



Junior By-Laws

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1. BY-LAWS

These By-laws are to be read in conjunction with the New South Wales Community Rugby League Policies & Procedures (NSWCRL P&P) and Rugby League Central Coast Constitution. The intent of these By-laws is to cover rules that are specific to Central Coast Junior Rugby League that are not covered in the NSWCRL P&P. **These Bylaws maybe changed at any time.**

2. ADMINISTRATION

- a) **Rugby League Central Coast Board (RLCC Board) shall govern the game of Rugby League on the Central Coast.**
- b) **The Rugby League Central Coast Junior Committee (RLCCJC) shall administer Junior Rugby League competitions on the Central Coast.**
- c) Honorariums shall be determined and set by the RLCC Board.

3. TEAM NOMINATIONS

- a) Team nominations for the ensuing season are to be in writing and forwarded to the RLCCJC by the date as set by the RLCCJC. To nominate a team there is to be the minimum number registered as per minimum number to take the field i.e.:

U6's to U7's	4 players
U8's to U9's	6 players
U10's to U11's	8 players
U12's	11 players
U13's to U17's Tackle	9 players
U14s &U16s	
Girls League Tag	8 players
- b) At the discretion of the RLCCJC, clubs withdrawing team/s after the confirmation date shall be fined a maximum amount of \$500.00 per team.
- c) Any club fielding two or more teams in Under 12s must field a 1st Division team.
- d) **U5s to U11s teams will be named after a Central Coast player that has gone onto NRL Level.**
- e) Junior League (MINI) teams will be placed in pools of even amounts, whenever possible, to avoid byes. U6s through to U8s will be divided into north and south regions where possible.
- f) Where a team finishes Minor Premiers or Premiers two years in succession, they shall be promoted.
- g) All Teams, and in particular, Teams who have moved to a different Division will be monitored, for possible regrading, during the first 3

Rounds of the Competition, taking into consideration, the standard of opposition.

4. GAMES

Further to NSWCRRL Policies & Procedures Section 4.

- a)
 - i) In cases where unfavourable weather conditions prevail Home Clubs are to decide whether their ground is unplayable by 6am on the day the game is set to be played. If the matches are to be postponed, the home club official must notify the RLCCJC Chairperson and the Secretary of the travelling clubs immediately.
 - ii) If grounds are unplayable the RLCCJC Chairperson shall notify the affected clubs and the RLCC Referee Operation & Appointments Manager (ROAM) by 7.00am on the day the game was set to be played.
 - iii) Should a minority of venues be out of use, the round may go ahead depending on available dates for catch up games.

Should a majority of venues be out of use, the entire round may be abandoned or postponed depending on available dates for catch up games.
 - iv) Where games are cancelled due to wet weather with no more wet weather rounds available, each team will receive 1 point. Teams who have drawn a Bye for that round will receive 2 points.
- b) During competition games there will be time off for injury only as signaled by the Referee in U16 and U17 games only (This does not include Girls League Tag).
- c) Time off for injury will apply in all grades during all Finals at any time throughout the game as indicated by the Referee. In the last 5 minutes of the Finals game, there is time out for all issues as indicated by the Referee.

The Sin Bin clock and Game clock are to be started and stopped simultaneously.
- d) Games shall be scheduled at the discretion of the RLCCJC. Junior games shall not be played in conjunction with senior games without approval by the RLCC Board & NSWRL Broken Bay Region.
- e)
 - i) All forfeits must be notified in writing to the NSWRL Broken Bay Region & RLCC Junior Chairperson by 5.00pm of the day preceding the match. If this written notice is not given a fine of \$200.00 can be imposed at the discretion of the RLCC Board
 - ii) If a forfeit occurs with less than 24 hours' notice, then the club forfeiting will pay the Referees' Fees due for the game.
 - iii) No Division 1 player is to play in a higher age group in Division 3 (this rule applies to all age groups).

No Division 2 player is allowed to play in a higher age group in Division 4 or lower (this rule applies to all age groups)

- iv) For U14 Girls League Tag the position from which a goal kick will be taken will be:
 - (a) For a try scored between the touch line and a line 20 metres in-field from the touch line, the conversion attempt will be taken along the 20-metre line in-field from the touch line.
 - (b) For tries scored between the 20 metre lines inside each touch line, the conversion attempt will be taken in line with where the try was scored.

- f) In the absence of a Central Coast Rugby League Referee Association (CCRLRA) appointed official each team is required to provide a Touch Judge for games from U10s upwards. Games cannot commence until a Touch Judge is present. It is the responsibility of the Teams Managers and hosting club Ground Managers to ensure Touch Judges are in place at the commencement of the game. They must be a minimum age of 14 years old, and they are there only to put their flag up when the ball or player goes out and to assist with conversions. They are not to communicate with players or Referees. They must wear enclosed shoes.

5. MATCH SHEETS

- a) Players from a lower age group and who have already played are not bound by these Rules. The players from lower age groups are to be restricted for final use as final reserves. They must not take the field before a healthy player of the original team and cannot play more game time than a healthy player of the original team.

- b) If a player has already played or intends to play at a later time on the same day, evidence of which would be available as the player has already signed the match sheet, then the player is not bound by the unbroken twenty minutes of play rule. The player can act purely as a reserve. If he/she is injured in the first game of the day and then cannot play for his/her own team, it is essential that the injury be noted on the match sheet.

- c) After signing on, players must stay as a team in the close proximity of the official table (apart from their warming up period). The Players Cards (Digital Version) are to be retained at the table until the conclusion of the game.

- d) Player names shall be printed legibly. The player signs next to his name. Ensure that not only the grade but also division is shown on the sheet as well as individual scorers, the final score, the Referee and the two club official's signatures.

- e) Once the referee and officials have signed the sheet the scores shall not be altered.

- f) Other items to be noted on the sheet are the Starting Side, Mod League Bib Changes, Replacements, Injuries, Send Off's, Timekeeper's

signature, Team official name and NRL I.D No. and in the U17's only, Best and Fairest points (supplied by the referee).

- g) The original completed Match Sheet must be kept by the club for the season and may be requested by RLCCJC at any time.
- h) Teams who allow unregistered or unqualified players to take the field and win the Match will lose the winning points. The winning points will be awarded to the opposing team and the offending club will be fined \$100 for each instance.
- i) Any failure to produce Players Card/s before entering the playing field will automatically render the player/s as unqualified.

6. GATE CHARGES

There are to be no gate charges to any Junior fixtures except in the finals series. Entry fee to the Finals shall be determined by the RLCC Board.

7. PRESENTATION

RLCC will conduct an annual Junior presentation to be held after the Finals Series at a suitable date. At the presentation individual and club awards will be presented. Entry to the presentation will be \$10.00 per head.

Clubs will be issued ten (10) tickets and if the club is not represented, then a fee of \$100.00 will be charged to the club for payment.

8. PLAYOFFS, SEMI FINALS, FINALS, GRAND FINALS

- a) The Junior Final Series shall be the Top Four (4) format.
- b) RLCC are to supply all balls and time clocks during all Semi Finals.
- b) Each club is to provide a Ground Manager and the required Sports Trainers for each team competing in any Finals Series games.

9. REGISTRATIONS

Further to NSWCRRL Policies & Procedures 1.11

- a) Players graded division will appear on the bottom of the players registration on the MySideline app under their photo.
- b) Those Players re-registering in the U10's, 13's and 16's must upload new photos.
- c) Clubs not fully financial with registrations after a date/s as set by the RLCC Board will be suspended from the competition until the club becomes financial. In this instance all competition points will be awarded as per a forfeit, however no compensation for disadvantaged clubs will be applicable.

d) Players who have registered in an older age group for that season and played in that age group during the competition rounds may not participate in the final series in their correct age group in any division. Any breach of this By-Law will deem the player unqualified.

e) A player shall not be registered as such unless they are a bona fide resident of the area that is administered by RLCC. Proof of residence will be requested by the RLCCJC/NSWRL. Accepted documents will be a copy of school enrolment. Secondary documents if RLCCJC/NSWRL require them are Rental Agreements, Central Coast Council Rates notices, Utilities Bill or similar in the name of Parent/carer who has registered the player.

f) Girls playing both League Tag and Tackle will be required to play at the same club for both should that Club provide both. In situations where a club does not provide both, the intended participant shall be required to execute a Permit from their League Tag club to the Tackle club as in Regional NSW the League Tag club is deemed the participants Primary club/ registration.

g) Females wishing to participate in the mixed competition will be required to fulfil their commitment to their nominated primary team as indicated on the Team Grading sheets submitted to RLCC Junior Committee before round 1 of the competition before backing up in their secondary team.

10. **TRANSFERS**

Further to NSWCRRL Policies & Procedures 2.22

a) A player cannot play or train for their new club until the transfer has been fully approved by all parties.

b) The RLCC Representative Quota within a club/age group who have played Representative Football at any time in the last 24 months, determined by each League by 30 November each year in respect of the next rugby league season is four (4) Players.

c) For registration and/ or Clearance purposes a player who transfers to a club outside the RLCC boundaries and returns within two (2) years shall be deemed a player of the club from which they transferred. Should the player not return to their original club they shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the NSWRL Player Transfer Policy – Community Rugby League.

d) A Coach, Trainer, Manager or Official cannot “Poach – suggest, encourage, coerce or influence” players from another Club. A Coach, Trainer, Manager or Official found to be conducting such activity will be charged under the NSWRL Code of Conduct.

Any person who makes a complaint in relation to “Poaching” will be required to provide supporting evidence and attend any hearing conducted. Furthermore, any person who makes a complaint that is found to be groundless or frivolous may be called before the Conduct Review Panel on a charge of misconduct.

- e) A player that has been approved to transfer clubs must only participate in the correct age competition for the current season. They will not be eligible for dispensation to play permanently in a higher age competition. They may back up once they fulfil their commitment to their correct age group.
- f) The NSWRL Policies & Procedures Player Transfer Policy (2.22) does not apply to Players transferring in the U6s-U9s age groups.
- g) Any player that attributes Mental Health as a reason of need to change clubs, or within an appeal against any decision made by RLCC or NSWRL, will not be eligible to return to play or have any clearance reviewed until such time that a medical clearance provided by an Accredited Mental Health Professional such as Psychologists, Psychiatrists or Mental Health Nurses is submitted declaring the player in question is fit to return to play.

11. GRADINGS AND GRADING SHEETS

Further to NSWRL Policies & Procedures 3.10

- a) The RLCCJC will meet and place teams in the division they feel best suits that team and what best suits the competition.
- b) RLCCJC requires clubs to allocate their approved registered players and coaching staff into Graded teams in the online system to be used as Grading Sheets for the RLCCJC and mandatory compliance.
- c) The RLCCJC may use their discretion to regrade teams after 3 Rounds of competition.
- d) An individual player cannot be regraded without application from the Club Secretary to the RLCCJC and the approval of the RLCCJC up to and including round 3.
- e) The RLCC JC will monitor results in development competitions (U10s-U11s) & may move teams between competitions as they see fit.

12. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- a) Central Coast Roosters is the name/ banner for all Rugby League Central Coast Representative Teams.
- b) Central Coast Roosters operate under the control of RLCC in conjunction with the Sydney Roosters. The RLCC Representative Committee will help oversee the Representative programs.
- c) All Players registered within the Rugby League Central Coast shall be available for representative team selection.
- d) A player who makes themselves unavailable for or withdraws without dispensation from any representative team or any team deriving there

from under the control of the Rugby League Central Coast, or the League shall not play in any team until the commitments of these representative teams have been completed. Players are required to play in the open trial organised by the Central Coast Roosters each year to be eligible for selection in the Central Coast Roosters representative teams. Players may also be identified through RLCC Junior competition rounds.

A player may seek and be granted exemption from these trials if they are injured or ill, however a Doctors Certificate will be required, and they must still attend the trial unless a doctor states in the certificate, they are too unwell to do so.

A player may seek exemption on the basis of a family crisis. This must be in writing and a decision on the exemption will be made by the RLCC Representative Committee and RLCC Board.

When Representative squads are finalised, the same rules will apply for all Trial Matches, competition and/ or championship games.

Should a player be absent from training and/ or a game without exemption, they may be removed from the squad immediately.

RLCC shall call for public nominations for the positions of Coach, Manager, Sports Trainers, Selectors and specialist support staff for its representative teams. The RLCC Board in conjunction with Sydney Roosters & RLCC Representative Committee shall appoint appropriately qualified and experienced applicants to the positions.

e) Representative Player Definition

A player is deemed a Representative Player if in the previous or current season, the player is selected in:

- (i) Central Coast Roosters NSWRL Harold Matthews Summer Squads.
- (ii) Any other Harold Matthews teams within Australia or New Zealand,
- (iii) Central Coast Roosters Representative Squads (U/14s, U/15s, U/16s, U/17s, U18s)
- (iv) Any other NSWRL Group, Division or Region in Championship Fixtures.
- (v) All players wishing to pursue NSW and Australian Schoolboys Rugby League representation will be granted permission without being penalised but will be classed as a Representative Player. Such players must give prior notification to the RLCCJC before agreeing to play in a Rugby League Central Coast Junior aged Representative Team.

All players are classed as Representative Players until such time as the final selection is made. Only then the players that have not been successful in final selection will be removed from the Representative list for that season.

Any player added to the squad/team after final selection will be classed as a Representative Player.

Any player removed from a Representative Team during the Representative Season due to performance or injury will remain classed as a Representative Player.

Any player wishing to pursue endeavours in any other code or sport and is selected in Central Coast aged Representative Teams will be stood down from all games of Rugby League until such time all Representative games have been completed in that season if dispensation has not been granted.

- f) Should a team be reduced to less than thirteen players due to representative commitments (only Representative matches controlled by the NSWRL or RLCC) the club can apply in writing to the RLCCJC for a deferment. If the deferment is granted, the RLCCJC will advise both clubs that the game is to be played (if practicable) within fourteen (14) days of the original date. If the clubs cannot come to an agreement as to the time, date and venue, the RLCCJC will make the decision, which will be binding. The deferment may be granted only after the numbers of registered players in that age group have been checked.
- g) Deferred / postponed games due to representative games must be played within three (3) weeks of the date of the original match, or at other times, dates and venues as determined by the RLCCJC in consultation with the clubs involved.

Where exceptional circumstances have prevailed, and upon written application from both clubs involved in a deferred / postponed match, the RLCCJC reserves the right to award one competition point for the match to each team.

13. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS/ INFORMATION SESSIONS

All Clubs shall have a delegate attend all Meetings/ Information Sessions as set down by the RLCC Board. Failing this, a \$250.00 fine shall be imposed.

14. FINES

- a) Fines of up to \$500 levied on a Club shall be payable to the RLCC within fourteen (14) days of receiving notice of such fine.
- b) Fines in excess of \$500 levied on a Club shall be payable to the RLCC within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of such fine.
- c) Fines not paid within the above time frame may result in team being ineligible to play in the RLCC general competition or Final Series.

15. TEAMS PLAYING OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL COAST

Further to NSWCRRL Policies & Procedures 2.17

In the event of teams leaving the Central Coast for social reasons (i.e. end of season trips) a bond of \$500 is to be lodged with the RLCC. Upon receipt of a letter within a month of the trip from the proprietor of the venue the team stayed at confirming appropriate behaviour during the stay, the bond will be returned in full. Breaches of this rule will result in a \$500 fine for the offending club.