

## AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION POLICY

<b>ARU Functional Area</b>	Community Rugby
<b>Policy Title</b>	Player Pathway Policy
<b>Policy Reference</b>	COM008 Australian Rugby Player Pathway Policy
<b>Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All junior teams ages U6 – U12 years competing in competitions managed by the ARU, member and affiliate unions must play under the laws of the Australian Rugby Player Pathway</li> <li>• ARU in conjunction with Member Unions will monitor compliance</li> </ul>
<b>Policy Objectives &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>The philosophy of the Australian Rugby Player Pathway provides game modifications and law clarifications to maximise skill development, enjoyment and safety for individuals.</p> <p>The Player Pathway consists of the following game variations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U6 – Small-Sided Games, 7-aside Tag</li> <li>• U7 – 7-aside Tag</li> <li>• U8 – 7-aside Tackle</li> <li>• U9 – 10-aside Tackle</li> <li>• U10/U11 – 12-aside Tackle</li> <li>• U12 – 15-aside Tackle</li> </ul> <p>The Australian Rugby Player Pathway comes into effect in the 2011 season nationally.</p> <p>More information is available at <a href="http://www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby/KidsRugby/KidsPathway.aspx">www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby/KidsRugby/KidsPathway.aspx</a></p>
<b>Impacted Parties</b>	Member Unions and their affiliates, clubs and players, coaches and match officials and Affiliate Unions
<b>Contributors</b>	ARU Community Rugby
<b>Communications Strategy Outline</b>	GM, Community Rugby to communicate to Member Unions and Affiliates Unions
<b>Related Policies</b>	ARU Insurance Scheme (COM002)
<b>Approved By</b>	Board – 10 December, 2010.