



Dear State Referee contact,

School Student Scholarship for Match Officials 2019 (SSS)

As in previous years, State Unions/Referee Associations are asked to nominate promising young school student referees for participation in the SSS program in 2019.

The final number of successful applicants will be determined by taking into account the total number of nominations and the available resources to kit out the referees.

Criteria for Nomination

Nominated referees should:

- **be in their final year of school** (or equivalent year if in vocational training)
- show commitment to refereeing after they leave school
- demonstrate potential to referee at a high level, and
- be willing and available to participate fully in development activities.

State Union Development Program 2019

State Unions should ensure that participants receive an appropriate and meaningful level of development throughout the program. Each State Union must guarantee the following:

- A dedicated induction evening for the scholars, incorporating goal-setting
- Guaranteed two Referee Coaching reports through the season
- In-season seminars on at least 3 occasions held (where reasonable) for SSS specifically
- Appointment to State championships at an appropriate level or provide other junior representative opportunities

Rugby AU will provide a set of kit that may be presented to the person at a School assembly or an appropriate match or other function.

Submission of Nominations

Nominations must be processed first through the State Union Referee Contact who is required to endorse each nomination on behalf of the State Union. **Care should be taken to ensure that correct gear sizes are provided, as it is not possible to exchange gear once issued.**

State nominations should be submitted, via email to jamie.mcgregor@rugby.com.au on the attached form, to reach me by no later than COB **Friday 30th November, 2018.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jamie McGregor
Match Official Manager – Community Rugby

