



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



All participants involved in any NZRL competition will be bound by the NZRL Code of Behaviour.

This Code of Behaviour applies for all players and team officials:

1. No player or team official may during the course of a match or after a match under the jurisdiction of the NZRL abuse or address a referee or touch judge in insulting terms, or act in a provocative manner toward a referee or touch judge.
2. A player while engaged in a game and a team official while attending a game must not use crude or abusive language, or engage in any conduct harmful to the interests, welfare or image of the NZRL or the game of Rugby League.
3. A player must at all times abide by the terms of the Player Registration Form which he has entered into with the team for which he plays and the NZRL, and a team official must at all times abide by the terms of the contract which he has entered into with the team and the NZRL.
4. A player must at all times act, dress and behave in public in a professional manner.
5. A player must, in the interests of maintaining the image of the game, accept all reasonable directions of the team management and must not engage in any public acts of misconduct or unruly public behaviour while representing any team affiliated to the NZRL.
6. A player may, having first obtained the written approval of the NZRL appointed Competition Organiser or his nominee, write a column for publication in any newspaper provided that such approval at any time will not be unreasonably withheld, and such approval will be deemed to continue until withdrawn by the Competition Organiser.
7. No player or team official may, at any time, make any comment in any publication whether written, televised or broadcast which is detrimental to the interests, welfare or image of the NZRL or Rugby League in general.
8. Players and officials are prohibited from placing bets, and benefiting financially, from bets placed by others, on games in which they are participating.
9. Where the NZRL receives a report of an alleged breach of this Code of Behaviour, the player or team official will be summoned to appear before a hearing of the NZRL/District League Judicial Committee, who may:
 - a) If the player is found guilty of a breach of this code after due investigation, fine, and/or disqualify or suspend the player from playing , or otherwise deal with the player concerned;
 - b) If the team official is found guilty of a breach of this code after due investigation, fine and/or disqualify or suspend the team official from participating in the game of Rugby League, or otherwise deal with the team official concerned.