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New South Wales Schools Open Teams 2019 selection information:

The New South Wales Schools Rugby Union wishes to notify all players and parents of students competing in the NSW Schools Open trials the following information.

Two teams of Opens will be selected from the official NSWSRU trials to compete in the Australian Championships held at St Ignatius College from 8th – 13th July. Students MUST have been born in 2001 or after to be involved in the trials and selected for NSWSRU Open teams.

Open selection days are the official Association trial fixtures plus the NSWSRU Opens trial day held on Friday 28 June at David Phillips Field Daceyville.

Students MUST have come through the association pathway to be selected in the NSWSRU teams. Students who are injured and unable to participate in the open trials are considered for the NSW Schools teams and also the Combined States and Barbarians team. These students MUST fill out the linked form to ensure both NSW and Australian team selectors, are aware of their situation, to be considered. Students not available for selection in the NSWSRU teams must still fill out the linked form for permission to attend the trials as part of their association team.

NB: NO student can be selected in the ASRU team who has not gone through their association pathway and ensured that their school association and state body has been notified if unavailable for their selection teams due to injury.

The linked form MUST be filled out by and agreed to by parents or guardian to give consent for the student to participate in the trials, provide information for NSWSRU selectors and NSW Rugby staff.

NSWSRU 2019 Player Information Form link: <https://forms.gle/WPRnveBiYreqXVAe8>

The details and costs for the NSW Schools teams are as outlined below.

**The levy for each player in the NSW Schools Open teams in 2019 is $695.**

This levy covers the costs of the playing kit, physiotherapy costs and general team costs. Each player will receive the following items as part of their playing kit:

Opens:

* Jersey
* Playing Uniform (shorts and socks)
* Training Shirt
* Polo
* Track pants
* Soft shell jacket
* Gym shorts
* Backpack
* Bag
* Open teams will meet on Saturday 29th June at 8am at NSW Rugby HQ at UNSW (David Phillips field) for their medicals.
* Both the 1st XV and 2nd XV teams will meet at 8.30am to 3.00pm on Monday 1st, 2nd and 3rd July @ Rugby HQ Daceyville to work with the NSW Acdemy group and the NSWSRU coaches in preparation for the Championships.
* Each team will be advised of any other individual team preparation times and venues by Friday 28th June.
* Teams go into St Ignatius College for the Australian Schools Championships on Monday 8th July which concludes on Saturday 13th July.

**NB:** - Students who do not pass their medical will be replaced by the next ranked player as per the selectors rankings. Ie. a player selected in the 2nds can be moved to the 1sts. This also means that a player selected as number 16 to 23 in the 1sts can be moved to the 2nds if a player from 1 to 15 in the 2nds is ruled out due to injury.

* In the case where the injured player is in a specialist position and the reserve cover is not a specialist in that position, then another player’s name can be put forward as a replacement, this must be done in consultation with the Chairman of selectors and the Head Coach.
* After the medical and the Combined States and Barbarians Teams have been announced on Sunday 20th June replacement players for players ruled out due to injury from training or the Championships are selected directly from the rankings as given by selectors in consultation between the Head Coach and the Chair of Selectors and that players availability.
* RA concussion rules apply and NSWSRU is providing a sports doctor on Friday 29 June to ensure the well being of all players involved. Any player suspected of a head knock will need to be reviewed by the NSWSRU Doctor before the announcement of teams on Friday evening and his decision will be final.

Players selected in NSWSRU Open teams will get a minimum of 80 mins of playing time during the Australian Championships and will start a game in their selected position.

Each student wishing to be involved in the selection trials and process and therefore available for selection **MUST** ensure a parent or guardian fills out the required information online from the link above at the latest by Tuesday 25th June.

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