NSW Paralympic 7-A-Side Football

NSW State Championships

Over the weekend the best Cerebral Palsy Football players battled it out so they could be named as the inaugural NSW Paralympic 7-A-Side Football State Champions. Not only were these players battling it out for the championship but also for a spot in the NSW team to compete at this years National Paralympic 7-A-Side Football Championships due to be held in Melbourne from the 11th – 14th June 2010. Tigers vs Rhinos

The teams contesting the final were the NSW Tigers and NSW Rhinos. As it had been with all matches over the weekend the final came down to a draw at the end of full time and then was still a draw after the extra period. Unfortunately it was the dreaded penalty shootout that would decide the winners.

The winning side NSW Tigers

Back Row – L-R – Daniel Jennings, Jamie Laybutt, Zach Mann, Nick Glasson, Connor Marsh, Kyle Schaberg, Murray Bartram

Front Row – L-R - Jack Williams, Sam Larkings (Captain), Ben Sutton

Congratulations to all players who were involved in the weekend. The selectors had a very hard time in choosing this years team to represent NSW at the National Championships. Two 14 year old's have been chosen to play in this years competition and they are James Turner from Diamond Beach and Connor Marsh from Penrith.

The team chosen to represent NSW at the National Championships is:

1) Chris Pyne (Captain)
2) Sam Larkings (Vice Captain)
3) Ben Atkins
4) Jack Williams
5) Jamie Laybutt
6) Brett Fairhall
7) Daniel Berry
8) Brett Sharrock
9) Ned McCabe
10) Kyle Schaberg
11) Connor Marsh
12) James Turner

NSW is represented by a very strong team with 8 players having played for the Australia Paralympic 7-A-Side Football Team. The team is being lead by Chris Pyne who has been in the National Paralympic 7-A-Side Football team for the past 12 years and is the current vice captain of the National Paralympic 7-A-Side Football team.