
• Senior Player	\$33.00	\$75.00	\$108.00 (inc GST)
• Junior Player	\$27.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 35.50 (inc GST)
• Mini Player (U6/U7)	\$11.00	\$nil	\$ 11.00 (inc GST)

- These participation costs can be paid on line at the time of player registration through Rugby Link.
- State Unions, Affiliates, Zones or Districts, and Clubs also have the ability to collect their fees through Rugby Link. This will be explained in the training and Clubs are encouraged to use the facility.

All fees collected from the NPF in New South Wales will be utilised in New South Wales through the provision of Education, Player, Coach and Referee Development. This was previously funded by the ARU, but is once again the responsibility of NSWRU. NSWRU will not be charging a State Union Fee

despite our funding being reduced by \$1.5M plus in 2015. Surplus funding will be directed to our affiliates through administration resources or grants, as currently is the case.

Rugby Link will commence live for all Clubs in January 2015 and will provide clubs and Unions with a user friendly registration and insurance system that will;

- Provide on-line player registration
- Competition management systems
- On-line registration
- On-line payment of NPF and NIL, competition and club fees
- Automatic distribution of funds, to significantly reduce Club administration
- Built in bulk e-mail and SMS tools

A full roll-out and training in Rugby Link will be provided by the ARU.

This national initiative is a significant change in the way we manage and administer rugby. We will be keeping you informed of further developments with a Q & A to be distributed once we have the correct information. New South Wales Rugby Union will continue to work through the changes with ARU and Affiliate Unions to achieve a smooth transition.

Yours truly

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