

This notification outlines important updates to the National Participant Insurance Levy (NPIL) and the National Participation Registration Fee (NPRF) for the 2017 Rugby season. Table 1 outlines the 2017 fees and levies followed by an explanation of the changes and frequently asked questions (FAQ).

**TABLE 1 – 2017 NATIONAL PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FEES & INSURANCE LEVIES**

FEE / LEVY	2017 XVs REGISTRATION TYPE					
	Junior 4-7yrs	Junior 8-12yrs	Youth 13-18yrs	Senior	Casual Senior	Veteran
National Participant Insurance Levy (NPIL)	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$40.00
National Participation Registration Fee (NPRF)	\$11.25	\$28.25	\$28.25	\$33.75	\$12.30	\$28.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11.25</b>	<b>\$40.25</b>	<b>\$42.25</b>	<b>\$98.75</b>	<b>\$27.30</b>	<b>\$68.25</b>

**Part A. National Participant Insurance Levy**

The NPIL has increased across each registration type for the 2017 season - Junior by \$4 / Youth by \$6 / Senior by \$5 / Casual Senior by \$2. There has been an adjustment of registration categories to include Veterans and Youth (13-18 years).

**FAQ 1. Why has there been an increase in the NPIL for 2017?**

Insurance Premiums had not increased since 2005 and have been decreased since 2012. The 2017 increase returns premiums for senior players to the 2012 level. The ARU and our Insurance Broker have worked with insurers to enhance the protection provided to clubs and especially players suffering serious injuries. There has also been an increase in the total number of claims made in recent years. The relevant increase in the premium charged by the insurer to accommodate the increased claims and enhanced cover is reflected in the NPIL for 2017.

**FAQ 2. Why have the categories changed?**

With two years' data on individual levies collected against their corresponding age groups, Australian Rugby and the Insurance Broker undertook a claims analysis from 15 years' worth of claims to check that the amount of money paid out to claimants at each level was proportionate to the premiums contributed by the same group. In order that each age group contribute the appropriate premium, the NPIL for the 13 to 18 year age group has been slightly adjusted.

**Part B. National Participant Registration Fee**

There will be a CPI increase of 2.5% applied to the NPRF for the 2017 season.

**FAQ 3. Why has a 2.5% increase been applied to the NPRF?**

This follows the commitment made in the ARU Registration Regulations, where the NPRF fee set for 2015 would apply for the 2016 & 2017 seasons, subject to CPI adjustments. CPI over the course of 2015 and 2016 has been calculated at 2.5%.

**FAQ 4. Who collects the NPRF and where is the money spent?**

All revenue generated through the NPRF is collected and retained by your State/Territory Rugby Union body for the purposes of servicing the game at a local and state/territory level. The Australian Rugby Union (ARU) does not collect any revenue from the NPRF.

**Part C. Transaction Fees for Online Registration and Payment**

Transaction fees for online payment have been reduced to approximately 1.9% in 2017 – down from 2.9% in 2016.

**FAQ 5. Why has this changed?**

Under new Federal legislation, organisations are required to continually review transaction fees. With the number of individuals completing online payments increasing, transaction fees that contain a fixed fee component to the ARU must be reduced accordingly. In 2015, 10.7% of all players registered and paid online. This figure increased to 24.2% of players in 2016.