

NATIONAL REGISTRATION, COMPETITION MANAGEMENT & ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS 2018

BACKGROUND

Over the last three years we have seen an increase in online practices by individuals as participants and administrators associated with registration, competition management and education.

In 2018, we are advocating higher measures for key registration and competition management measures that affects ALL participants. We contend that where Clubs are undertaking the majority of the registration and competition management tasks with a high level of compliance the following will hold:

- Clubs will be creating a financially sustainable platform for themselves through ensuring all players pay or commit to pay at the time of registration and Clubs will therefore receive their Club fees in a timely fashion
- Clubs have collected the latest most accurate and relevant participant information
- Clubs are providing complete and full match information for their community and accurately recording incidents and injuries for the safety and welfare of their players
- Through the accreditation compliance targets for non-playing members, Clubs are ensuring their Club is a **safe, inclusive and fair** environment through the education and training of volunteers taking on defined roles.

BENEFITS

Furthermore, there are clear benefits for all levels of Community Rugby in Australia if registration, competition management and accreditation measures are met. These benefits include:

1. Accurate participant records, compliance with Rugby Australia's insurance scheme for effective registration and legislative requirement regarding individual adherence to terms and conditions of registration.
2. Automatic settlement of registration liability to all entities supporting individual insurance responsibility and reducing on paper debt and subsequent manual invoicing fee collection process.
3. Centralised online view providing stakeholders with access to competition specific information, plus compliance with player safety and welfare regulations.
4. Accurate view, recording and reporting of participants taking part in matches
5. Accurate recording of match statistics, incidents and injuries
6. Educated and informed team officials supporting quality rugby experiences for all stakeholders
7. Adherence to government legislation
8. Safe, inclusive and fair environments driving participation via a quality Rugby experience

Below is a summary of these standards for registration, competition management and accreditation that will facilitate the benefits listed above:

Registration:

1. **Online self-registration** for ALL players, non-playing members (committee members and team officials - coaches, managers, first aid/medical staff etc.) and match officials; and
2. **Online payment** for All Players (full or part payment).

Competition Management:

1. **Online competition management** for ALL competitions
2. **Online team selection** for ALL matches in competitions (includes players and team officials)
3. **Online recording of match information** for ALL competition matches (result, player statistics, incident and injuries)
4. **Online case management of incidents and injuries** – for all Competition matches (includes players and team officials).

Accreditation:

1. ***Minimum accreditation requirements for all team officials and match officials*** for ALL competition matches.
2. ***Minimum Club Administrator, Registrar, Ground Marshall & Member Protection Contact (MPC) accreditation requirements*** for ALL Clubs.

SYSTEM AND PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS FOR 2018

To assist all participants, Clubs, Administrators and Unions achieve these, Rugby Australia, have continued to invest in the Community Rugby Registration and Competition Management system and the Rugby Learning Centre. These priorities have been developed by the Competition Managers forum and the Rugby Link Advisory Committee. The enhancements for 2018 include:

- Single sign-on through Rugby AU portal allowing access to Rugby Link and Learning Centre
- Recurring part payment automation for registration
- Competition Rugby Player registration fee discounting across XV's, 7s and Touch 7s
- Casual Senior registration type conversion to an online product
- Match Day Manager App for tablet and smartphone facilitating live scoring
- Consumer participant App for smartphone
- Significant increase of Rugby AU Learning Centre online courses and modules
- Accreditation Manager reporting in Rugby Link
- Competition grade setting enhancements.

NEW PROCESS FOR OPENING REGISTRATIONS

In 2018 a NEW process will be implemented with Member Unions and Associations in relation to the access by Clubs to set up and open up their registrations for the public. Each Member Union and Competition can tailor their dates to their particular needs. Clubs should contact their respective Union to find out specific information pertinent to their region/competition.