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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Player nominations now open for rebel State Development Series

To: All QRL Clubs & Leagues

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Cc: QRL Pathways & Performance; QRL Competitions & Community Rugby League

After many months of planning, players can now register a nomination to join a team participating in the rebel State Development Series.

This season, competition for the state's aspiring U13 – U15 players, coaches, and performance staff will return. Aligned to the QRL statewide footprint, the rebel State Development Series brings together leagues, Host Plus Cup clubs, QRL, NRL, and NRL clubs to provide aspiring players with access to skills coaching, physical conditioning, and sports psychology through a consistent statewide curriculum, RISE.

Competition for boys at U13, U14, and U15 age groups will see 20 programs across the state enter teams representing their local league or Host Plus Cup brands. For girls, U14 and U16 competitions will take place.

In total, 180 teams across Queensland will compete. The structure will support more players and coaches to access the pathway. Where some leagues or clubs have previously only had one team, many will now have 2, 3, or 4 based on participant numbers and future pathway opportunities through Host Plus Cup clubs.

The increase in teams aims to mitigate the impact of physical maturity on selection during these formative years. Players presently excelling within an age group will have the chance to compete at the highest level. Additionally, players who may have previously just missed selection now have the opportunity to access the benefits of quality coaching, competition, and time around other aspiring players.

Further details can be found at <u>QRL rebel State Development Series</u>. If clubs have questions regarding local programs, please contact your local league or Host Pluc Cup club. Please note the male U15 and female U16 program squads will receive an invite to join the program and there will not be an open nomination process.

Each program has established a committee overseeing the approval of team registrations and coach appointments. Each committee comprises QRL, Host Plus Cup club, and local league delegates.

Thank you to the many volunteers working hard behind the scenes to make 2023 a success.

Best Wishes

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