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Memo

To: Country Zones
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Re: U18 Law & Two Year Window Disclosure

The ARU has amended the Senior Rugby and Two Window Policies to incorporate a disclosure system protocol which requires a player to be assessed before they are allowed to participate at the next level.

The disclosure system protocol requires players to be assessed by an Accredited Level II Coach, and for the player's Parent/Legal Guardian and Competition Manager to sign off on the Disclosure Form.

The New South Wales Country Rugby Union Board has endorsed these policies, but also recognizes that there is a shortage of Accredited Level II Coaches in some Country Zones.

Until such time as the number of Accredited Level II Coaches has been increased, the Board has endorsed the implementation of a "Review Panel System" to assess players wishing to participate at the next level. Parents/Legal Guardians and Competition Managers will still be required to sign off on the Disclosure Form.

The Review Panel must comprise of an Accredited Level II Coach and a minimum of three Accredited Level I Coaches who have coached at a Senior First Grade level for a period of two years. The Review Panel must assess the player's physical development, skill/experience and the level of the playing environment.

Review Panels must submit assessment reports to the Accredited Level II Coach who then reviews the reports, and if appropriate, signs off on the Disclosure Form. Coaches of players seeking a dispensation are NOT PERMITTED to be part of the Review Panel.



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Zones will also be required to take the necessary steps to ensure that suitable Level I Coaches are provided with an opportunity to upgrade their accreditation to Level II.

Level II Coach Accreditation Courses are conducted by the NSW Rugby Union, with information on courses available from the Union's Community Rugby Department.

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