



**NEW SOUTH WALES TERTIARY STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE
FOUNDED 1970.**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS
(AS AT 23 March 2005)**

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NEW SOUTH WALES TERTIARY STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

(as at 23rd March 2005, subsequent to original endorsement on the 7th February 2005)

1. NAME

The name of the League shall be the "N.S.W. Tertiary Student Rugby League" (hereinafter referred to as "the League").

2. OBJECT AND POWERS

The objects of The League are;

- 2.1.** To foster and control Rugby League football amongst Tertiary educational institutions throughout the State of New South Wales.
- 2.2.** To organize and control competitions between such institutions.
- 2.3.** To co-operate with other Rugby League bodies and similar associations in the promotion of such competitions, under the auspices of the N.S.W. Rugby League Limited.

For the purpose of carrying out such objects The League shall have power;

- 3.1.** To provide and maintain grounds, playing fields, materials, equipment and other facilities for Rugby League Football.
 - 3.2.** To regulate and control the formation and operation of all affiliated bodies which are at any time members of the League.
 - 3.3.** To regulate and control relationship between members of the League and players and to provide facilities for settlement of disputes and for punishment of misconduct and for breaches of this constitution or any rules made hereunder.
 - 3.4.** To invest the funds of the League in such manner as shall be decided from time to time.
 - 3.5.** To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the General Committee may decide and to lend money or give credit to any person and to guarantee the payment of money and performance of obligations by any person.
 - 3.6.** Generally to do all things necessary for or incidental to the pursuit of the object of the League.
- 4.** The rules and regulations of the N.S.W. Rugby League Limited shall apply to the League and to the conduct of its competition unless inconsistent with this Constitution or with a rule of the League in which event the Constitution or rule of the League shall prevail.

5. AFFILIATION

The members of the League are those bodies listed in the Schedule hereto and any other bodies as may be admitted to membership by the League upon such terms as the League may from time to time decide.

- 6.** Applications for membership shall be made and determined in such manner as the League shall from time to time decide.
- 7.** Any member shall be liable to have its membership suspended or terminated at any time for a breach of this Constitution or of any rules made hereunder or for breach of any direction by the League. Only General Committee shall have such power to suspend or terminate membership.



8. MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the League shall be under the control of the General Committee which shall have power to appoint sub-committees and to define their powers and responsibilities. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, any of the General Committee may be delegated to a sub-committee, which shall meet as directed by the General Committee.

9. GENERAL COMMITTEE

The General Committee shall consist of;

- 9.1. Patron
- 9.2. President
- 9.3. Three Vice Presidents
- 9.4. Secretary
- 9.5. Assistant Secretary
- 9.6. Treasurer
- 9.7. Registrar
- 9.8. One delegate from each member of the League together with one additional delegate for each team affiliated within the League.
- 9.9. One delegate from the University Cup Referees Association.
- 9.10. One delegate from each other Referees' Association from time to time affiliated with the League.
- 9.11. Two delegates from the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- 9.12. One delegate from the Australian Student Rugby League Limited.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Delegate from the Australian Student Rugby League Limited. The Executive Committee shall be entitled to exercise all the powers of the General Committee where it is resolved by the Executive Committee that the business in hand is urgent and it is impractical to call a General Committee Meeting to deal with that business.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the League shall consist of;

- 11.1. Patron, who shall be the President of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited from time to time.
- 11.2. President
- 11.3. Three Vice Presidents
- 11.4. Secretary
- 11.5. Assistant Secretary
- 11.6. Treasurer
- 11.7. Registrar
- 11.8. Delegate, who shall be nominated by the Australian Student rugby League Limited from time to time. All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by ballot.
12. In the event of any vacancy in the position of officers arising, such vacancy shall be filled at the General Committee meeting next following the arising of that vacancy.
13. Any person who is a bona fide member of an affiliated body of the League shall be eligible for election to any office.
14. Office Bearers appointed at the Annual General Meeting shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting.



15. MEETINGS

The business of every meeting of any committee or sub-committee of the League shall be as follows:-

- 15.1. The adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting of that committee or sub-committee.
 - 15.2. Correspondence
 - 15.3. Reports
 - 15.4. General Business
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16. At the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall present the Annual Report and the Treasurer shall present the Annual Financial Statement and Balance sheet prior to the election of officers.
 17. The General Committee shall meet as it decided from time to time. If the General Committee meeting does not appoint a time for its next meeting then the Secretary shall call the next meeting, upon either the direction of the Executive Committee or upon written application signed by at least seven members of the General Committee.
 18. On all questions voting shall be by show of hands or division unless a ballot shall be demanded and agreed upon by the Chairperson before the question is put to the vote.
 19. On all questions the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote only.
 20. The President, or in his or her absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings. If neither the President nor any of the Vice-Presidents are present at the meeting, then the meeting itself shall elect a Chairperson.
 21. No motion for rescission shall be accepted at the meeting at which the motion sought to be rescinded has been passed. Notice of any such rescission motions shall be given to the Secretary in writing at least fourteen days prior to the meeting at which it is intended to so move, although the Chairperson of that meeting may waive the requirement of such notice.
 22. Any such rescission motion shall require for its passing a three-fifths majority of those present and eligible to vote.

23. CONTROL OF ASSETS

The General Committee shall have the sole control of the assets of the League and no money shall be expended unless by the direction of the General Committee.

24. The accounts of the League shall be audited each year by a duly qualified public accountant who shall be appointed annually by the General Committee.
25. The funds of the League shall be banked in the name of the N.S.W. Tertiary Student Rugby League and any bank accounts shall be operated upon by any two of the Treasurer, President or the Secretary.
26. The Treasurer shall furnish the General Committee with a monthly financial statement detailing all outstanding items of income and liability.

27. DISCIPLINARY

The General Committee shall have power to deal with and adjudicate upon any complaint made to it of misconduct on the part of any member of the League or individual member thereof, PROVIDED THAT such complaint is of misconduct detrimental to the policy, interests or welfare of the League. The General Committee may also at its own motion deal with any such matter which comes to its notice and in the exercise of the power hereby conferred may disqualify, suspend, or otherwise deal with any person or organization whom the Committee finds to have been guilty of such misconduct.



28. JUDICIARY

- 28.1.** The Judiciary Committee shall consist of 3 members and 2 deputies who may sit in the absence of a member.
- 28.2.** The 3 members shall comprise:-
- 28.3.** The nominee of the University Cup Referee's Association
- 28.4.** Two members elected by the Annual General Meeting
- 28.5.** Where possible, the General Committee shall endeavour to elect to the Judiciary Committee a person qualified for admission as a Barrister or Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
- 28.6.** The 2 deputies shall also be elected by the Annual General Meeting.
- 28.7.** The Judiciary Committee shall elect one of its members to be the Chairperson.
- 28.8.** In the event of a quorum of the Judiciary Committee being unavailable to act, the President shall have the right to appoint a member of the Executive Committee to fill the casual vacancy.
- 28.9.** Until the General Committee otherwise determines the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee shall lay down procedures for the conduct of hearings by the Judiciary Committee.
- 28.10.** The Judiciary Committee shall investigate and deal with any reports by referees who have dismissed players from the field of play or who have reported players for misconduct before, during or immediately after a match and shall investigate and deal with any misconduct by a player referred to it by the General Committee.
- 28.11.** The decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be final, subject to the right of appeal to the Judiciary Appeals Board.
- 28.12.** A player dismissed from the field shall be suspended until the charge is determined by the Judiciary Committee provided that the Judiciary Committee shall have the right to permit him to play pending a final determination of any charge.
- 28.13.** The Judiciary Committee shall have the power to disqualify, suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any player found guilty.

29. JUDICIARY APPEALS BOARD

- 29.1.** The Judiciary Appeals Board shall consist of the 3 Vice-Presidents or in the event of a Vice-President being unable or unwilling to act, his or her place shall be taken by one of the other Executive Officers nominated by the President.
- 29.2.** A player who has been disqualified, suspended and/or fined by the Judiciary Committee shall be entitled to an appeal to the Judiciary Appeals Board if and only if:-
- 29.3.** He has the permission of his Club to appeal and;
- 29.4.** He desires to produce on appeal, evidence of which he did not know before the conclusion of the hearing by the Judiciary Committee and of which he could not have become aware of, before the conclusion of the hearing before that Committee made all investigations and enquiries that could have been made by him, and, he lodges his appeal within 7 calendar days to the President of the original decision being handed down.
- 29.5.** The Judiciary Appeals Board may quash or uphold the decision of the Judiciary Committee or may vary the penalty imposed.
- 29.6.** Pending the determination of any such appeal, the decision appealed from shall take effect unless the Judiciary Appeals Board otherwise decides.



30. DISQUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

A member of any member of the League, whilst under suspension or disqualification for misconduct by that body or this League, shall not be eligible to hold any position or office in the League or in such member of the League and shall forfeit all privileges of membership of that member or of any committee of the League.

31. RULES

The General Committee shall have power at any time to make, amend or repeal rules not inconsistent with this constitution for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the League. In particular, and without in any way limiting the exercise of this general power, the Committee shall have the power to make rules with respect to:-

- 31.1.** The admission of new members to the League
- 31.2.** The conduct of competitions
- 31.3.** The terms of membership
- 31.4.** Registration and qualification of players
- 31.5.** The relationship between a player and his club including the movement of players from one club to another and from this League to any other.



NEW SOUTH WALES TERTIARY STUDENT RUGBY LEAGUE

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

(The following competition Rules and Regulations will apply also for the Arnold Stehr pre-season competition except where they are obviously impractical and/or not applicable.)

1. PLAYER REGISTRATION

1a).i. To be eligible to play in the New South Wales Tertiary Student Rugby League competition, a player must sign both a completed Player Registration Form, in duplicate, and a Player Registration Card, prior to taking part in any competition game.

1a).ii All details on both the Registration Form and the Registration Card must be filled in and witnessed by a Club Official.

1a).iii The completed Registration Form, its duplicate pink copy, and the Player's Registration Card MUST contain a passport size photo of Player.

1a).iv The Registration Form and Registration Card must be submitted to the League Registrar no later than 5pm on the Thursday prior to that Player's first Competition game.

1b) Registration Fee

Clubs will be charged for Player Registration fees and insurance after the Player has competed in 3 (three) competition games.

1c) Penalty for Non-Compliance: Registration Fines

Where a Club plays Players prior to his Registration, a fine of \$50.00 per player per game played in, under these conditions will be imposed and the Club will lose any competition points earned in that game, and points will be awarded to the non-offending team.

1c).i Where a Club plays a "Suspended Player", a fine of \$100.00 per player per game played in, under these conditions will be imposed and the Club will lose any competition points earned in that game, and points will be awarded to the non-offending team.

1c).ii Where a Club plays an unregistered Player, a fine of \$50.00 per unregistered or suspended Player played will be imposed and any competition points gained by the offending team will not be awarded. The non offending team will be awarded the maximum win points only and will receive the greater differential of either the points for and against or forfeit points which is a 20-0 score line.

2. REGISTRATION CLEARANCES FROM OTHER LEAGUES

2a) A graded player with a city or country Club transferring to one of our Clubs during the current season must obtain official clearance from his previous Club.

2b) Clearances from other Clubs to our Clubs will not be accepted after 30th June.



2c) A completed Player Clearance Form must be submitted to the League Registrar with and in conjunction with the Player Registration Form and Player Registration Card.

2d) Any Player requiring a Clearance must be cleared from any previous Rugby League body and/or Club prior to participating in any competition game.

3. REGISTRATION TRANSFER FROM ONE CLUB TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE NSWTSRL

A Player registered with one of our Affiliated Clubs may re-register with another of our Affiliated Clubs only with the permission of the General Committee. No such permission will be granted after the 30th June in each year.

4. CLUB AND TEAM AFFILIATION

4a) Student Registration

A Club entering teams in the competition must have a minimum 40% Category A & B as per the Registration Form with a five (5) % increase per year over the next four (4) years commencing 2005.

4b) Affiliation Application

A Club wishing to enter our competition must make formal written application to the Secretary of the NSWTSRL, accompanied by;

- i) A colour design of the proposed Club's jersey, shorts and socks
- ii) Evidence of affiliation with a Tertiary Educational Institution.

4c) Team Affiliation Fees

Team Affiliation Fees are payable to the League Treasurer with 50% payable by 30th June, with balance due prior to commencement of semi-final series.

4c)i. Affiliation Fees are as follows;

CATEGORY A & B %	SINGLE TEAM	SECOND TEAM
40%	\$2300	\$2000
45%	\$2200	\$1900
50%	\$2100	\$1800
55%	\$2000	\$1700
60%	\$1900	\$1600

These fees will progress annually in conjunction with Category A & B Player Registrations.

Please Note Category Definitions as Follows:

CATEGORY A: Current student enrolled & attending a Tertiary Institution, partaking in eight (8) hours face to face tuition with a facilitator per week for a minimum of one (1) educational year.

CATEGORY B: Ex Student that has played thirty (30) games or more in the NSWTSRL whilst a category A registered player.

CATEGORY C: Other than a Category A or B registered player.

5. TEAM GRADINGS

5a) The Grading and Draws Committee shall recommend team gradings to the General Committee for endorsement or otherwise.

5b) Clubs wishing to have their teams considered for a particular division must make submissions in writing to the secretary prior to the second week of the pre-season competition.

5c) Only teams who have satisfied the Gradings and Draws Committee of their viability by the third rounds of the Pre-season competition will be considered for inclusion in the competition proper.

6. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR PLAYERS FOR COMPETITION ROUNDS

6a) Lower Division Players Playing in Higher Divisions

There is no restriction on lower division Players (in our competition) playing in a higher division for his Club.



6b) Clubs with Two or More Teams

Players in Clubs with two or more teams in our competition may play with any team from that Club up to but not including the commencement of the Semi-Finals or Play-Offs for Semi-Finals.

6c) Clubs with Two or More Teams in One Division

Where a Club has two or more teams in the one division, no Player of that Club shall be allowed to play for more than one team from that Club, in that division on and from the Semi-Finals or Play-Offs for Semi-Finals.

7. LIMITATION FOR GRADED PLAYERS

Graded Players in the city or country competition are ineligible to play in the NSWTSRL competition if they have participated in the previous round of graded competition.

8. SIGNING OF MATCH SHEETS AND REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

8a) The Match Sheets duly signed by the selected 13 Players and the Player Registration Cards must be at the Official Table 15 minutes before the commencement of the game.

8b) Up to 6 replacements may be used in any fixture but the replacement Players are to sign the Match Sheet only if they take the field.

8c) Unlimited interchange of the 13 Players and 6 replacements is permitted provided that not more than 13 Players are on the field at any one time.

8d) Replacement Players must report to the Touch Judges prior to taking the field.

8e) Lower Grade Replacement for a Higher Grade Fixture

Where a Player takes the field as a Replacement Player after the game has commenced in a higher grade, such game shall not render him ineligible to play in a lower grade. However, such games shall be credited to him for the Official NSWTSRL records.

8f) A Player who has been replaced in a lower division is permitted to play in a higher division on that day.

9. PENALTY FOR PLAYING UNDER INCORRECT NAME

Any Club that fields a Player under a name other than that on the Player's Registration Form shall be penalized as follows:

9.i) If the applicable match was won, then lose 2 competition points.

9.ii) If the match was lost, lose 2 competition points in the relevant division competition table.

10. PLAYER INELIGIBILITY FOR PLAY-OFFS (FOR SEMI FINALS), SEMI-FINALS, FINALS, AND GRAND FINALS OR ANY REPLAY OF THE SEMIS

10a) Minimum Number of Games Qualification Required

No Player is eligible for play-offs for Semi-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals or Grand Finals or replays of the same unless, in the current season he has played in at least 3 (three) of our competition rounds.

10b) Players with Clubs Fielding Two or more Teams in These Series

Players with Clubs fielding two or more teams in our competition may play with any team from that Club up to but not including the commencement of the Semi-Finals or Play-offs for such Semi-Finals. See qualifications as described in 6a) and 6b) above and 12c) below.



10c) Eligibility For A Lower Division From a Higher Division

Eligibility for these series is determined during the last 5 (five) competition games as follows;

- 10c)i** Players cannot return to a lower division in our competition to play in play-offs, Semi-Finals, Finals, Grand Finals or re-plays of same, where such Player has played in three out of the last five games in our competition in a higher grade.
- 10c)ii** Where a Player has played in more than one division (other than as a replacement player) during the last five competition games, then only the matches in the higher division shall be counted for the purpose of the above rule.
- 10c)iii** Where a Bye (or Byes) are part of the draw, the final 5 qualifying games shall not include such BYE or BYES. For the purpose of qualifications, the final 5 games shall be those last five games scheduled to be played according to the Draw. In the event of a forfeit in these games, the game is considered to be played and a MATCH SHEET is to be submitted.
- 10c)iv** In the Semi-Final series of matches including Finals and Grand Final, any Player in the run on 13 one week may not play in a lower division the following week either as a run on or interchange player unless;
- 10c)v** Both divisions within that Club are competing on the same day in the Semi-Finals, Finals or Grand Final, and the said Player is eligible to compete in the lower division through qualification under Rule 10c)i.

10d) Qualification Summary for Semi-Finals

The qualification of Players for the purpose of these rules shall be determined at the conclusion of the Premiership Competition rounds in the relevant season and shall not be affected by their playing in play-offs, Semi-Finals, Finals, Grand Finals or re-plays of same. It is necessary for each Club, if applicable, before the end of the competition rounds to submit to the Registrar a list of their Players considered eligible to play in the Final Series and the applicable divisions in which they have qualified.

11. DISQUALIFICATION OF TEAMS FOR SEMI-FINALS

11a) Disqualification by Financial Liability

Apart from having to comply with our Constitution, Competition Rules and Regulations, no team shall be allowed to play in Semi-Finals, Finals etc, where its Club has not paid all monies due by it to the NSWTSRL.

- 11b)** If a Club has more than one team and the higher division team forfeits 2 or more games during a season, then the lower division team is ineligible for the Semi-Final series.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR CLUBS HAVING TWO OR MORE TEAMS IN THE SAME SERIES OF MATCHES

A series means one or more of the following groupings;

Play-offs for Semi-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals or Grand Finals.

Notwithstanding the above sections and clauses, the following special conditions shall apply where a Club has two or more teams playing in the same series of matches;

12a) Clubs Having Teams in All Divisions

All Players of that Club are eligible to play in any Division.

12b) Club having a Team and a Immediate Subordinate Team on the Same Day.

All players of that club shall be eligible to play in the Division lately subordinate to that which they would otherwise be eligible to play.

- 12c)** Where a club has two or more teams playing in the same series of matches, no player shall be permitted to play in a higher division, other as a replacement player if he participated in a lower division in the same series.



13. RULES OF PLAY

Matches shall be played in accordance with the rules of the NSW Rugby League and the following Special conditions for our League;

a) Playing Times

Playing times shall be 30, 35 and 40 minutes each half for Division 3, 2 and 1 respectively.

Starting times for Games to Be Played

3 games are to be played; the starting times shall be 12.15, 1.30 and 3.00pm for division 3, 2 and 1 respectively.

2 games to be played at the one venue; starting times will be one game (lower division) shall start at 1.30pm and the second game (higher division) shall start at 3.00pm.

4 games to be played; the games will commence at 11.00, 12.15, 1.30, and 3.00pm respectively.

b) Extra Time

In the event of a draw in play-offs, Semi-Finals, Finals, Grand Finals or same, 10 minutes extra time each way will be played. If the match is still a draw, a re-play will be arranged.

c) "INJURY / TREATMENT TIME", "TIME OFF", "WASTE OF TIME" etc

- i) Where the referee deems it necessary to stop play for injuries they will indicate this by raising their arms and pointing to their wrist.
He will blow his whistle to indicate the restart of timing.
- ii) Treatment of injured players on the field during progress of play may be made by the appropriate trainer who previously had identified himself to the referee and to the official table.
The trainer must not take onto the field any rigid object.
- iii) First Aid Officers are not permitted to take rigid objects into the field unless the referee has given such direction.
- iv) Where a referee judges that a player or players are deliberately wasting time, then he will indicate "time off" as per clause i) above.
- v) Time is not taken off for kicks at goal unless clause iv) above applies.
- vi) Trainers may only enter the field of play when an injured player is on the ground, re; "Three points touching the ground" or after a try has been scored.

14. INSPECTION OF PLAYERS

The referee or touch judge will inspect players prior to the teams taking the field.

15. NUMBERING OF PLAYERS

In any game, players, to be able to take the field, must have a distinctively numbered jersey (that is, each player must have a distinct number and there must be no duplication of numbers).

16. JUDICIARY – PROCEDURES FOR HEARING

- a) All players reported by the referee shall report to the Judiciary Committee for a hearing at a designated time and place during the week following the applicable incidents.
- b) If a cited player is unable to appear before the Judiciary Committee his case can be dealt with only if he lodges a plea of guilty in writing with the Judiciary Committee prior to its meeting.
- c) All cited player remain suspended until they appear before the Judiciary.
- d) When a player is dismissed from the field of play an appropriate charge sheet must be signed by the referee and a responsible official of the offending player's Club.
- e) The referee and Team Manager of the offending player's team shall notify by phone (on the same day of the match) the NSWTSRL Secretary.
- f) The referee shall notify;
 - i) The offending player's Club of the offence with which he is charged.
 - ii) The Secretary, NSWTSRL in writing, the cited player's name, his Club's team and the offence with which he has been charged.
- g) If a request is made to show video evidence to the Judiciary then it is the responsibility of the person making the request to provide the facilities for the showing of that evidence.



17. "SIN BIN" TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

- a) Each Club with a "home ground" is to advise the League of the designated "Sin Bin" area which usually is the Official Table.
- b) The timing of the "Sin Bin" temporary suspension period is the responsibility of the official time keepers as per Item 19; "GROUND MANAGEMENT".
- c) The actual timing of the suspension period commences when the player or players reach the "Sin Bin" area.
- d) Any player temporarily suspended can only be replaced at the conclusion of the suspension period.
- e) Any incursion of temporary suspension including reasons for the suspension should be noted on the referees' match report form and referred to the Judiciary Committee upon receipt by the League.

18. TEAM MATCH RESULT FORMS – RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAM MANAGERS

It is the responsibility of the Team Managers to ensure that these forms are filled in with ALL DETAILS STIPULATED ON THE FORM as follows;

- a) FULL SURNAME and FIRST NAMES are to be printed legibly.
- b) Individual scorers as well as team total scores and opponents' team scores should be clearly shown.
- c) At the conclusion of the match Team Managers should compare sheets with each other, sign their appropriate sheets with good quality carbon paper between the sheets, duplicated and then dispatched as follows;
 - i) Original Match Sheet – to be given to the referee to sign and return to the League Secretary.
 - ii) Duplicate Match Sheet – to be dispatched to the Registrar as expeditiously as possible.
 - iii) Triplicate Match Sheet – to be retained by the Club.
- d) Any dispute relative to the scores should be referred to the Referees for clarification.
- e) Where it is found that the Team Managers have failed to hand his (original) match sheet to the referee, then his Club will be fined \$4.00.

19. GROUND MANAGEMENT

a) Match Equipment

Each team must provide the following equipment for each of their games;

- i) At least two footballs in good condition
- ii) A bell or similar alarm
- iii) 1 timing device
- iv) First Aid equipment (and if possible a qualified First Aid Officer eg; St John's Ambulance or Red Cross)
- v) Home teams are to ensure pads are on goal posts and corner posts are in position
- vi) Each team is to take items i) to iv) to away games with items ii) and iii) to be at Official Table.
- vii) Failure to maintain satisfactory home ground membership standard can result in loss of home ground designation.

NOTE: These First Aid personnel voluntarily give of their time and we ask host Clubs to show appreciation of their involvement in our competition by making them most welcome and providing refreshments for them. Such courtesies will help not only to maintain their current involvement but hopefully help expand it to full coverage in the future.

b) Timekeepers

Each team shall provide an Official Timekeeper, both Timekeepers shall make themselves known to the referee prior to the start of the match and shall tell the referee what sounding device shall be used to signal half and full time. They shall remain together during the match at an Official table positioned near the touchline.



- c) It is the duty of the Ground Managers and Club Officials to ensure that the following rules are adhered to;
- i) When matches are played on enclosed grounds no persons other than Timekeepers, First Aid Officers, the Ground Manager and League Officials are permitted within the ground during the playing of a match. Replacement players and the Team Coach and Manager may sit on the perimeter of the enclosed ground.
 - ii) When matches are played on unenclosed grounds all persons other than Timekeepers and First Aid Officers must remain at least 3 metres from the touchlines.
 - iii) At unenclosed grounds host clubs must provide a rope at least 3 metres from the touchlines during the matches.
 - iv) Non compliance by Clubs with Rule 19 incurs a fine of up to \$10.00.

20. TELEPHONING OF MATCH RESULTS FOR INCLUSION IN SUNDAY PAPERS

The final scores are to be telephoned to the Secretary, Administrator or their nominee as soon as possible after the game but before 5.30pm to ensure inclusion in the Sunday papers as follows;

- i) The host Club ie: Club with home ground to phone in scores from all matches held at their ground.
- ii) In the case of games outside the metropolitan area; irrespective of the result the host Club is to telephone.

21. MATCH ALTERATION REQUESTS

No scheduled match, date, time or venue may be changed without the Secretary's or General Committee's approval and without reasonable notice judged to be so by the Secretary or General Committee which will normally be 14 days. The proposal must be mutually agreed to by both parties beforehand.

Where a proposed change is not mutually agreed to, the Club seeking the change must make written application for a decision to the General Committee at least 14 days before the match in question.

The request in writing must also be given to the University Cup Referee's Association at least 14 days before the applicable fixtures' scheduled date and must be agreed to by the Referee's Association.

22. WET WATHER PROBLEMS – POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

- a) In the situation of playing or not during wet weather, the League, through the Secretary / Registrar, is guided by the decisions of the Groundsmen of the Universities, Colleges, Councils etc. The Secretary / Registrar will notify Clubs as soon as possible if grounds are not able to be used.
- b) Should one or more fixtures not be able to be played, then at the discretion of the Secretary / Registrar in consultation where possible with the Executive, can abandon the relevant round. Where there is a bye in such circumstances, the team with the bye will receive 2 points and all other teams in that decision will receive 1 point each.
- c) With wet weather problems, attempt will be made to have changes to our fixtures announced on Radio Stations 2UE, 2KY and 2WS.

23. DEFERRED MATCHES

- a) All deferred matches must be completed at least 7 days prior to the Semi-Finals.
- b) If arrangements for the deferred games are not made within a reasonable time as judged by the Executive, then the Executive will direct when the games must be played.



24. PLAY OFFS

All play offs must be played prior to the Semi-Finals.

25. FORFEITS

- a) In normal competition matches where a team is not prepared to take the field within 15 minutes of the appointed starting time, then on demand of their opponents, the Referee shall award a forfeit.
- b) In similar circumstances for play-offs, Semi-Finals, Finals or Grand Finals, and in replays of same, the Executive Committee above shall have the power to award a forfeit.
- c) In all forfeit cases, the Secretary of the Club forfeiting shall explain in writing to the League Secretary the reason/s for such forfeits as well as pay the League the applicable fees for the referees and Touch Judges scheduled for the forfeited matches.
- d) The General Committee shall have the power to fine Clubs whose reason/s for forfeiting are not acceptable.
- e) A Club incurring two or more unexplained forfeits in a season, at the discretion of the Executive can be precluded from the next seasons competition.
- f) Clubs with more than one team in the competition must forfeit the lower division first and play the higher division. Failure to comply with this means if the lower team wins it will lose its points and the game declared null with the points being awarded to the non-offending team.
- g) In the event of a forfeit the non-offending team shall be awarded maximum win points and a 20-0 scoreline.

26. SPORTING INJURIES INSURANCE

a) Compulsory Insurance

It is a requirement of the NSW RFL that all players participating in our competition must pay the appropriate premium required under the Sporting Injuries Insurance Act 1941. Player Insurance Premiums will be adjusted by the League Executive on an annual basis, in accordance with Insurance Premiums. All clubs must collect the appropriate premium at the time of registration of players and pay same as directed by the General Committee of the NSW TSSL. The premium will be payable each year. Clubs will have to guarantee payment by their players to this league as the NSW TSSL must in turn guarantee payment to the NSW Rugby League.

b) Benefits Payable

All insured players are covered against injuries involving permanent loss of some bodily function or against death, at prescribed rates of compensation, in respect of injuries suffered in competition and trial matches at officially organised training sessions. Any such injuries should be reported as soon as possible to the Secretary.

27. BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS

- a) The awarding of the points 3, 2 and 1 per team per official competition match is made by the match Referee in conjunction with his official Touch Judges and entered on the applicable Match Sheet.
- b) Any player suspended by the Judiciary Committee becomes, at the discretion of that Committee, ineligible for the current season's Best and Fairest Award.



28. **SUMMATION OF PENALTY FINES FOR NON COMPLIANCE RE: REGISTRATION, MATCH SHEETS, ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS**
- a) **Registration Forms** – General for players, teams, clubs, see clauses 1-4.
 - b) **Match Sheet Delays** – Where a duplicate match sheet is not delivered to the League Registrar by the Thursday following a competition round, a fine of \$10.00 will be imposed for the first week and a further \$10.00 each successive week it is missing.
 - c) **Non Attendance at Meetings** – A Club failing to have a delegate at 2 out of 3 consecutive meetings will be fined \$20.00.
29. **CLUB COLOURS**
- All Clubs must submit a description of colours and design of the playing uniform before the last meeting of the year to the Executive Committee for approval for the next season.
- a) If a team's colours and/or designs of jerseys are so similar that it could lead to possible confusion among players and/or officials the home team will play in their usual strip, while the visiting team would have to provide an alternate set of jerseys for themselves, such that it will minimise confusion, sponsorship notwithstanding.
 - b) Referees will advise on the necessity of change of colours.
 - c) In the Semi-Finals, the teams finishing higher in the competition will be the home team, (that is first and third place).
In the Finals, the team losing the Major Semi-Final will be the home team.
In the Grand Final, the winner of the Major Semi-Final will be the home team.
30. **FINAL SERIES OF MATCHES VENUE**
- The most suitable ground in terms of covered grandstand, spectator facilities and playing surface will be the venue for the Grand Final and the second most suitable will be the venue for the finals. These grounds are to be booked at the commencement of the season.
31. **REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OFFICIALS**
- a) A representative Team Co-ordinator will be elected at the end of the preceeding year for the following year.
 - b) Coach – the elected Coach must have a current Level 2 Coaching Accreditation.
 - c) Assistant Coach.
 - d) Selectors – will consist of, where possible, 2 representatives from each of the NSWRL and the NSWTSRL who, together with the Coach and Co-ordinator, will be in charge of selection.



ADDENDUM - BY LAWS

By Law I (Approved General Meeting 01/06/09)

In recognition of the competition's strictly amateur status and in acknowledgement of the League's primary charter to foster the game of rugby league in tertiary student environments, the following restrictions will apply with regard to inter-district/league player transfers and registration eligibility:

- A player under contract to a club and eligible/registered to play for that club in the NRL, NSW Cup, Bundaberg Red Cup, NRL National Youth Cup, NSWRL SG Ball Competition, or any similar named or graded competition run under the auspices of the NRL, ARL or NSWRL, is not permitted to transfer to/register and play with a club affiliated with the NSWTSRL while ever his contract is current;
- A player who was registered with a club to play in the NRL, the NSW Cup, Bundaberg Red Cup, NRL National Youth Cup and the NSWRL SB Ball Competition, or any similar named or graded competition run under the auspices of the NRL, ARL or NSWRL, will be permitted to transfer to/register and play for a club affiliated with the NSWTSRL if no current contractual arrangements apply between the player and his former club.
However, during the season, should that player be cleared to return to play for the club from which he obtained a transfer clearance, or another club competing in any of the aforementioned competitions, he will not be permitted to transfer back to the NSWTSRL affiliated club from which he was cleared, or any other affiliated club, during the same season.

By Law II (Approved General Meeting 01/06/09)

In accordance with the provisions allowed under Section 4 of the International Laws of the Game, for all teams participating in the NSWTSRL competitions, the number of player substitutes permitted under Section 4.2 "Player Substitutes" has been amended so that the maximum number of substitutes is six (6), with no limit placed on how many times a player may be substituted during a match.