

FNC Schools 1st XV Len Diett Shield

Far North Coast Rugby Union



Project Overview

The Len Diett Shield is a 1st XV School Based competition (Under18) addressing the low number of 17-19 year old participants in regular Rugby on the Far North Coast. Competing during Term 2 schools will be given fortnightly round completion dates to provide flexibility in scheduling.

Len Diett passed away in 2019. Selected for the Wallabies at 19 years of age, Len was instrumental in setting up the Far North Coast Colts Competition and was a tireless volunteer for Ballina Rugby.

Relationship Between the Schools

Each of the interested schools have responded to a circulated EOI. The schools have all had varying engagement with NSW Rugby competitions and are interested in competing in a longer 'rugby season'.

Coaching Strategy

Some coaches have experience but few are accredited beyond Smart Rugby. This will be addressed through the Coach Education opportunities through NSW Rugby and the NESA Accredited course as per the attached Coach Education Strategy

Match Official Strategy

Some schools have accredited match officials but given the age of the targeted participants the referees will need to be 18 in order to officiate. We will however be able to use the accredited officials within the schools as assistant referees. We will address this in conjunction with the Far North Coast Referees Association in two ways and aim to engage both Teachers and Club players to help grow the local refereeing ranks. Please see attached Match Official Plan for more information

Venues

The matches will be played over a combination of club and school venues.

Region

Far North Coast Rugby Union
NSW

Convenor

Chris Hickey

Status

Commencing Term 2 2019

Current Project Expenditure

Year 1: \$55,400 Approved

Start up Schools' Competition

Local Geographical

Age/Grade: Year 12

Game Form: 15-a-side

Gender: Male

Number of Schools: 12

Schools new to Rugby: 12

Sustainability

