

Information on the Suspension of Community Rugby Competitions and the Associated Fees and Levies



Rugby Australia Statement [\[Link\]](#)

A collective decision, between Rugby Australia and the State and Territory Member Unions, has been made to further postpone Community Rugby to a date not before 1 June 2020. This includes all Rugby activity including matches, training and face-to-face education courses.

Rugby Australia along with the State and Territory Member Unions will work with competition/association administrators to regularly review the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 season. Various options are being developed to support each competition/association to deliver, in good faith, a Rugby experience to all registered participants in 2020, as government restrictions are eased. When the full extent of the impact of the season is known we will be able to provide further information to the Rugby Community. We thank you for your patience during this time, especially to those that have registered for the 2020 season.

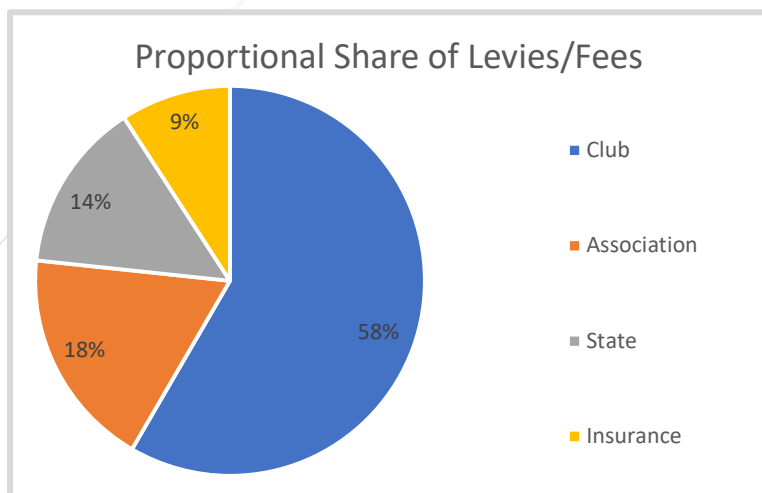
Fees and Levies

QRU is currently recommending that registrations remain active while the relevant season remain postponed. The QRU and its affiliated associations remain committed to recommencing competition later in the year.

All Players that registered in this season were required to pay the applicable fees, which include the National Participant Insurance Levy ("NPIL") and the Member (State) Union Participant Registration Fee ("MUPRF"). Depending on the association they may also have paid the Association/Competition Fee, and the Club Fee.

The average fees paid in Queensland in 2020 across the range of players registered in competitions are:

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| National Participant Insurance Levy | \$26.97 |
| State/Member Union Levy..... | \$41.47 |
| Association/Competition Levy | \$48.48 |
| Club Fee..... | \$163.08 |



Risk Management & Insurance Program

<https://ra.aon.com.au/> This program is arranged by Aon Risk Services Australia Limited ('Aon') in partnership with Rugby Australia Limited ('RA') on behalf of all the member unions, clubs and players nationwide.

The National Risk Management & Insurance Program encompasses four key areas of protection which are designed for members and affiliate members:

- 1. Personal Injury (Including the Rugby Funded Deductible*)**
Coverage for injuries incurred accidentally whilst playing, training, officiating and administering rugby.
- 2. Professional Indemnity policy**
Coverage for a breach of professional duty in the sport by reason of an act, error or omission
- 3. Public & Products Liability policy**
Coverage for losses which a person or entity must pay on account of personal injury or property damage.
- 4. Club Management Liability policy for clubs**
Coverage for the Club, its Directors, officers etc. for any wrongful act whilst carrying out their duties on behalf of the club.

Rugby Australia and Insurance

Rugby Australia remains in discussion with our Insurance broker, Aon, regarding the National Risk Management and Insurance Program and associated premium for the remainder of the 2020 season. It is important to note that the policy has four components: Personal Injury, Public and Products Liability, Professional Indemnity and Club Management Liability. Whilst the player participation risk has significantly reduced due to the postponement of all face to face rugby activities, all four policies are still required to ensure the rugby community has appropriate coverage. Rugby Australia and Aon are in continued discussion with SLE (the incumbent 2020 program insurer) on innovative ways to restructure the program premium rating for the 2020 period. These discussions are on ensuring essential coverage for the rugby community is maintained, whilst appropriately accounting for the likely reduced playing and training participation exposure due to COVID-19.

Rugby Australia will be able to communicate any updates to the National Risk Management and Insurance Program when the full extent and impact of COVID-19 to the Rugby Season is known.

Queensland Rugby Union and Your Local Association

Queensland Rugby Union is committed to ensuring the safety and financial viability of all affiliated clubs in the state. To achieve this, we have taken the following steps:

- All pathway representative Rugby has been cancelled to preserve the available participation window for club Rugby competitions to resume without impediment
- All Community Rugby staffs have been retained in active service for the benefit of affiliated members at reduced salaries with the assistance of the Federal Government Job Keeper COVID-19 support package
- Clubs will be supported with initiatives in the following areas:
 - Managing the risks and challenges of COVID-19 and coordinating discussions with governments in support of our clubs
 - Coordinating the planning for the eventual return to play for Community Rugby competitions
 - Continuing Workforce Education (Coaches, Match Officials, Administrators)
 - Delivery of Mental Health Information sessions and the development of local Mental Health Action Plans to support the participants within the Rugby community
 - Coordinating School competition development supported by the Australian Rugby Foundation.
 - Active Rugby Hubs will provide Rugby related products to reduce barriers to participation for targeted populations

Our commitment is to fulfil our responsibility of a state sporting association in this time of need for our regions, associations, clubs, schools and participants.

Statements from your Local Association and the Association/Competition Levy, and your registered Club and their Fees

The club at which a participant is registered and/or the relevant association that manages the competition, may choose to make a statement on their current strategy and service provision as it relates to a return to Rugby participation in 2020 when the postponement of participation is removed. The diverse nature of clubs and competitions across the state makes it difficult to provide a common response that applies to each club and competition.

Fair Play Vouchers

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/providers/terms#8>

Terms and conditions for Fair Play voucher activity providers

5. Obligations

- (i) that once it accepts and redeems a Voucher, it will not provide a refund to the parent, carer, guardian or Child of the amount redeemed, if the Child does not participate in the Eligible Activity, or decides to change to another Activity Provider;

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