



## **Welcome to TAS Rugby Carnival 2022**

### **U12s Competition**

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 April 2022**

We invite you to complete the formal Expression of Interest application process for your team to attend the TAS Rugby Carnival (TASRC) in 2022.

This Carnival is a wonderful opportunity for players turning 11 or 12 years of age in 2022 to experience a unique, regional rugby development tour.

Below you will find information about the TASRC 2022. Please use the EOI link on the TASRC website <https://www.as.edu.au/whats-on-2/tas-rugby-carnival/> to register your team's interest.

Whilst we are hopeful the pandemic will not stop us in 2022, alternative Carnival scenarios may need to be put in place if required.

### **Background Information**

As those of you who have been to us before will know, the TAS Rugby Carnival is the largest Under 12s rugby carnival held in Australia. Each year this event attracts over 1000 young rugby enthusiasts and their coaches, along with committed families and supporters who all make the journey to spend the weekend in Armidale.

The focus of the TASRC is on providing an opportunity for young players to play in a carnival and to encourage sportsmanship. The highly coveted Canterbury Team of the Carnival award is presented each year to the team displaying outstanding performance and sportsmanship on and off, the field rather than the team who wins their division.

The all-inclusive TASRC package for teams is great value and includes:

- A draw based on graded divisions with 5 games per team over the weekend (all day Saturday and Sunday morning)
- Comprehensive insurance
- A team photo
- A carnival cap and program
- Accommodation on Friday and Saturday night
- Dinner on Friday and Saturday night
- Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning
- Lunches both days of the Carnival

The Carnival relies on the school communities of The Armidale School (TAS), NEGS and Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) in Armidale, and other local venues, to provide accommodation to visiting teams each year.

### **How the Carnival Works**

Over the weekend, teams will play five rugby games, pooled in a number of divisions (depending on numbers of teams entering the draw) against teams of matching standard from across Australia. Referees for

the event are provided each year by the NSW Country Rugby Referees' Association and carnival matches are competitive – drawing large crowds to enjoy the quality of rugby on display.

### **What does it Cost?**

The full TASRC package for 2022 is set at around \$220 (ex GST) per player/coach/manager. We do our utmost to limit costs for teams, but it depends on forms of Sponsorship and any cost increases from other suppliers to TASRC. There are a range of different prices for teams to choose from which reflects the different forms of accommodation from beds in dorms, to mattresses on Gymnasium floors.

### **Accommodation for your Supporters**

Once you know who will be playing in your team and whether their supporters intend on coming to Armidale for the weekend, we would encourage them to book their accommodation as soon as possible because Armidale books out quite quickly.

### **Planning around COVID-19**

While we are not able to anticipate what will happen next year with the pandemic in our region or Australia more broadly, we can prepare to host a Carnival that is safe for the players which will involve necessary changes. These adaptations will be communicated to all teams closer to the time as we track the progress of changes to restrictions across our states and regions. Should the Carnival not be able to proceed, we will refund to all teams all monies paid. We will communicate closely with all team managers as the time progresses toward the Carnival.

### **What You Need To Do Next**

Here are the next steps to ensure you save your spot:

1. Register your 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) for TASRC 2022 by clicking on the EOI link on the TASRC website <https://www.as.edu.au/whats-on-2/tas-rugby-carnival/> and complete the form as soon as possible. This will secure your team's registration.
2. An official TASRC invitation will be issued at the beginning of Term 1, 2022 and you will be required to pay a deposit of \$500 for your team to attend.
3. Mid Term 1, 2022 we will request the following:
  - o Your accommodation package type
  - o Your team list
  - o The balance of your team payment
4. A month before the carnival you will receive a comprehensive TASRC handbook with all the information your team requires for a great weekend.
5. Two weeks before the carnival you will receive the official carnival program with the carnival draw.

Along the way we will continue to be in touch with updates and information. Please don't hesitate to contact the TASRC Administrator Gaye Piper on 0410 924 191 or at [gpiper1@as.edu.au](mailto:gpiper1@as.edu.au) to find out more.

Warm regards

### **TASRC Organisers 2022**

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