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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The Games and Tournaments Committee have made several changes to the Operating Manual

THAT: an 18+ Open AA Division be added to the AA Provincials in the 2012/2013 season, provided that the required minimum of four (4) teams register. They would need to declare themselves AA and file the appropriate intent to proceed form by the deadline.

RATIONALE: There are teams in the Province who have the skill set to play at a AA level, however, are unable to commit to participating in the NRL. By adding this division at the AA Provincials, it would remove the most highly skilled teams from the A Provincials and the hope is that then more of the A teams would consider participating in the A Provincials. This would then increase the total number of 18+ Open players attending Provincials. With the smaller number of teams in the AA Provincials, the hosts are having a difficult time keeping costs in line and adding more teams to the event would assist in this as well. The reality is that room rentals, phone hook ups, etc. cost the same whether there are 20 teams or 25 teams, so expanding the number of teams would definitely help with the coverage of fixed costs.

Where: Operating Manual Games and Tournaments Section 4.10.4 pg 15