

To Secondary School Team Coaches,

As you will all be aware NZRL launched a national side line campaign called Be a Sport (BAS) in 2017, a programme to create more positive experiences for those on and off the field.

This year NZRL's focus will be to assist our zones and clubs in educating and embedding BAS into their programmes. To support this work NZRL are developing a number of rugby league specific resources to help tell the stories about our game.

One of these resources will come from a project where we are tracking coaches' comments from the side line to players on the field during the game. As you will see in the attached documents, this has been done in other sports in New Zealand, though not rugby league.

Attached documents

- Side line behaviour in NZ – Good Sports
- NZRL National Coach Observations – TDP & National Women's tournament.

We will be using the 2018 National Secondary School Tournament to continue building our own side line stories and we are seeking your approval to be included in this work.

What is involved? An awareness that comments made by coaches to players during the game and at half time could be recorded. Please note all names and comments will remain anonymous.

Who? NZRL have an AUT (Auckland Uni-Tech) student who is conducting this work.

When? Randomly selected games during the tournament

Why? The data collected will assist in developing resources (we are working with other RL programmes and coaches too) to create more conversations around how adults - coaches, teachers and parents influence the quality of our rugby league experiences

What now? If you do not want to be involved in this work please contact me.

Thank you in advance for assisting NZRL in building more positive experiences for those playing our game

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Please find more information at the below link.
<http://nzrl.co.nz/tournaments/schools/documents-resources/>