



Northern Lakes Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club

Registration Guideline – Team Selection Policy

Document Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines to assist Northern Lakes JRLFC Committee members with management of registrations and clearances to ensure squad sizes and number of teams in each age group is managed effectively to maximise participation and growth.

1.0 Registrations

Registrations for all players in all age groups to be opened on 1 December **2025** or date otherwise set by RLCC / NSWRL.

It is recommended returning Warriors registered ASAP, once registrations open. Team numbers are limited as per this policy.

1.1 Returning Players

RLCC transfer (in-out) policy only comes in to effect for U10's and above. U5-U9 transfers are to be actioned within 10 days. Returning Warriors players are encouraged to register at their earliest convenience to guarantee their spot. If players are not able to be registered due to financial constraints, they must notify the club of their intention to register ASAP. Failure to register or notification of intent will mean squad position cannot be guaranteed.

1.2 Clearances

Any clearances received for U10s and above will be actioned the first business day after 1 February, allowing time for returning participants to fill team positions as per the NSWRL Player Transfer policy.

Clearances not bound by the NSWRL Player Transfer policy will be actioned from registrations opening in line with the national clearance policy.



1.3 Registration number thresholds

To ensure that squad sizes remain manageable and to maximise game time for registered players, the following registration number thresholds should be considered.

1.3.1 **Under 6 – Under 7 (6 players on field)**

Initial registration – ten (10) players

Expression of interest until a minimum of 12 (max 17) for consideration of 2x teams or 18+ for 3x teams.

1.3.2 **Under 8 – Under 9 (8 players on field)**

Initial registration – ten (10) players

Expression of interest until a minimum of 16 players available for consideration of 2x teams.

1.3.3 **Under 10 – Under 11 (11 players on field)**

Initial registration – 15 players

Expression of interest until a minimum of 22 players available for consideration of 2x teams.

1.3.4 **Under 12 (13 players on the field)**

Initial registration – 17 players

Expression of interest until a minimum of 26 players available for consideration of 2x teams.

1.3.5 **International U13+ (13 players on the field, maximum 6 reserves)**

Maximum of 19 players permitted to be registered. Expressions of interest until a minimum of 26 players for consideration of 2x teams in age group.



1.4 Multiple Teams per age groups

- Consideration of second teams will occur only when a coach is nominated.
- How multiple teams within age groups will be selected;
 - U6s
Initial registrations will be divided within friend groups following team allocations. New players and late registrations will be divided evenly across teams depending on team numbers / availability.
 - U7s – U10s
Teams will be selected by coaching staff and reviewed by committee. If coaches can not agree on teams, it will default to the committee selection process.

Coaches may choose their own selection process, this may include grading, talent share, time base priority or other processes as endorsed by the club.

Committee selection process - aged based talent share.

- U11 – U12s
As these teams will be pool graded, players will be assessed by the selector panel during training sessions and trials. Teams will be assigned prior to the season commencing. *Late registrations will be considered on past experience and ability.*
- U13s – U17s
Clubs that have multiple international teams in the one age group, will be required to nominate at least one team in Division 1. Players will be assessed by the selector panel during training sessions and trials. Teams will be assigned prior to the season commencing. *Late registrations will be considered on past experience and ability.*



1.5 Considerations

- Players nominated for Division 1 teams cannot back up for Division 3 teams in a higher age group.
- Unlimited player portability in U12s down as per CCRL By-Law.
- Players backing up for higher age international teams must fulfil their primary team obligations prior to taking the field for the higher age group.

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