



Hunter Junior Rugby League Board

Club Communication

Dear Club Secretary

This letter provides the outcomes of a board meeting held 15th of March convened to discuss and finalize the competition structure for the 2023 Season.

Background

A HJRL association meeting held on the 8th of March discussed three specific areas being:

1. Grading of U/10 and U/11 age groups
2. Incorporation of a final's series for the U/12 age group
3. Responses received from member clubs on the Tackle Ready Program.

The following decisions have been endorsed by the board and apply to the competition structure for the 2023 Season.

- All clubs are required to select team/s for the U/10 and U/11 age group and nominate each respective team in a relative division they believe matches each team's capability. (i.e.) teams with a higher skill level will be nominated to play in a higher division than those with a lower skill level.

The role of the HJRL competition committee and NSWRL administration team will be to receive all team nominations and prepare a competition structure for the U/10 and U/11 age groups for the 2023 season.

- U/12 Age group will be graded with a final's series to be held at the completion of the regular season for the U/12 Age group, this finals series will be in the form of a "Cup Competition" with details of the finals format being communicated to all clubs no later than 30th of May 2023.
- The tackle ready program for season 2023 will be run in accordance with the current NRL / NSWRL requirements being.
 - U/6 will play tag for the entire season.
 - U/7 will play tag for the first six weeks of the 2023 season.
 - The board is informed that the 2023 season tackle ready program is in the final stages of planning ready for roll out in week-1 of the season and will communicate the program details to all clubs at the first available opportunity expected to be in the next 2 - 3 weeks.

Further the board intends to consolidate the feedback received from the clubs regarding the tackle ready program, a discussion document will be prepared and distributed to the NRL. It is clear this program provides further opportunities, enhancements, and benefits above those initially perceived for our youngest players in our game.

The board intends to provide a link on the HJRL association website enabling all clubs and their members to access specific details on the tackle ready program, it is imperative parents of both current and future players entering our game understand the intent and benefits of this program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob Dixon', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Dixon
Chair – on behalf HJRL Board of Directors
17th March 2023