



# England Junior Rugby Union – 2009

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, congratulations you have been selected to represent the New England Jnr Lions at the 2009 NSW Junior Country Rugby Union Championships, in Moree on 9th and 10th May. New England Junior Rugby Union will have two teams participating in the 14's and 15's age divisions. This is a huge step for junior rugby in our region and we hope that this will now continue for many years.

## Registration Process

1. All players **must** be **registered members** of a club in the New England area. If this has not already been done the forms to join the Junior Blues are attached. This costs \$50 and entitles players to play throughout the year in the Central North carnivals and in other games as arranged by Armidale. The cost covers all insurance, playing jersey and shorts, training shirt and socks, all of which are supplied by the Club..
2. All members must have a NSWCJRU ID card. Many have already had photos taken. If this is not the case, please forward a passport style photo to the Club, or contact the Teams' Coordinator, Ian Lloyd. These cards will remain with the Club until the conclusion of the Carnival.

## Costs

The cost of the trip will be \$250, which includes transport, accommodation and all playing gear. Costs have been kept to a minimum as there are substantial subsidies in place. If further details are necessary, please contact Ian Lloyd to discuss any issues.

1. The first instalment of \$150 is due by April 17 with the balance **strictly payable** by Thursday April 30. All cheques should be made out to **Armidale Junior Rugby Club** and be forwarded the Armidale Rugby Club, PO Box 340, Armidale, NSW, 2350.
2. All players will be given raffle tickets to sell, for a current, framed & autographed Waratahs jersey. All money raised will go to the individual thus significantly reducing the cost depending on the number sold.
3. Additional tickets if needed will be available from Ace Embroidery, Beardy St Mall Armidale, throughout the holidays.
4. Raffle tickets (both sold and unsold) with monies collected need to be returned by Thursday 30th April. Lost tickets will be charged to the player.

## Accommodation

1. All players are asked to stay together at the motel - the Spa Village Travel Inn, 300 Warialda St, Moree; ph 02 6752 4033. Rooms have been booked for the players and officials and there are rooms set aside for families and friends. For those wanting to room with their children and/or friends, please contact Ian Lloyd or Cath Evans so this can be coordinated.



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2. Parents will be asked to assist with supervision, particularly at the Motel.
3. Meals included in the price are Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast.

## Other meals

1. Meals other than the above are the responsibility of each player. This includes Friday dinner (en route) Saturday and Sunday lunch (at the ground). Supper on Friday night will be provided at the Motel. Money will be required for this.

## Transport

1. Transport will be by car. Where players need assistance, this will be arranged by contacting either Cath Evans or Ian Lloyd. If required, assistance for petrol expenses for those driving other players to and from the carnival can be negotiated. A team meeting will be held at the Motel on Friday night at 9.00 pm. All are expected to attend.

## Officials

Teams' Coordinator: Mr Ian Lloyd

Coaches:                   15's - Mr Andrew Watson   (0408 435 775)  
                                  14's - Mr Shane Bowden   (0458 120 175)

Managers:                 Mr Ian Lloyd (0427 076 071) or Ian Lloyd <illoyd@as.edu.au>  
                                  Mr Phil Stacy (0428 542713) or Phil Stacy <philip.stacy@incitecpivot.com.au>

For further information or if there are any questions, please contact either Ian or Phil at the above contacts.

## Training and trial game

With the holidays disrupting our preparation, it is necessary for all players to improve their fitness throughout the break and stay in touch with coaches and/or managers.

1. Training will occur each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the Easter holidays. It will be from 5:15 pm at Newling Oval, gaining entry from the Kentucky St entrance.
2. If you are unable to train, contact must be made to explain your absence. Preference will be given to players who are reliable at training and/or to those who contact coaches when they cannot attend.
3. Training will be compulsory at the same time and place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 28, 29 & 30 as many players will be away the following week.



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4. Lastly, a trial game will be held at the Walcha carnival on Sunday, May 3 in Walcha at the John Oxley fields. All players are expected to attend as this will be an important time to run as a team. Again, coaches must be informed if you are unavailable.

**Included with this letter:**

The following should be included with this letter:

- ARU Registration form
- Armidale Junior Rugby Union Membership Form
- Raffle tickets
- Medical Permission Form, to be returned if not already completed

Congratulations on being selected to play for your Zone. Our goal is to provide the chance to play representative rugby for our juniors. We look forward to your support.

Regards

Ian Lloyd  
Teams' Coordinator