

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
CLUB INCORPORATED



CODE OF CONDUCT
SEASON 2009

PLAYERS / OFFICIALS
&
SPECTATORS

SECTION 1 JUNIOR LEAGUES AUTHORITY

- i) All persons attending and/or participating in matches controlled by the league do so with the permission and license of the Junior League and not otherwise.
- ii) Member Board of Management and/or Advisory Committee in conjunction with Club Official may stand down a player and/or Official of a Club for unsavoury conduct immediately after having notified said player/Official and Ground Manager of such action, and that Junior League Official MUST submit a report within forty eight (48) hours to Junior League Executive Officer.

The offending player/Official is so stood down till he appears before Code of Conduct Committee within seven (7) days and the offending player/Official Registration Card is taken by the reporting Junior League Official.

SECTION 2 DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CODE

At the time of registration or at some other time, all players and carers of players, coaches trainers and other persons are to be handed a copy of this code.

SECTION 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CODE

All such player's carers, coaches, trainers and other persons must agree to be bound by this code prior to acceptance of registration of their child or themselves.

SECTION 4 MISCONDUCT DEFINED

No person attending a match controlled by the League shall:

- (a)** Use offensive or obscene language to any player, referee, touch judge, official or another spectator.
- (b)** Enter the field of play during the course of a match Without prior approval of the Ground Manager appointed by the League.
- (c)** Dispute the decision of a referee or touch judge.
- (d)** Assault, intimidate or act with aggression to any other person.
- (e)** Behave in any way contrary to the spirit of the game.
- (f)** Behave in any way which disturbs the enjoyment of the match by any other person or brings discredit to the League.
- (g)** Act in such a way as to exhibit racial intolerance by language or conduct to any other person.
- (h)** Refuse to accept the reasonable direction of Ground Manager, or Official of the League or of the Club which that person is supporting
- (i)** **(i)** Sell or consume alcohol at any game inclusive of trials and competition games, within the grounds and dressing sheds, whilst U6's –"A" Grade are participating, this includes individuals with personal supplies.**(ii)** Sell or consume alcohol at any training venue, inclusive of trials and competition games whilst U6-U17's are participating. This includes individuals with personal supplies.

(j) Smoke cigarettes or a pipe inside the playing area (inside the fenced or roped off area) or dressing rooms at any ground within the boundaries of the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Incorporated whilst players are preparing for or taking part in, training and/or games.

(k) Any player removing his/her playing uniform whilst still in the playing area may be asked to appear before the code of conduct committee

SECTION 5 GROUND MANAGER ACTION

5.1 Any person/s contravening Section 4 of this code may be reported by the Ground Manager to the Manager of the team which that person/s obviously support.

5.2 Upon receiving a report from the ground Manager, the Team Manager must draw the attention of the offending person/s to this code.

5.3 The Ground Manager must note on the back of the team sign on sheet the time of and nature of his report to the Team Manager.

5.4 In the event the offending person does not desist from the offending conduct, such person will be asked by the Ground Manager to leave the ground immediately.

5.5 The request to leave the ground and the time thereof must be noted by the Ground Manager on the back of the team sign on sheet.

5.6 In the event a person refuses to obey the direction of the Ground Manager, he may direct the Referee to terminate the match.

5.7 In the event the match is so terminated, the relevant facts will be reported to the League which may at its

absolute discretion, against which there will be no appeal, award points for the match to the team other than that which the offender is supporting, or declare neither side will receive any points for the match.

5.8 In the event the Ground Manager cannot identify a particular person who is contravening Section 4 or more than one person obviously associated with a team is contravening or has contravened Section 4, the Ground Manager may report the behavior to the Manager of the team which that person or persons are supporting.

5.8.1 Upon receiving a report from Ground Manager, the team Manager must draw the attention of this code to the supporters of that team.

5.8.2 The Ground Manager must note on the back of the team sheet the time of and nature of his report to the Team Manager.

5.8.3 In the event the offending person or persons do not desist from the offending conduct, the Ground Manager may direct the Team Manager to request the offending person or persons to leave the ground.

5.8.4 The request to leave the ground and the time there of must be noted by the Ground Manager on the back of the team sheet.

5.8.5 If the offending person or persons do not leave the ground, or if the Team Manager does not follow a direction made by a Ground Manager under this Clause **5.8** the Ground Manager may direct the Referee to terminate the match and rule **5.7** will apply.

SECTION 6 CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their members, players, parents of players and the spectators who support them.

SECTION 7 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If deemed appropriate, charges of misconduct as defined under Section 4 of this Code may be made against Clubs or individuals. In such cases formal hearings will be held by the Code of Conduct Committee to determine the guilt or otherwise of the charged parties. The principles of natural justice require that an accused person be given a fair hearing. However, this does not extend to the right to have legal representation at these hearings. Consequently:

Legal representatives or advocates are not permitted to appear before the Code of Conduct Committee unless in exceptional circumstances and where leave to appear has been granted by the Chairperson of the Committee.

If a person fails to attend a Code of Conduct hearing, upon appropriate request, then such persons whom have a child/children registered with Parramatta Junior Rugby League, the subject child or children maybe suspended from competing until the said person or persons appear before the committee.

SECTION 8 PENALTIES/CLUBS INDIVIDUALS

Clubs which do not exercise control over their members, parents of players or spectators may be called upon by the League to accept responsibility for such offence and the following penalties will apply. These penalties may also apply to the offender.

8.1 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE

8.1.1 Fine not exceeding \$500-00 and or

8.1.2 Loss of competition points and /or

8.1.3 Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

8.2 FOR A SECOND OFFENCE

8.2.1 Fine not exceeding \$1000-00 and or

8.2.2 Loss of competition points and /or

8.2.3 Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

8.3 FOR A THIRD OFFENCE

8.3.1 Fine not exceeding \$2000-00 and or

8.3.2 Loss of competition points and /or

8.3.3 Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

8.4 NON ATTENDANCE TO CODE OF CONDUCT HEARING WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION

Where the individual player, spectator or official fails to attend a designated hearing set by the "Code of Conduct Chairperson", the following penalties may also apply to the Offender & Club:

8.4.1 The individual may be suspended from any further competition match, participation or attending any game as a player, spectator or official until a new hearing date has been rescheduled

8.4.2 In the case of a Club Official who fails to attend as representative of the individual or of the Club he/she represents at the designated hearing date set by the "Code of Conduct Chairperson", a fine of \$500 will be applied to the Club

SECTION 9 CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Abuse to referees, touch judges or officials of the League may result in the registration of the child whose carers so offended being cancelled.

SECTION 10 TEAM MANAGEMENT

Where a team does not have a Team Manager at the ground, any request or direction made by a Ground Manager to any official of that team or official of that team's Club shall be regarded as a direction to the Team Manager for the purposes of this code.

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