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## **Message from NSWRL**

Due to the high volume of player movement for the coming season, we have had to implement additional policies to support existing teams/clubs with player retention.

If a player is part of an existing team/club and they intend to field again in the coming season, then the participant should be encouraged to remain with the existing team/club.

Whilst actioning of clearance requests, we reference District boundaries to ensure our Junior nursery remains strong, thus in turn supporting the future of the District competition.

As you may appreciate we have had to implement changes in policy on all age divisions as the trend is starting as young as Under 8s.

As a competition we appreciate circumstances change ie; place of residence - these are considered on application by way of presenting documentation of the change of residence and school enrolment

The priority focus of all clubs should be Player recruitment to the game, along with player retention.

Following the above will assist in ensuring viability of already existing teams , as opposed to their demise.

Regards,

NSWRL Newcastle Maitland Region.