



Tough Love in LeagueCurbing Violence in Our Game

NRL WA will implement the TLIL regulations for their **Under 12 – Under 17** age groups. For any misconduct the TLIL policy will take priority, for other incidences outside of TLIL, normal NRL WA Misconduct and Discipline will be enforced, as per section 2 item 30.0 of the NRL WA Operations Manual.

1. Charge Sheets

1.1 NRL WA Charge sheets are to be completed by the referee.

2. Video Evidence

2.1 All Clubs are encouraged to provide video coverage at Sunday Junior League games. This will assist with judiciary procedures, and for citing purposes. If no video is produced, the referees report will be used to determine the severity of the charge.

3. On Field Violence

NRL Laws of the Game

Player's Misconduct - A player is guilty of misconduct if he: a) Trips, kicks or strikes another player.

"When instances of misconduct occur, unless there is an advantage to the non-offending side, a penalty is awarded against the offender. Note: (a) is considered to be foul play and may warrant instant dismissal. They are not Sin Bin offences".

3.1 Zero Tolerance of fighting on the field.

Any player who throws a punch or "strikes" another during a match will be automatically sent from the field. If that player is subsequently found guilty at Judiciary, (and if there is an absence of mitigating circumstances) the **MINIMUM** penalty will be a one week suspension.

3.2 Any player found guilty of breaching rule 3.1 for the third time in a season will incur an automatic **MINIMUM** 12 month suspension from the game.

3.3 A "TIME OUT" system will be used whenever a severe "melee" occurs.

A melee is considered to be misconduct involving more than two players in the game at any one time.

The referee will signal a "TIME OUT" period and call for both teams coaches, or the ground manager (if applicable) to come onto the field.

Teams are to be taken to opposite ends of the field and spoken to by their respective coaches or the ground manager (if applicable).

The referee will then dismiss from the field offending players under the TLIL policy (3.1).

The ground manager and referees will decide if and when play will resume.

A repeat "melee" will result in the match automatically being abandoned.

If a match is abandoned after a time out period, the respective coach's from the offending teams will face a Code of Conduct panel hearing.

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3.4 Penalties for abandoned games will be at the discretion of the local League as there can be many different circumstances to consider when judging such cases. Games will not be replayed, and teams are liable for loss of competition points.

3.5 Any team that has had more than two abandoned matches in a season will be automatically disqualified from that competition for that season.

3.6 Any player who runs onto the field of play from the team “bench” area during a match will be automatically sent from the field and incur a **MINIMUM** six week suspension if found guilty at Judiciary.

4. Match Official Abuse

4.1 Any player or official found guilty of touching a referee or official in an aggressive or inappropriate manner will be disqualified from the game for a minimum period of 12 months.

4.2 Any player or official who verbally abuses or intimidates a referee or match official will be dismissed from the field and face Judiciary for further judgment.

5. Spectators

5.1 Any spectator who enters the playing area with intent will automatically be banned from attending any Junior League fixtures for a **MINIMUM** period of twelve months and may be liable to pay a fine under the NRL Code of Conduct.

5.2 If a person breaches a disqualification under rule 5.1, the team and or club that the person is associated with will be liable for penalty under the NRL Code of Conduct.

6. Trainers, Coaches and Managers

6.1 If a Trainer, Coach or Manager touches an opposition player during a “melee” an automatic **MINIMUM** six week suspension will apply if that person is found guilty of such an offence.

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