

## RUGBY VICTORIA 2020 PLAYER REGISTRATION MEMO

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### INTRODUCTION

2020 has been a challenging year for the Victorian Rugby community. Due to COVID-19 Rugby Victoria was unable to deliver a community Rugby season to registered players in 2020. Rugby Victoria has been working closely with Rugby Australia and our community clubs to develop a credit process for registered players.

In Victoria, fees are collected at three levels of the game and each level has taken into consideration a range of factors to determine their options for players:

1. **National** - National Participant Insurance Levy (NPIL)
2. **State** - National Participant Registration Fee (NPRF) / Member Union Participant Registration Fee (MUPRF)
3. **Club** - Club Fee

Notwithstanding the process and other conditions relating to refunds set out in the Rugby Australia Registration Regulations, the liability and discretion for providing a refund or credit of Participant fees and levies lies with each Rugby Body relevant to each Player and the particular fee or levy. For example, Rugby Australia is responsible for refunds/credits regarding the NPIL, the relevant State Member Union is responsible for refunds/credits regarding the NPRF and MUPRF, and the relevant Club is responsible for refunds/credits regarding the Club Fee.

### 1. NATIONAL PARTICIPANT INSURANCE LEVY

Rugby Australia can commit to partially credit individual insurance levies paid by participants in Victoria who were unable to commence competitions due to restrictions associated with COVID-19. The partial credit will be 75% of the insurance levy for all participants who had a season registration (including training only) and were yet to commence a competition in 2020.

The retention of 25% reflects the small amount of training that was possible in 2020 as well as the fact that all policies within the National Risk Management and Insurance Programme must remain active to ensure continuous coverage for affiliated clubs and associations, players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, voluntary workers and/or selectors. Therefore, eligible players who have paid the full insurance fee for a competition or program in 2020 will not be required to pay any further insurance fee should that same competition or program recommence this year (including training).

Additional insurance may be payable if you are participating in a different competition or program, as per the Registration Regulations. If your competition or program is not recommencing this year, we encourage all players to re-register for the 2021 season after the 2020 season rollover on Rugby Xplorer, which will take place on December 11 this year.

## 2. NATIONAL PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FEE/STATE UNION LEVY (MEMBER UNION FEE)

All players that hold a season registration for 2020 will receive a full Credit (100%) of the Member Union fees paid.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate your Member Union fee to Rugby Victoria to support Game Development initiatives in 2021, you can convert your Member Union fee to a tax-deductible donation through the Australian Sports Foundation. Please note this via the Harlequin club response link if you would like to donate your Member Union Fee.

Table 1.1 – 2020 RV Individual Fees

2020 Rugby Victoria Individual Registration Fees									
Registration Type									
FEE SPLITS	Training only Junior	Training only Senior	Junior XV's 5-7yrs	Junior XV's 8-12yrs	Junior XV's 13-18yrs	Girls Touch 7s 10-15yrs	Girls Contact 7s 15-18yrs	Senior XV's	Veteran
NPIL (Insurance)	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$7.00	\$12.00	\$70.00	\$45.00
NPRF/SU (MU Fee)			\$26.00	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$58.00	\$53.00

Table 1.2 – 2020 RV Individual Fees – **This is the Amounts you will be CREDITED**

2020 Rugby Victoria Individual Registration Fees – Credit									
Registration Type									
FEE SPLITS	Training only Junior	Training only Senior	Junior XV's 5-7yrs	Junior XV's 8-12yrs	Junior XV's 13-18yrs	Girls Touch 7s 10-15yrs	Girls Contact 7s 15-18yrs	Senior XV's	Veteran
NPIL (Insurance)	\$9.00	\$15.00	\$5.25	\$11.25	\$13.50	\$5.25	\$9.00	\$52.50	\$33.75
NPRF/SU (MU Fee)			\$26.00	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$58.00	\$53.00

### PROCESS

Rugby Australia and Rugby Victoria will use the Rugby Xplorer system to facilitate the credit process. Rugby Victoria will work closely with clubs over the next fortnight to collect the relevant data from each club to ensure Rugby Australia can process the credit by the first week of November. The credit will appear on your Rugby Xplorer account after the process has been completed and can be used for next year's registration.

The credit from each Rugby Body may only be applied for subsequent use by the Player in the following circumstances:

- **Insurance Levy:** Player must register on Rugby Xplorer to play within Australia in 2021.
- **State Fee:** Player must register on Rugby Xplorer to play within the same State or Territory from which they received the credit in 2021.

If you are facing financial hardship due to the pandemic, you may request a refund of your fees paid (proportionate amount in table 1.2) that will be considered by Rugby Australia and Rugby Victoria. Please note Rugby Australia is awaiting further information from the insurers to determine whether a partial refund to an eligible player facing financial hardship is possible. Please note this via the Harlequin club response link to request a refund. You will need to provide your circumstances that have contributed to hardship.

There is no action required from individuals unless you are requesting a refund due to financial hardship or you wish to donate your State Member Union fee.

If you request a refund of your NPIL and State Member Union fees due to financial hardship, the refund for your eligible fees will be paid via Rugby Explorer to the credit card that paid your original registration payment. Please note, if you paid your registration fees via Zip Pay and you are requesting a refund due to financial hardship and/or your Club is providing a refund, you cannot receive a refund via Rugby Explorer. An alternate solution will be discussed with you.

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