



Country Roads Lead to Armidale

The annual “Country Gathering of the Clans” is on this weekend with the staging of the New South Wales Country Rugby Union Championships in Armidale.

Each of the nine Country Zones will be represented at the two day championships, which will see the Caldwell Cup (Senior Tier 1), Richardson Shield (Senior Tier 2), Rowlands Colts Cup (Colts Tier 1) and Colts Shield (Colts Tier 2) up for grabs.

Tier 1 defending champions Illawarra (Seniors) and Newcastle Hunter (Colts) will be out to maintain their hold on their titles, while each of the other zones will be lining up to knock them out of the contest.

The Tier 1 & 2 structure is based on last year’s championship results and standings, which saw zones promoted/demoted to/from Tier 1, so Day 1 is D-Day not only for determining who goes on to contest finals, but who is in the firing line for promotion/demotion.

Also at stake is selection in the NSW Country Cockatoos and Cockatoo Colts Training Squads, and with each team having new coaching personnel this year it will be a case of a clean sheet in relation to selection in the respective teams.

The action kicks off at Bellevue Oval at 9.00am on Saturday, 7 May with six Senior matches scheduled on Field No 1, and four Colts matches scheduled on Field No 2.

Championship draws, match times and field allocations are available on the NSWCRU webpage www.nswcountryrugby.com.au

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