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COMMUNITY RUGBY LEAGUE MEMO

RE: 2021 Player Development Framework Implementation

TO: All Regions, Clubs, Leagues and Associations

FOR: Immediate Distribution

The following is prepared to align with the previous Board Approval (Item 2) of the Player Development Framework as noted below. In the coming weeks this will be supported by promotional material relating to 2021 competitions.

Framework Concepts

1. TAG Rugby League Competitions

- a. All U/6 participation will run exclusively as TAG competitions in 2021
- b. Transition to tackle competitions can occur for U/7 participants, noting the prescribed program delivery below.

2. Tackle Ready Program

- a. U/7 participants will engage in the Tackle Ready Program in 2021.
- b. Delivery priority will be in areas that did not play U/6 tackle competitions in 2020.
- c. In areas that provided U/6 tackle competitions in 2020 there is no expectation that they start the 2021 season with U/7 TAG competitions.
- d. Local Leagues should determine the appropriate plan for transitioning from TAG to Tackle competitions (if desired) following the delivery of Tackle Ready and based on local needs.
- e. Local area staff should consider the capacity to deliver the Tackle Ready to all new Rugby League participants based on need.

3. Development Competitions



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- a. All competition 12 and under are to follow the principles of a 'development competition.'
- b. Leagues should be encouraged to explore some integration of development competition principles across other junior age groups.
- c. All U/12 and below Carnivals are to follow the principles of a development competition.

4. 18 Month Registration Window

- a. Policy implemented state-wide for 2021 under the administration of the Local League with noted inclusion in updated QRL Rules.
- b. Introduction of a 15 month registration window for competitions where there is a 2 year gap in age groups with noted inclusion in updated QRL Rules.

5. Weight Related Competitions

- a. As per the approval paper (excerpt below)

6. RISE Rugby League Development Program

- a. Program has been re-shaped to align with state-wide delivery of Local League Development Programs targeting participants aged 13 to 15.

7. Community League Interpretations

- a. As per the approval paper (excerpt below)



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Excerpt from QRL Board Approval November 2019 (Item 2)

QRL supports the implementation of the 7 Framework Concepts.

With respect to participation in QLD, Board Approval is sought for the following:

1. TAG Rugby League Competitions

- a. Support a transition plan for all entry level participation (U/6) to be TAG Rugby League by 2021 with encouragement for Leagues to consider transition plans for 2020.
- b. Support the ongoing trial of transition competitions from TAG to Tackle Rugby League in U/7 age group competitions.

2. TackleSafe (now TackleReady) Program

- a. Support the delivery of the TackleSafe (TackleReady) Program for all U/7 participants, players and coaches from 2020.
- b. Support the continued development and expansion of the program to capture all 'new' participants to the game in mini/mod competitions.

3. Development Competitions

- a. Maintain the current approval for all competitions U/11 and below to align to the principles of a 'Development Competition.'
- b. Support a transition plan for all competitions U/12 and below to align to the principles of a 'Development Competition' by 2021.
- c. Regional staff to work with 'Holiday Carnival' administrators to ensure that development competition principles are embedded in these events by 2021.
- d. Support extended trials of development competitions to premiership competition in ages 13 and 14.

4. 18 Month Registration Policy

- a. Support the adoption of an '18 Month Registration Window' option across all junior competitions in QLD from 2020.

5. Weight Related Competitions

- a. Where possible, support the delivery of Weight Related Competitions at the discretion of the local administration unit.
- b. Through the Regions, encourage the delivery of Weight Related Competitions as part of the existing holiday carnival schedule (E.g. Laurie Spina Cup).

6. RISE Rugby League Development Program



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- a. Support the delivery of the RISE Rugby League Development Program across all areas of QLD.
- b. Engage ISC Clubs to trial the delivery of the RISE Rugby League Development Program for all U/14 Development Programs.

7. Community League Interpretations

- a. Support the adoption of all Community Rugby League Interpretations based on need and at the discretion of the local administration unit.

Should you have any questions relating to this MEMO please contact the relevant staff in your area.

Yours sincerely,

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