



NSWRL Development Fee Policy

Overview

At State Rugby League level, Development Fees are intended to achieve the following objectives:

- Assist Development Clubs through financial compensation for the loss of players
- Encourage Development Clubs to continue their development programs
- Discourage Recruitment Clubs from “Cherry picking”
- Discourage Development Clubs from “Stockpiling”
- Restrict external parties from recruiting too many of NSW’s best players in order to create internal competitions of the highest quality.

National Policy

The below table outlines the National Development Fee structure. These fees are payable where a player crosses a State League Border; i.e. CRL, QRL, New Zealand, Affiliated States, etc

These fees are governed by the NRL Salary Cap auditor.

Fees are payable upon registration of a contract and cannot be waived. The fees will be invoiced by the State League of which the club that the player has been recruited to lies within.

A fee can only be paid once per player per category, based on their movements.

Category 2 movements are only payable for a player aged up to 24 years of age.

Cat	Development Fee	Amount
One	Development Fee on Junior Representative Agreement (JRA)	\$5,000
Two	Development Fee on State Cup Contract – Regional, Interstate and International Transfers Only	\$7,500
Three	Development Fee on Development List Contract	\$12,500
Four	Development Fee on NRL Contract	20% of playing fee to a maximum of \$50,000

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State Policy

The table below outlines the NSWRL State Development Fees structure. These fees are payable upon registration of a NSWRL contract.

Players that are on a Districts 'Protected Player' list will attract a potential Development Fee. Players that are not on a Districts 'Protected Player List do not attract a fee. Districts do have the ability to negotiate and/or waive fees where they apply.

Cat	Development Fee	Amount
One	Development Squad (Protected Player List)	\$2,000
Two	Junior Representative Agreement (JRA) – Harold Matthews	\$3,000
Three	Junior Representative Agreement (JRA) – SG Ball	\$5,000
Four	Standard Playing Agreement - Jersey Flegg	\$7,500

Development Fee Disbursement / Allocation / Distribution

The NSWRL Salary Cap committee will govern the NSWRL Development Fee policy. Where there is a dispute the NSWRL GM Football will have absolute discretion.

The following outlines the management of the Development Fees

1. Development Fees are to be payable upon registration of a NSWRL contract (Junior Representative Agreement and/or Standard Playing Agreement) and will be centrally invoiced by the NSWRL Financial Department upon notification.
2. Development Fees are to be distributed using the following formula:
 - a. The full fee available will be payable to the District that the player is recruited from.
 - b. A player must have been within the Districts club's development system for a period of 2 years consecutive (from 13's) and appear on the Districts Protected Player list to have a fee payable.
 - c. Districts are to mark a player's LeagueNet record, if a fee applies to a player being cleared out.
 - d. As above, all fees to be invoiced and distributed by the central NSWRL Financial department.

The NSWRL will have a Development Fees disputes committee. This committee will consist of two (2) members of staff from the NSWRL executive and the NSWRL GM Football. The NSWRL GM Football will act as chair, to adjudicate any disputes between relevant parties with their decision being final

and non-appealable. The following criteria may be considered in order to determine whether a Development Fee is exempt:

1. Relocation due to undertake a tertiary education. Enrolment documentation to be provided.
2. Relocation due to family move. Evidence to be produced including utility bills.
3. Relocation to undertake an apprenticeship. Induction documentation to be produced.

Protected Players Lists

Formally known as the 'Quarantine List', the Protected Players list (PPL) is a way a District can protect players that are within their Development programs.

Districts can have up to thirty (30) protected players per age group for 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 17's and 18's.

All Protected Players Lists will be stored in the non-member LeagueNet data base. Players must be added before they partake in any District Development squad training and/or games.

All players that are in development programs for 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's (Harold Matthews), 17's and 18's (SG Ball) must be entered into the database. The first thirty (30) players will be counted as being on the Protected Players list.

The first thirty (30) players on this list will attract a fee if they are a Developed player. A 'Developed' player is a player that has been within the Districts Development system for a minimum period of two (2) consecutive years.

For a player to be part of the District Development program they must have been given a written invitation to be part of the program. An offer to 'trial' is not considered being part of a Development Program.

All Protected Player lists are to be finalised by June 30th each year. Following this date the NSWRL will report to each District to confirm the players that are now 'Protected Players'.