

ILLAWARRA DIVISION



RUGBY LEAGUE

*Registered 1995*

**Illawarra Junior Rugby League**

**Aged Competition By-Laws**

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS –

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Administration Assistant, Illawarra Division Rugby League	Appointed position of the Illawarra Division Rugby League
Appointments' Co-ordinator	Person elected by the Board of Management to oversee and administer the appointments of match officials to Open Aged Competition matches
Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League	Appointed position of the Illawarra Division Rugby League
Board of Management	The representative administrative body as defined in Illawarra Division Rugby League Constitution
Chairman	Role as defined in Illawarra Division Rugby League Constitution
Club	An organisation which is a member or affiliated to a member under Illawarra Division Rugby League Constitution
Coach	Any qualified person registered as a 'Coach' under the Country Rugby League
Code of Conduct	<b>The National Rugby League – National Code of Conduct</b>
Competition	Any Rugby League tournaments, matches, or fixtures conducted under the Illawarra Division Rugby League with the approval of the NSW Country Rugby League see Appendix 2
Competition Points	Points awarded to a team after the conclusion of a competition match depending on the outcome of the match
CRL	Country Rugby League of NSW Inc
Delegate	Person authorised to act on behalf of a club or organisation
Final Series	Defined series of matches played at the conclusion of a competition
Ground Manager	Qualified person responsible to act as the controller of a venue at which matches are played
Judiciary	Body defined under Illawarra Division Judiciary Code of Procedure
Junior Competition Committee	Committee comprising of delegates from constituent clubs (see Appendix 1), Board of Management representatives, Referee Association representative and other accepted organisations
Laws of the Game	Australian Rugby League Commission – Rugby League Laws of the Game (International Level)

League	Illawarra Division Rugby League
Manager	Person undertaking the role of team manager
Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League	Appointed position of the Illawarra Division Rugby League
Match	Any Rugby League game played as part of a competition ratified by the Illawarra Division Rugby League
Match Official	Any qualified person appointed to undertake specific duties relating to the controlling of a rugby league match – including referee, touch judge, in-goal touch judge and interchange official
Match Review Committee	Body defined under Illawarra Division Judiciary Code of Procedure
NRL	National Rugby League ACN – 082 088 962
Official	Any person engaged in a duty or action recognised by the club or organisation
Aged Competitions	Rugby league competitions conducted by the Illawarra Division Rugby League – U6 to U17 and any other completion defined by the Board of Management
Player	Any person registered as a player under the CRL
Registrar	Person elected by the Board of Management to oversee the points allocations for the Junior Competitions
Season	Period taken to complete a competition from Round 1 to the conclusion of the Grand Final
Special Meeting	A Competition meeting called for a specific purpose as defined under the Illawarra Division Rugby League Constitution
Steelers	Illawarra District Rugby League Football club Ltd.
Supporter	Any person attending a match ratified by the Illawarra Division Rugby League as a spectator to support a team or club.
Team	Any recognised rugby league group of players which represent a club or organisation
Year	A period comprising of 365 days (366 days during a leap year)

## 1 CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

- 1.1. A notice of motion to change a by-law must be passed by a three-fifths (3\5) majority of those in attendance at any meeting of the Junior Competition Committee. Subject to prior notice of twenty-one (21) days to the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League who will circulate the notice of motion to change a By-law to all voting bodies at least fourteen (14) days prior to the next Junior Competition Committee meeting.

## 2 CONSTITUENT CLUBS

- 2.1. The Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc (Aged Competitions) shall be composed of competitions involving clubs whose names appear in Appendix 1 of these By-laws. In order for a club/organisation to be listed in Appendix 1, it must satisfy the qualification and admission criteria as set out in the Illawarra Division Rugby League Constitution (Rule 10).
- 2.2. Each constituent club shall hold its annual meeting no later than the third week in January of each year and shall thereat elect or appoint its delegate to the Junior Competition Committee. Each constituent club MUST provide the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League with a list containing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its elected officials and delegates within ten (10) days of its annual meeting
- 2.3. Any club not represented at any Competition or Special meeting of the League may be fined fifty dollars (\$50) for every non-attendance without an official apology.
- 2.4. Any Constituent Club may at any time recall its delegate on the Junior Competition Committee to elect another in their place. Any change must be reported to the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League.
- 2.5. Alternate delegates of each Constituent Club shall exercise all the rights and privileges of the member of the Junior Competition Committee when acting in the place of an absent member or in the place of any person who has ceased to be a member of the Junior Competition Committee.
- 2.6. The secretary of each constituent club shall register its colours with the Board of Management in written form and with colour photograph included and such club's players shall appear in proper uniform in all matches unless otherwise directed by the Board of Management. The Board of Management shall have the power to refuse to register any uniform if in its opinion it is not sufficiently distinctive. Upon registration the uniform shall become the exclusive property of the club first registering it and shall not be used by any other club.
- 2.7. It is the responsibility of each constituent club, to ensure that all its players, prior to their participation in any game/match/competition or otherwise training or trialling, are financial, registered and cleared in accordance with the requirements set out in ***NRL National Clearance and Permits Policy and CRL Rules – Schedule 1 (1.13 – Registrations, Clearances and Deletions) and CRL Player Transfer Policy – Junior Grade Football Schedule 1 Appendix 1.7***  
Failure to comply with these requirements may result in (but be not limited to) –
  - 2.7.1. The loss of competition points from any match in which the player participated whilst not registered, (*Note - Points for such matches SHALL be awarded to the non-offending team*).
  - 2.7.2. The suspension of the player for a period not exceeding one calendar year.

- 2.7.3. A fine imposed on the player's club not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200), as determined by the Board of Management for each unregistered player.
- 2.8. Any club not fulfilling its duties as described by the League may be subject to disciplinary action as administered by the Board of Management.
- 2.9. Any tickets issued to constituent clubs and/or persons whatsoever and not returned seven (7) days prior to any function held and/or controlled by the Divisional League shall be responsible for the payment for any such tickets.

### **3 NOMINATION**

- 3.1. An annual affiliation fee of Fifty dollars (\$55.00 inclusive of GST) per club and shall be payable to the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc.
- 3.2. All affiliation fees, ground rentals and levies shall be paid before the League's Annual General Meeting, unless otherwise specified. All clubs must be affiliated prior to the Annual Meeting.

### **4 COMPETITION RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.1 The Board of Management shall be responsible for the correct administering of the League's competition draw and the Junior Competition Committee shall administer it on their behalf.
- 4.2 Details of the competition draw shall be available at all meetings of the Junior Competition Committee and Board of Management.
- 4.3 The Administration Assistant, Illawarra Division Rugby League, shall report to the Board of Management and, when required, to the Junior Competition Committee on matters pertaining to her role.
- 4.4 The Merged Competition Committee Responsibilities include the management and governing of the U13s-U16s competition that includes teams from both Illawarra Division Rugby League and South Coast Group Seven.

#### **4.4.1 Administration**

- 4.4.1.1 Competitions will be administered by a management committee of thirteen persons.
- 4.4.1.2 Two persons to be appointed by Illawarra Division
- 4.4.1.3 Two persons to be appointed by South Coast Group Seven
- 4.4.1.4 Two persons representing clubs in Illawarra Division
- 4.4.1.5 Two persons representing clubs in South Coast Group Seven
- 4.4.1.6 Illawarra Division Registrar
- 4.4.1.7 South Coast Group Seven Registrar
- 4.4.1.8 Draw Co-Ordinator
- 4.4.1.9 One person appointed by the opposite league to the Draw co-ordinator
- 4.4.1.10 Secretary (Non-voting member)

4.4.1.11 A Chairperson shall be appointed by the Committee

#### 4.4.2 **Voting**

4.4.2.1 All members of the Committee (with the exception of the Secretary) will be entitled to vote.

4.4.2.2 Any member of the Merged Competition Committee may be replaced by a proxy member provided the Secretary is advised prior to the meeting.

#### 4.4.3 **Meetings**

4.4.3.1 Where possible, venues of the Merged Competition Committee meetings will alternate between South Coast and Illawarra areas.

4.4.3.2 Minutes of all meetings will be made available to all clubs if required

4.4.3.3 The Merged Competition Committee may convene general forums. Forums will consist of representative of all clubs competing in the competition and may make recommendations to the Merged Competition Committee.

## **5 JUNIOR COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 The Junior Competition Committee membership shall consist of:  
A Chairman, two (2) Board of Management representatives, a delegate from each constituent club and a delegate of the Referees' Association. The Chairman shall be that person as nominated by the Board of Management (and may include a Board of Management representative). In the absence of that person being present at any meeting, the Junior Competition Committee shall elect a chairman for that meeting from those present.
- 5.2 Three fifths (3/5) of the Junior Competition Committee members shall form a quorum at any Junior Competition Committee meeting.
- 5.3 In the event of a quorum not being present thirty (30) minutes after the time fixed, the meeting shall lapse.
- 5.4 A club delegate must be in attendance to vote at a meeting of the Junior Competition Committee - there is to be NO PROXY VOTING permitted.
- 5.5 Life Members are ineligible to vote at any Junior Competition Committee meeting unless in an official voting capacity in accordance with 5.1 of these By-Laws.
- 5.6 The Junior Competition Committee shall meet nominally monthly during the playing season and as required during the non-playing season.
- 5.7 The Board of Management may at any time call a meeting of the Junior Competition Committee and upon this request the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League shall notify the members of the Junior Competition Committee, indicating the nature of the business thereat.
- 5.8 Minutes shall be kept at all Junior Competition Committee Meetings and be presented at the next Junior Competition Committee Meeting, where they shall be dealt with as per the agenda.

- 5.9 Except where otherwise provided in the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc. Constitution or these By-Laws, motions at any meeting of the Junior Competition Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and in every case of any equality of votes, the Chairman shall decide the matter. This is the only voting power held by the Chairman.
- 5.10 Any motion passed at a Junior Competition Committee meeting shall take effect immediately.
- 5.11 Any dissent from the Chairman's ruling shall be put without further discussion apart from the mover of such dissent, who shall be allowed five (5) minutes to state his reason for such dissent.
- 5.12 Any fine incurred by any club shall be paid within fourteen days (14) of receipt of an invoice from the League, or the said club's voting powers will be revoked until such fines are paid.
- 5.13 The Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League is empowered to make operational decisions of urgency where such decisions are required prior to a regular Junior Competition Committee meeting.

## **6 SUB-COMMITTEES**

- 6.1 The Board of Management has the right to appoint sub-committees to consider matters relating to, but not limited to; player transfers, team gradings, player qualifications and team qualifications.

## **7 TRANSFER COMMITTEE AND TRANSFERS**

- 7.1 The Transfer Committee shall consist of a committee as delegated by the Board of Management (and may comprise of the Board of Management) to deal with such matters under the –  
**NRL – National Clearance and Permits Policy,**  
**CRL Rules – Schedule 1 (1.13) – Registrations, Clearances and Deletions,**  
**CRL Rules Schedule 1 Appendix 1.6 – Registration of Players by the CRL and Constituent Bodies, and**  
**CRL Rules Schedule 1 Appendix 1.7 – Player Transfer Policy – Junior Grade Football**
- 7.2 The Transfer Committee shall reserve the right to specify a date/s each year whereby they will consider transfer requests. Requests for transfers will not be prior to 1st November of the preceding season.
- 7.3 Any player may transfer from a non-affiliated club or league to the Aged competition in the same season provided that player meets the clearance and transfer requirements of the NRL and CRL.
- 7.4 There is a transfer administration fee, as set annually by the Board of Management, payable by the player(s) and debited against the club to which the player(s) transfers.
- 7.5 If any club unreasonably delays processing a transfer, the matter should be reported to the Assistant Manager, Illawarra District Rugby League for attention and appropriate action.



- 7.6 A player will be officially registered to his new club from the date the transfer application was approved by the League Registrar. Any movement by the player to another club prior to being cleared will not be permitted". The Player(s) will not be able to play or train **with a club until officially registered or until** any appeal has been heard and determined and clearance has been approved by the League Registrar.
- 7.7 The Transfer Committee shall meet as required to consider transfers.

## **8 NSWRL JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**

- 8.1 Players returning to a CRL affiliated competition at the completion of the NSWRL District Junior Representative competitions shall be cleared back to the club with which they played the previous year.

## **9 CRL JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS**

- 9.1 Transfer of CRL Junior Representative Players is to be read in conjunction with the rules of the Illawarra South Coast Junior League (Merged Competition). Current rules are as follows:
- 9.1.1 A representative player will be a player selected in the final squads of representative teams that are selected to represent Greater Southern Region, Illawarra Division, South Coast Group Seven or compete in the NSWRL Junior Representative competition.
- 9.1.2 For the purposes of these rules representative players will include all players that have represented the Greater Southern Region, Illawarra Division, South Coast Group Seven or competed in NSWRL Junior Representative Competition in the current year and/or either of the two previous calendar years.
- 9.1.3 When a representative player returns to the Junior League (for whatever reason) he must return to the club he was last registered with for the remainder of the season.
- 9.1.4 Once a player accepts representative selection, the player also accepts all transfers and other conditions that that apply to the transfer and movement of representative players under this rule.
- 9.1.5 Should a representative player who was registered with a club in Illawarra or South Coast Group Seven Junior Leagues within the previous two (2) seasons, submit a clearance from another district to play in the Illawarra South Coast Junior Competition, that player will be automatically attached to the club in Illawarra or South Coast Group Seven that he was last registered with unless approval is given by the Board of Management for the player to be attached to an alternate club.
- 9.2 Only one (1) representative player shall be permitted to transfer to any club team in the same age group that has less than four (4) representative players. No representative player shall be permitted to transfer to any club team in the same age group that already has four (4) or more representative players, without the approval of the Board of Management or its delegated sub-committee.

## 10 DEFAULTERS

- 10.1 A Club may refuse a transfer if a player is financially obligated to that club or has not returned property owned by the club (as per **CRL Rules, Schedule 1 (1.9.2) – Defaulters**) provided the club has informed the player (and their parent/guardian) in writing, of their financial and/or property obligation.
- 10.2 For monetary reimbursement an invoice must be sent to the player's parent or guardian prior to 31 October of the current year.
- 10.3 Any outstanding monies owed by players to the club must also be minuted in club records and a copy sent to the Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League prior to 31 October of the current year.
- 10.4 The Country Rugby League of NSW insurance component of any outstanding monies is NOT grounds for denial of a clearance.

## 11 Administration Assistant

- 11.1 In addition to any special duties imposed upon her by the Board of Management, the Administration Assistant (formerly League Registrar) shall regulate/oversee the correct registering of players by clubs, monitor player qualifications, ratify team sheets (both paper and LeagueNet), and monitor the recording of player/team scores and results.  
*Note – it is the club registrar's responsibility to confirm proof of age for any player registered to their club. Where proof of age documentation is not available, the matter shall be decided by the Board of Management.*

## 12 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 12.1 All players in the Aged Competitions shall be registered in accordance with;  
**NRL – National Clearance and Permits Policy,**  
**CRL Rules – Schedule 1 (1.13) – Registrations, Clearances and Deletions,**  
**Schedule 1, Appendix 1.6 – Registration of Players by the CRL and Constituent Bodies, and**  
**CRL Rules – Schedule 1, Appendix 1.7 – Player Transfer Policy – Junior Grade Football**  
before taking part in a competition fixture, trial or training activity.
- 12.2 It is the responsibility of constituent clubs to ensure players qualify in reference to age for the relevant aged competition in which they are registering. (ie the age the player turns during that year). The CRL defines the birth date for qualification being midnight 31 December.

## 13 TEAM NOMINATIONS

- 13.1 Clubs shall nominate the number of teams they wish to enter into relevant age divisions.
- 13.2 In the case where a club chooses to enter more than one team in any competition that has a final series, teams will be graded in accordance of their ability. A Board of Management sub-committee shall be appointed prior to the first competition match for the purpose of grading teams

## 14 COMPETITION RULES

- 14.1 The League shall adopt the laws of the game as set down by the Country Rugby League of NSW and all the amendments and alterations made by it.
- 14.2 All competition games shall be played in accordance with the League's competition draw and/or by any direction of the Board of Management (or its representative).
- 14.3 No club is to be given permission for teams to leave the district on any day Aged League competition games are listed for play, without the express permission of the Board of Management.
- 14.4 In the event of a clash with Country Championship / Junior Representative Commitments, any team with three (3) or more players in a Country Championships or Junior Representative team may have their affected competition game deferred. Deferred matches will be played on the Sunday of the weekend following the original scheduled date.
- 14.5 By mutual agreement, clubs may defer individual matches on the condition that the competition is not delayed, and shall notify the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League no later than ten (10) days prior to the programmed date and time of that game. When deferring, clubs must also advise the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League of the time and date that the deferred match is requested to be played.
- 14.6 If mutual agreement on an alteration or deferment cannot be reached, the decision shall be left in the hands of the Board of Management (or its representative).
- 14.7 Any club guilty of altering a venue or time of a game or games as allocated in the Aged League competition draw without the approval of the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League may be fined fifty dollars (\$50).
- 14.8 **CRL Rules Schedule 2 (1.15 – Clash of Jumpers)**. Clubs are required to register their playing colours and designs with the League and supply a colour photograph of the front and back of their full playing strip (jumper, shorts and socks). Before changing any part of their playing strip, clubs must submit their new design to the League who will ensure they do not clash with teams already in the competition.
- 14.9 In the event of a clash of playing strips in competition matches, the away team will arrange and wear an alternative set of jumpers.
- 14.10 Clubs having unenclosed playing areas shall have them roped off to the satisfaction of the Referee before any competition game or games are played thereon. Ropes should be of a suitable material and highly visible.
- 14.11 All spectators shall remain outside the playing area (off the grounds as enclosed or outside the roped area, as the case may be) while teams are playing.
- 14.12 With the exception of 14.12.1 (below), all team officials (Coaches, Managers, League Safe Officers and Trainers) shall remain within the areas designated for their use while teams are playing and they are not fulfilling their specific roles/duties.
  - 14.12.1 Coaches of U6 and U7 teams ('League Start') shall be permitted to enter the playing field when acting as facilitators.
- 14.13 Only accredited personnel are permitted to enter the playing field. All on-field personnel are to wear the appropriate shirt, and must wear suitable footwear (shoes/football boots) and their League issued identification card when on the field at all times.

- 14.14 Rugby League accredited level 1 sports trainers must be present at all venues at which games are being played. For Modified games (U6 to U12 inclusive), the host club is responsible for supplying a level 1 Sports Trainer for each game. For International games (U13 to U17 inclusive), each participating team is responsible for supplying their own level 1 Sports Trainer. No game is permitted to commence without the appropriate accredited personnel (and number) being present. Breaches may incur a fine as determined by the Board of Management.
- 14.15 With the exception of the U6 and U7 ('League Start') competitions, coaching during a match by a touch judge, referee or other match official, when acting as such, is not permitted.
- 14.16 The competition will be based on a home and away format as much as practical.
- 14.17 No club shall participate in any fixtures on representative, semi-final, final or grand final days. Functions will not be held at any time when an official fixture is being held.
- 14.18 All players shall participate in approved apparel of the CRL and the Illawarra Division, which display the logo of the CRL as well as any major sponsor of the League as directed by the Board of Management.
- 14.19 No player shall play with two clubs in competition matches conducted by the league in any one season except where special permission is granted by the Board of Management or its sub-committee or the player's team has withdrawn from the competition, in which case the withdrawing team's club shall advise the Board of Management in writing the reason for withdrawing and include a list of registered players involved in that team.
- 14.20 Where a club has a team in a player's rightful age, such players must firstly fulfil their obligations to that age before playing up an age.
- 14.21 While playing down an age is not permitted, permission may be granted for a player to play up an age for that season if the situation warrants. Such permission can only be given when a club submits an application stating reason to the Board of Management or its sub-committee for consideration.
- 14.22 Any player who has played six (6) or more competition matches in a higher competition must remain in that higher grade for the duration of that competition.
- 14.23 Any player can play, subject to Rules 14.17, 14.18 and 14.19 in as many games as desired over their age group, in equal or higher standing (ie 'B' division to 'A' division, 'A' Division to 'A' division, 'Zone' Division to 'Premier' Division, 'Premier' Division to 'Premier' Division etc), in competitions conducted by the Age Competition, and still be qualified to play in their respective age group.
- 14.24 No player is eligible to play in a higher age group in a lower competition (eg: 13A to 14B) unless approved by the Board of Management.
- 14.25 Any club playing an unqualified/non-eligible player shall lose 2 competition points per match/es in which such player took part and may incur a penalty as set down by the Board of Management. As per **CRL Rules Schedule 2 – 1.43 (Unqualified Players)**, competition points for the match will be automatically reallocated to the non-offending team.

- 14.26 The following competition points shall be awarded to a team dependant on the outcome of a match:

Under 10 to under 12 (Excluding Division 1)

Outcome	Awarded Points
Win	2
Forfeit received	2
Bye	2
Draw	1
Loss	0
Forfeit conceded	0

Under 10 to under 12 (Division 1)

Outcome	Awarded Points
Win	3
Forfeit received	3
Bye	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Forfeit conceded	0

Under 13 to under 17

Outcome	Awarded Points
Win	2
Forfeit received	2
Bye	2
Draw	1
Loss	0
Forfeit conceded	0

- 14.27 In the event of a team being regraded, the team will take their awarded competition points and accumulated points for and against into their new competition, subject to below

14.27.1 The maximum number of competition points a team can take to their new competition will be equivalent to the competition points of the team standing in fifth position on the competition table of the new competition

14.27.2 Any competition points above the maximum will be forfeited and will not be awarded to any other team.

14.27.3 For the purpose of 14.27.1, the number of points for the team running fifth will be the competition points awarded to that team as at the end of the competition round prior to the re-grading taking effect.

- 14.28 For the purpose of allocating points for and against, a bye and forfeit shall be treated as a 20-0 score line ie: the team receiving a bye or forfeit shall have 20 points added to points for and 0 points added to their points against. The team conceding a forfeit shall have 0 points added to their points for and 20 points added to their points against.

- 14.29 Any team forfeiting three (3) competition games may be withdrawn from the competition. Players registered with a team that has withdrawn from the competition, will be allocated to other clubs by a sub-committee of the Board of Management.
- 14.30 Under 6, 7, 8 and 9 years, who do not play competition matches, shall play in accordance with the rules as set by the Country Rugby League of NSW.
- 14.31 **Cancellation of Games**
- 14.31.1 Postponement of games in adverse weather conditions is the responsibility of the home club who must:
- 14.31.2 In South Coast Group Seven advise the League Secretary or Registrar, opposing club and referees
- 14.31.3 In Illawarra advise the Division Administrator/s, who will in turn advise the Club Secretaries and Referees.
- 14.31.4 The League may postpone or cancel games in extreme circumstances where decisions of Local Government Authorities make play impossible. Any such games are to be played as directed by the League. This may be on a separate date available in the competition draw or within fourteen (14) days by mutual agreement of the clubs or as otherwise decided by the Merged Competition Committee or Board of Management as applicable.
- 14.32 **Forfeits**
- 14.32.1 Any club forfeiting a game must advise the League Secretary or Registrar.
- 14.32.2 Any team forfeiting three (3) times shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.
- 14.32.3 Any team forfeiting a fixture will automatically forfeit the two (2) competition points for the game to their opponents
- 14.32.4 Where a team forfeits after 6.00pm on the day preceding the match their club may be fined one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 14.32.5 Any forfeit within four (4) weeks leading up the Semi Finals may incur a fine of Two hundred dollars (\$200).
- 14.33 If a game is abandoned due to a breach of the Competition Rules, Code of Conductor Tough Love, then the Merged Competition or relevant Competition Committee will determine whether the game is to be replayed and/ or whether the score is to be recorded as per ***CRL Rules, Schedule 2 (1.4) Cancellation, Postponement, Abandonment***

## 15 DURATION OF GAMES

- 15.1 The host club will appoint a qualified ground manager who will be responsible for the progression of games at their ground (as per **CRL Rules, Schedule 2 (1.12) – Ground Management and Ground Managers**) as well as other duties determined by the Board of Management.
- 15.2 Each club will appoint a timekeeper who will carry out the duties of the role as outlined in **CRL Rules, Schedule 2 (1.38) – Time Keeping**, and satisfy themselves that the game is played in two equal divisions.
- 15.3 The Board of Management reserves the right at all times to appoint an official timekeeper, but the club concerned shall have the right to appoint check timekeepers. All matches are to proceed at the times scheduled in the draw.
- 15.4 The duration of playing times in competition games (excluding Final series matches) shall be, as per **NRL Duration of games** found on [playnrl.com](http://playnrl.com):

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Time periods</b>	<b>Break interval</b>	<b>Time-off</b>
U6 to U9	4x8 min periods	Max 5 mins	No time off.
U10 to U12	2x20 min halves	Max 5 mins	No time off.
U13 to U14	2x25 min halves	Max 5 mins	As indicated by the referee in the final five (5) mins of the match.
U15 to U17	2x30 min halves	Max 5 mins	As indicated by the referee in the final five (5) mins of the match.
<b>League Tag</b>	<b>Time periods</b>	<b>Break interval</b>	<b>Time-off</b>
U10 and U12	2x20 min halves	Max 3 mins	No time off.
U14 and U16	2x25 min halves	Max 5 mins	As indicated by the referee in the final five (5) mins of the match.
All matches should be played in two equal halves			

- 15.5 A team is permitted a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes (without prior notification), from the scheduled starting time of a match to field its side, before a forfeit can be claimed against it. It is the responsibility of both the referees and clubs to ensure matches proceed on time. If unforeseen circumstances delay kick off times, common courtesy should be extended to all parties to ensure good relations.
- 15.6 In the event of a match starting later than the appointed time and a following match required to start at an appointed time, the late starting match shall be played in two equal halves of the remaining time.
- 15.7 In all competition matches, the game will stop immediately when the points differential reaches **50 points**. Officials at the official table will sound the siren and the score at that point will be recorded as the final score.

## 16 DISMISSED PLAYERS

- 16.1 Refer to **CRL Rules Schedule 2 (1.7) – Dismissed Players**
- 16.2 A player temporarily suspended shall immediately proceed to the designated area where they will stay for the length of the sentence.
- 16.3 The time for which the player has been temporarily suspended shall only commence once the player has left the playing field and the referee has signalled the restart of play.
- 16.4 The official match timer shall keep the time in relation to the offence and shall inform the player when the time has elapsed.
- 16.5 The referee shall be guided by the time keeper, if one is employed, otherwise they themselves will determine the end of the suspension for a temporarily suspended player.
- 16.6 A player temporarily suspended can only re-enter the playing field after reporting to the touch judge or referee who shall clear the player to re-enter the field.
- 16.7 A player temporarily suspended may not be replaced while the suspension is in progress.
- 16.8 Any player in the Under 6 to Under 12 year's age groups, **directed to be replaced for the match by the referee** for the first time shall be disciplined by their club and the Manager Illawarra District Rugby League shall be notified of the action taken by the Club, before the player takes part in a future game. The exception to this rule is a player who in the view of the Manager Illawarra District Rugby League, commits a serious breach of the Laws of the Game, in which case rule 16.9 will apply.
- 16.9 In the event of a player in the Under 6 to Under 12 years age groups being **directed to be replaced for the match by the referee** on more than one occasion during the season, or the player committing a serious breach of the Laws of the Game, the said player shall appear before the Judiciary Committee of the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc, and should be accompanied by an official of their club and their parent/guardian.
- 16.10 The venue and time of such hearing shall be determined by the Judiciary Committee and usually be held on Thursday evenings at a venue to be determined.

## 17 TEAM SHEETS

- 17.1 The host club shall furnish and return the team sheet (obtained through the LeagueNet database) within three (3) days to the League office showing the results of the match, the names and registration numbers of the participating players and bearing the signature of the referee of all matches played at their ground. Such sheet shall indicate scorers of tries and goals for each team as well as other requirements, such as full time scores etc.
- 17.2 All players in the Mod (Under 10 to Under 12 years) and International age groups must sign the LeagueNet team sheet prior to taking part in the game.



- 17.3 An official from each club competing in the match must sit at the Officials table to fully and correctly complete the LeagueNet team Sheet, including names of players, registration numbers, full and half-time scores, individual point scorers, team, match official(s) and Club signatures, in addition to monitoring the timing of the game. Team Managers at all games may check all registrations in the presence of both teams. Teams are to be ready fifteen (15) minutes prior to the advertised starting times. Once the team sheet is signed by both team managers, the said team sheets are binding by the rules of the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc.
- 17.4 The club/s responsible who fails to furnish returns as per Rule 17.1 to the League Registrar may be fined.
- 17.5 Any host club not submitting results of competition games by way of match entry on the National LeagueNet Database by the time nominated below may be fined ten dollars (\$10) for each missing result.
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| Games played Friday   | by 5.00pm Saturday (next day) |
| All other days played | by 5.00pm on the day played   |

## **18 FINAL SERIES (SEMI FINALS, FINAL, GRAND FINAL)**

- 18.1 In all grades of premiership competition proper (U10 to U17) a series of matches shall be played. In all matches competition points shall be awarded as per Rule 14.24.
- 18.2 The method of determining teams for the final series of the Aged Competitions shall be as documented in **CRL Rules, Schedule 2 (1.6.2 – 1.6.3) – Competition Format, Draw and Point Score.**
- 18.3 Positions in the final series will be determined on this basis.
- 18.4 The club standing third in competition points shall play the club standing fourth in the first semi-final ('minor') and the club standing first shall play the club standing second in the second semi-final (major'). The winner of the first semi-final shall play the loser of the second semi-final in the preliminary final. The winner of the second semi-final shall play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final.
- 18.5 In semi-finals and finals, the home team will be the team finishing higher on the competition ladder. In grand finals, the home team shall be the winner of the major semi-final.
- 18.6 The Board of Management reserves the right to renew and alter team standings of the final series placings where teams have been relocated through regrading mid-season.
- 18.7 All players must play at least five (5) games in that particular age group to qualify for any match in the Final Series. Where a player has not qualified because of injury or illness, the player's eligibility for the Final Series shall be determined by the Board of Management, subject to supportive medical evidence being supplied.
- 18.8 Where a club has two (2) or more teams playing in the same age division, players may interchange up to three (3) rounds prior to the semi-finals.

- 18.9 In the Under 10 to Under 12 year's age groups, all qualified players in teams involved in the Final Series must be given the opportunity to play in each of their team's matches in accordance with the Modified Games rules. In end of season games, if through injuries, a team requires replacement players, these replacement players will be selected by the Board of Management or its sub-committee, from a nominated list of players supplied by that particular Club.
- 18.10 In the event of a clash of playing strips, the away team will arrange and wear an alternate set of jumpers
- 18.11 In the 10 years to 12 years age groups, time off as indicated by the referee shall only be allowed in the final 10 mins of Final Series matches.
- 18.12 In all international age groups, time off as indicated by the referee shall only be allowed during the final fifteen (15) minutes of Final Series matches. However, in the event of a serious injury (eg where an ambulance is called), the referee may direct time to be taken off at any stage of the game.
- 18.13 If, at the conclusion of any final series match, both teams are equal on points, **CRL Rules Schedule 2 (1.10.5)** shall apply.
- 18.14 **Allocation of Final Series Matches**
- 18.14.1 The format of the matches to be played in the Final series will be as determined by the Merged Competition Committee or Board of Management prior to the commencement of the competition.
- 18.14.2 In all cases Final Series matches will be played at venues determined by the Merged Competition Committee or Board of Management.
- 18.14.3 All Finals Series matches are under the control of the Merged Competition Committee or relevant Competition Committee and are considered neutral matches.
- 18.14.4 The Merged Competition Committee or relevant Competition Committee will issue specific requirements to each club which qualifies to host Final Series matches.
- 18.14.5 If any of the Final Series Host Club requirements are not met by the Host Club the Merged Competition Committee or relevant Competition Committee may impose penalties.
- 18.14.6 All revenue from Final Series matches shall be retained by the League.

## 19 TROPHIES

- 19.1 The Board of Management shall have the power to regulate and control trophies played for within the Illawarra Divisional area. The rules of all trophies shall be approved by the Board and no trophy shall be introduced into play without the sanction of the Board. The Board may restrict play for such trophies to the Illawarra Divisional area and may debar clubs from playing for trophies controlled by other Leagues. Responsibility for trophies is as listed in **CRL Rules, Schedule 2 (1.41 – Trophies)**.

- 19.2 A Club Championship trophy shall be awarded in the Aged Competition to a Club as follows:  
Two (2) points shall be awarded for a win, a bye, or forfeit; one (1) point for a draw; nil (0) points for a loss in any competition rounds. Competition points in Division 1 will be multiplied by two (2) and all subsequent divisions by one (1). The total number of points each week shall be divided by the number of games scheduled to play. The club with the highest tally at the end of the Competition proper will be declared the Club Championship winners

## **20 REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY LEAGUE**

- 20.1 Representative Rugby League shall be played in age groups as determined by the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc. No representative fixtures shall be played without the permission of the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc.
- 20.2 Representative Coaches, managers, selectors and associated representative staff shall be appointed by the Board of Management.
- 20.3 To be eligible to apply for the position of a Representative Team Coach, the applicant must have attained the relevant Australian Rugby League Coaching Certificate (or its equivalent) and be currently accredited.
- 20.4 To be eligible to apply for the positions of Representative Team Coach, Representative Team Manager, Representative Team Selector; the applicants cannot be related to, or kin of, any eligible player in that respective age group.
- 20.5 All representative players must be registered with an affiliated club and insured against injury, and be covered under the compulsory insurance scheme of the CRL.

## **21 SEND-OFFS**

- 21.1 All players dismissed from the field in any Aged Competition (U13 to U17) shall be dealt with under the following Rules and Procedures –  
**Illawarra Division Rugby League – Judiciary Code of Procedures,**  
**CRL Rules Schedule 3 – CRL Judiciary Code of Procedure, and**  
**Illawarra Division Rugby League – Judiciary Hearing Procedures – Juniors.**  
Should a conflict exist between the above documents, the Board of Management shall rule on such conflict.
- 21.2 Only players competing in the U15 to U17 competitions inclusive shall have access to the Match Review System. All other younger players shall be dealt with by the Judiciary Committee at a judiciary hearing.
- 21.3 Home club secretaries shall notify the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League following the completion of matches where player/s have been dismissed from the field. The time and venue of such hearing (if required) shall be decided by the Judicial Committee after taking into consideration any arguments submitted to it.
- 21.4 No member of the League, clubs or referees shall comment publicly on any matter that is, or is likely to be subject to an official inquiry.

## **22 JUDICIAL COMMITTEES**

- 22.1 The Judicial Committees of the Illawarra Division Aged Competitions shall be the Match Review Committee and the Judiciary Committee.  
The Judiciary Committees' authority, responsibilities and operations shall be as detailed in –  
**Illawarra Division Rugby League – *Judiciary Code of Procedures***

## **23 MISCONDUCT BY PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, CLUBS OR SUPPORTERS**

- 23.1 A match official who has been appointed by the League or a sub-committee of the League to a match, shall, without delay, report to the League any instance or instances of misconduct during the progress of that match which led to the dismissal/removal of a player(s), club official(s) or supporter(s) from the playing area.
- 23.2 A match official who has been appointed to a match by the League or a sub-committee of the League may report any instance of misconduct by a player(s), club official(s) or supporter(s) irrespective of whether such misconduct occurred before, during or after such match, and whether it shall have led to the player(s), club official(s) or supporter(s) being ordered from the playing area or not.
- 23.3 Any report received by the League pursuant to the preceding rules shall be referred to the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League who may, after due enquiry, determine whether the player(s), club official(s) or supporter(s) concerned should be dealt through the Match Review Committee procedures or called on to appear before the Judiciary Committee to show cause why they should not be disqualified, suspended, fined or otherwise dealt with.
- 23.4 Where the League received a complaint from a member of the League concerning the conduct of a player(s) registered with the League, an official(s) of the League, a constituent club of the League or a supporter(s) of a constituent club immediately prior to, during the course of or immediately subsequent to a match and such conduct has not been the subject of a report to the League by a match official pursuant to Rules 23.1 or 23.2, the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby League may call on the player(s), official(s), club(s) or supporter(s) concerned to be dealt with through the Match Review Committee procedures or appear before the Judiciary Committee to answer a charge that the conduct complained of constitutes conduct contrary to the policies, prejudicial interests, welfare or image of the League or the game.  
Such a complaint must be left at the registered office of the League not later than 5.00 pm on the third business day following the date of the match prior to, in which or after which the conduct complained of is alleged to have occurred. A lodgement fee of \$500 for each individual incident referred to in any complaint lodged, shall accompany any complaint lodged with the Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby, either paid by electronic funds transfer or by cheque. Such lodgement fee may be refunded where a Judicial Committee determines that a charge should be issued as a result of the any specific complaint. Where no charge is laid in relation to a complaint, the lodgement fee may be retained in the general fund of the Illawarra Division.

- 23.5 The Assistant Manager, Illawarra Division Rugby may at any time call on a player(s) registered with the League, an official(s) of the League, a member club of the League or a supporter(s) of a member club to appear before the Judiciary Committee to answer a charge, that conduct, which shall specify in such charge, by that player(s) registered with the League, an official(s) of the League, a member club of the League or a supporter(s) of a member club immediately prior to, in the course of or immediately subsequent to a match, constitutes conduct contrary to the policies, prejudicial to the interests, welfare or image of the League or the game.
- 23.6 Any club that becomes aware that players from one of the club's teams have refrained from registering because of encouragement from another club or official to transfer and further, because of that situation there is a real possibility that the club will be unable to nominate or field a team in that age group, the club shall contact the Assistant Manager of Illawarra District Rugby League, supplying any evidence to support such a report. The matter shall be investigated by the Board of Management and appropriate action taken"
- 23.7 Any club official who has allegedly encouraged a player (s) to leave their registered club to join another, the official or officials will be cited to appear before a Management Committee. Coaches, managers etc and including parents in this instance will be deemed officials and appropriate action will be taken with the possibility of fine, suspension or other penalties.
- 23.8 Any club, non-playing registered player, official or supporter breaching the rules of misconduct, will be automatically removed from the venue at which an Aged Competition game is played.
- 23.9 Players and officials inside the rope or fenced area of the field are under the jurisdiction of the referee and are therefore governed by the Codes of Conduct and Laws of the CRL and NRL. Conduct considered to be in breach of the above will be dealt with by the Board of Management as it deems fit.
- 23.10 Affiliated bodies/clubs and players shall not publicly criticise or discuss matters detrimental to the name of Rugby League. Conduct considered to be detrimental to the League will be viewed and dealt with by the Board of Management as it deems fit.

## **24 APPEALS AND PROTESTS**

- 24.1 A person, club or other affected party aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Management or a sub-committee of the Board of Management shall have the right of appeal from such decision. Grounds and procedures for appeals and protests against the Board of Management or a sub-committee of the Board of Management shall follow the those outlined in the **Illawarra Division Rugby League - Judiciary Code of Procedure (Chapter 6 – Appeals)**

## **25 MATCH OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS**

- 25.1 The appointment of match officials to all Aged Competition matches (and any other match as determined by the Board of Management) held within the Illawarra Division shall be administered by a qualified person elected by the Board of Management to do so.

- 25.2 This person ('Appointment's Co-ordinator'), shall oversee the operations of an advisory sub-committee of qualified assessors that will evaluate the performances of match officials and make recommendations to the Appointment's Co-ordinator with regard to match appointments.
- 25.3 In non-final series matches, the appointment of match official will be carried out by senior members of the Illawarra division Referees' Association, under the direction of the Appointments' Co-ordinator and Board of Management.

## **26 REFEREE FEES**

- 26.1 Cost of referees' fees, after consultation with the Referees' Association, will be determined by the Board of Management prior to the first Junior Competition Committee meeting for the forthcoming season. Such fees will be put to the Junior Competition Committee for ratification prior to the commencement of the season.

## **27 GENERAL RULES**

- 27.1 Any active player, official or referee, desiring to write newspaper articles or do radio or television commentaries relevant to League must first receive approval from the Board of Management.
- 27.2 Any club found guilty of breaching the code of payments as laid down by the League's Board of Management may incur the loss of all club points for the season and/or be fined up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- 27.3 No club without the sanction of the League may introduce club sponsorships that conflict in any way with League and/or Steelers sponsors.
- 27.4 The host club shall receive all monies raised at home games and shall be responsible for all expenses incurred for that game i.e. ground rentals, referees fees (where applicable), etc.

## **28 RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

- 28.1 *Blood*  
Refer to the following Policy –  
28.1.1 **NRL Policy – *Infectious Diseases Policy***
- 28.2 *Concussion and Memory Loss*  
Refer to the following Policy and Guidelines –  
28.2.1 **NRL – *Management of Concussion in Rugby League,***  
28.2.2 **NRL – *Head Injury Guidelines*** and  
28.2.3 **NRL – *Return to Play Policy***
- 28.3 Electrical Storm Safety Policy  
Refer to the following guidelines  
28.3.1 **NRL – *Electrical Storm Safety Guidelines***

## **29 INTERPRETATION**

- 29.1 Any questions as to the interpretation of these rules and by-laws shall be determined by the Board of Management of the Illawarra Division Rugby League Inc whose decision shall be binding on all life members, affiliated bodies and delegates. Any such determination shall not be varied except after notice of motion given accordance with the Constitution and these By-laws.

## **APPENDIX 1 – CONSTITUENT CLUBS 2016**

Berkeley Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Collegians Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Corrimal Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Dapto District Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Huntley Rhinos Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Northern suburbs Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Port Kembla Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Thirroul District Junior Rugby League Football Club.  
Western Suburbs Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Windang Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Wollongong Junior Rugby League Football Club  
Woonona-Bulli Junior Rugby League Football Club



## APPENDIX 2 – AGED COMPETITIONS 2018

Competition	Completion length – No of Rounds
U6 to U9 Mini footy – ‘non-competition’ (No Final Series)	15 rounds
U10 to U12 Mod League	15 rounds
U13 to U16 – International Merged Competition	16 rounds
U17 – Illawarra Rugby League	16 rounds
League Tag – all ages	14 rounds

**NUMBER OF ROUNDS DOES NOT INCLUDE FINAL SERIES MATCHES**