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NSW Community Rugby Announcement

NSW Rugby Union maintains fees at 2013 level

The ARU yesterday announced a Club Development Levy of \$200 per team across all Clubs nationally. Sections of the media have run a story on the increased fees today without pointing out that NSW and Victorian Rugby Union would not be included.

NSW Rugby Union is pleased to advise that Participation Fees and Insurance premiums to play Rugby in New South Wales will remain the same as for 2013.

NSWRU Chairman Nick Farr-Jones and Executive Director Bruce Worboys have been in discussions with the ARU since before Christmas when it announced plans to introduce a National Development Levy on all community rugby teams.

NSW Rugby did not support the introduction of the proposed levy, concerned that increasing the costs of playing rugby for your Club would not be acceptable to our participants across the State.

As a form of compromise NSWRU has agreed that the levy for NSWRU teams will equal the savings negotiated by the ARU in the Compulsory Insurance premiums. This means Insurance and Development costs for NSWRU Clubs in 2014 will be the same as 2013.

“NSWRU Development Funding will now be significantly reduced and we will need to address ways of raising funds to cover the shortfall, or do things a bit differently” Chairman Nick Farr-Jones said, “we rely so much on a great network of rugby volunteers and we are confident that through proper consultation we will overcome the current problems”.

NSWRU will conduct an information and discussion session with its Affiliates next week before again communicating with all participants through their Clubs. “The main message to go out to our clubs today is that there will be no increase in fees in 2014” said Farr-Jones.

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