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New South Wales Schools U16 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 U16 trials and Championships the following information.

Two teams of U16s will be selected from the official NSWSRU trials and Championships to compete in the NSW Rugby U16 Invitational held at Narrabeen Sports on 20th and 21st July. Students MUST have been born in 2003 or after to be involved in the trials and selected for NSWSRU U16 teams.

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 trials and Championships may be considered for the NSW Schools teams. These students MUST fill out the linked form to ensure both NSW and Australian team selectors, are aware of their situation, to be considered.

NB: NO student can be selected in the NSW School’s teams 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 U16 Player Information Form link: <https://forms.gle/fdAzeF2zmJwfyPyJ8>

The details and costs for the NSW Schools U16 teams are as outlined below.

**The levy for each player in the NSW Schools U16 teams in 2019 is $250.**

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:

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* Jersey
* Shorts and Socks
* Training Shirt
* Training shorts
* Polo
* Track top
* Back Pack
* U16 teams will meet on Thursday 18th July at 9am at The Kings School for their meeting, medicals and training run.
* Teams will train again on Friday at The Kings School in preparation for the Championships.
* Country students, where required, will be billeted with city players for the 3 evenings with exact details being advised by the manager of each team when selections are announced.

**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.

* 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.
* 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 will be done in consultation with the Chairman of selectors and the Head Coach.
* 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 U16 teams will get a minimum of 60 mins of playing time during the NSW Invitational 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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