

SOUTHERN INLAND RUGBY UNION

Senior Competition Rules - 2019



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Part 1: What the Terms Mean

- **World Rugby**
The controlling body for Rugby throughout the world, formerly known as the International Rugby Board (IRB).
- **Rugby Australia**
The controlling body for Rugby within Australia and a member of World Rugby, formerly known as Australian Rugby Union (ARU).
- **Brumbies Rugby**
The body that controls rugby within the ACT & Southern NSW and the Brumbies Super Rugby Club.
- **ACT & Southern NSW RU**
Is part of Brumbies Rugby and is responsible for providing rugby competitions within the ACT & Southern New South Wales region.
- **Southern Inland Rugby Union**
Is part of Brumbies Rugby and is responsible for providing rugby competitions within the Southern Inland region.
- **Board of Southern Inland Rugby Union**
Is responsible for the overall management and operations of Southern Inland Rugby Union. Their responsibilities include all matters relating to Rugby Union in the Southern Inland region.
- **Southern Inland Rugby Referee's Association**
The governing body of the Match Officials for the competitions administered by Southern Inland Rugby Union.
- **Competitions & Rugby Services Manager**
Is responsible for managing all competitions within the Southern Inland region.

- Competitions Administered

There are various competitions administered by the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager, These are: Seniors Men's Grades (Three (3) in total), Seniors Women's 10s Grade, Junior Tackle grades and Junior Touch7s Grades.

- Judiciary Committee

The Judicial Committee is a committee constituted by Brumbies Rugby to deal with matters related to players and others who have been cited by either a Referee or other official for behaviour that does not meet the laws of rugby.

- Appeals Process

There is provision for clubs or individuals to appeal decisions of the Judiciary; the process is set out in the body of these Rules of Competition.

Part 2: Introduction to the Rules of Competition

1. Preamble

1. The rules governing this competition (the Rules) conducted by Southern Inland Rugby Union known as the Union are issued by the authority of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Southern Inland Rugby Union.
2. Clubs from the Southern Inland region affiliated with the Union, will be referred to as SIRU Clubs.
3. These Rules apply to all players and officials of all SIRU Clubs affiliated with the Union.
4. All matches conducted by the Union must be played in accordance with the Laws of Rugby, rules and directives as published by Rugby Australia and World Rugby.
5. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the Laws of Rugby and the Constitution of the Union.

2. Dictionary

6. The definitions found in the dictionary at the end of these Rules apply to the contents of these Rules.

3. Examples and Notes

7. An example included in these Rules forms part of these Rules.
8. A note included in the Rules is explanatory and is not part of these Rules.

4. Application of World Rugby Laws

9. Application of World Rugby Laws, in some cases other Rules apply to the conduct of matches conducted by the Union.
10. Example of other Rules applying to matches conducted by the Union, World Rugby Laws as modified by the Union. The World Rugby Laws can be downloaded from the following website – www.worldrugby.org

5. Application of Former Competition Rules to Decisions Made Prior to Commencement of these Rules

11. Decisions made under earlier forms of Rules of Competition remain effective decisions and are to be taken as decisions made under these Rules.
12. A decision about conduct of a club, player or a participant under the Rules existing before the commencement of these Rules is taken to be a decision under these Rules in so far as a decision is required to remain in force.
13. However, a penalty arising out of a decision referred to in Sub-Rule (2) remains a penalty under those Rules to the extent that the penalty can be applied to a , player or participant under those Rules and if required, these Rules.

Example for Rule (13)

Late in the season prior to the commencement of these Rules, the Judicial Committee at a judicial hearing, imposed on player A, a 12-week suspension from playing any game under the Rules as a penalty for misconduct. At the beginning of the season in which these Rules commenced, player A has 8 weeks remaining on his suspension. As this Rules applies, the suspension remains in force insofar as the player is prevented from playing in any match, however described, that is played in accordance with these Rules until the player has served the remaining 8 weeks of the suspension.

6. Retrospective Application of Rules

14. Except for the application of Rules 11, 12 and 13, of these Rules do not apply retrospectively.
15. To remove any doubt, the Rules existing prior to the commencement of these Rules continue to apply to conduct occurring at the time those Rules were in force.

Part 3: The Competition

7. How the Competition Works

1. Competition Structure

There are several competition levels within the structure of Southern Inland Rugby Union. These include:

- a. Men's First Grade
- b. Men's Second Grade
- c. Women's 10s
- d. Men's Third Grade

2. Competition Format

The competition format is determined by the Board, as follows:

- a. The structure of the various competitions conducted by the Union;
- b. The commencement dates of the various competitions each year;
- c. The format of the grade competitions; and
- d. The grounds the various competitions will be played on.

3. Club Eligibility

- a. The Board will determine the eligibility of clubs to compete in the various competitions administered by the Union;
- b. The Board may determine that a club indebted to the Union may not be eligible to compete in a competition;
- c. The Board, making a determination under this Rule, may consult clubs affiliated with the Union on the determination; and
- d. The Board, may determine, in consultation with clubs, that if a club is unable to field the required number of teams to participate in a specific competition they may remain in that competition.

4. Club Affiliation

- a. A club may apply for affiliation with the Union.
- b. An application under this Rule must be –
 - i. In writing; and
 - ii. Submitted to the Competition & Rugby Services Manager by a date determined by the Board;

- c. The Board must decide to either accept or reject an application made under this Rule.
5. Application for entry into Competition:
- a. To participate in any competition each year, a club affiliated with the Union must apply to the Competition & Rugby Services Manager to have a team or teams entered in a Competition.
 - b. An application under this Rule must be –
 - i. In writing; and
 - ii. Submitted to the Competition & Rugby Services Manager by a date determined by the Board.
 - c. The Board must decide to either accept or reject an application made under this Rule.
 - d. An affiliated club must, after having their application for affiliation under this Rule approved by the Board, pay any affiliation fee before the commencement of the 3rd round of the competition in which the affiliated club's team or teams are participating or by any other the Board considers appropriate.
 - e. The Board may determine the amount of an affiliation fee for this Rule.
 - f. The Board may disqualify an affiliated club's teams from any competition if the club fails to pay the affiliation fee.

8. Player Participation

6. General Eligibility

a. The Meaning of Season

- i. The date determined by the Board on which the first game in a calendar year is to be played between teams of clubs affiliated with the Union in accordance with these Rules.
- ii. The date determined by the Board on which the grand final matches of the final series is to be played.
- iii. The season means home-and-away matches and the final series matches.

7. Payment of Players and Contracted Players at Club Level

- a. The Union does not permit the payment of players at local club level. Accordingly the payment to players by clubs affiliated with the Union, in whatever form is limited to payments consistent with this Rule.
- b. A club may make any of the following payments to a player:
 - i. A maximum of \$1000.00 per year as a scholarship to assist education pursuits;
 - ii. A per kilometre reimbursement at the statutory rate as recommended by the Australian Taxation Office is permitted in exceptional cases where a player is travelling in excess of 40 kilometres to attend each training session and matches;
 - iii. Reimbursement of reasonable airfares and accommodation for a player that a club has assisted in relocating to the Southern Inland Zone from overseas or interstate (outside of the immediate Southern Inland region). Accommodation reimbursement can be paid on the following basis:
 - 1. Where a player has permanently relocated to the Southern Inland Zone, accommodation reimbursement can only be paid for the initial season with the club.
 - 2. Where a player has travelled to Southern Inland Zone for the rugby season and does not remain in the area during the off-season, accommodation may be paid for the duration of the rugby season on each visit.
 - iv. Where a player is in receipt of any payment from a club it is recommended that the club register a signed agreement with the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager. This will provide clarity for the Union and the club if a dispute arises with the player.
 - v. Reimbursement of reasonable medical expenses due to injury related to the players participation in rugby.

8. Registration of Players

- a. Each year all players must register themselves prior to the commencement of the competition online on Rugby Xplorer.
- b. For information on registration refer to Rugby Australia's player

registration regulations:

<http://www.rugbyau.com/participate/rugby-administration/registration>

9. Eligibility of Players for Home and Away Matches

- a. Except with the approval of the Board, a player is not eligible to:
 - i. Play for a club unless the club complied with the registration requirement for the player in accordance with Rule 8.
 - ii. Register for more than 1 club in the same calendar year except if the Union received notification from the players current club (intra-union transfer form) stating they have no objections to the player joining another club; or
 - iii. Play for any club if indebted to that club, any other affiliated club, the Union or any other union.
 - iv. Play for any club while suspended or disqualified from playing by the judicial committee or another union; or
 - v. Play for a club if:
 1. The player is registered with a union other than the SIRU except with written consent (Rugby Australia Domestic or International transfer form) of the union with whom the player is currently registered; and
 2. The union has not received the Rugby Australia domestic or international transfer form from the players club.
- b. A player who turns 18 after January 1 (in any year) is not eligible to play under Senior Laws of Rugby unless dispensated.
- c. In this Rule:

Play for a club means playing Rugby Union under the senior laws of Rugby football in a match endorsed by the Union.

10. Playing Ineligible Players

- a. An ineligible player must not participate in any match controlled by the Union.
- b. A club that plays an ineligible player in any of its grade teams in any home-and-away match will have a minimum of 30-0 loss recorded against it in that grade and the opposition will be awarded a bonus point win for that match.

- c. A club found guilty of playing an ineligible player under this Rule may apply in writing to the Board for that Board to impose an alternative penalty.
- d. If a player competes in a match while ineligible, then that player's participation in that match will not be considered towards his or her eligibility for the final series.

9. Dispensations

11. Dispensation Committee

- a. The dispensation committee is established when a club appeals a decision made in relation to the eligibility of a player.
- b. The Dispensation Committee consists of:
 - i. The Board and
 - ii. The Competitions & Rugby Services Manager (non voting)

12. Dispensation Committee Decision Making

- a. The Dispensation Committee may –
 - i. Make a decision where possible, in relation to dispensation under Rule 14 on an application made under Rule 13 no later than 1600 hrs on the last business day preceding the first match for which dispensation is sought; and
 - ii. If an application for dispensation mentioned in Rule 12. a. i. is granted – notify all clubs, with teams in the grade which a player is to play in, of the decision to grant the dispensation; and
 - iii. Grant a dispensation for a player for no longer than two (2) consecutive weeks; and
 - iv. The Dispensation Committee may grant an extension of the dispensation period mentioned in Rule 12. a. iii. for a specified period.
- b. If an application is made under this Rule, the Dispensation Committee's decision will be final.

13. Application for Dispensation

- a. A club that makes a request for dispensation under Rule 14 must apply to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager for dispensation in accordance with this Rule.
- b. An application must:
 - i. Be in writing; and
 - ii. Be received by the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager no later than 1000 hrs on the last business day preceding the first match for which the dispensation is sought; and
 - iii. Not be made if:
 - 1. Dispensation of the Rules for the player has been granted by the Dispensation Committee; and
 - 2. The dispensation is in force at the time of the application.

14. Dispensation – Under 18 Players

- a. The Board may temporarily dispense with the application of Rule 9. b. (which is about ineligibility of players under 18 years of age playing under the senior laws of rugby) for a player if –
 - i. An application is made under Rule 13; and
 - ii. The player is or was less than 18 years of age on January 1; and
 - iii. The player’s club, player’s parents or legal guardian and the player complies with the requirement of Rugby Australia’s Senior Rugby dispensation procedure, <http://www.rugbyau.com/about/codes-and-policies/all-codes-and-policies>; and
 - iv. A player granted dispensation under this Rule will –
 - 1. Be eligible for selection in a higher age representative teams;
 - 2. Not be eligible to play a match in a team of under 18 aged players without the approval of the Junior Executive of The Union.

10. Matches

15. Competition Points

- a. The competition points allotted for each match in each grade match played are:
 - i. For a win - 4 points;
 - ii. For a draw - 2 points;
 - iii. For a loss - 0 points.
- b. A bonus point will be added to a team's competition points for the match played if the team:
 - i. Scores 4 tries or more; and
 - ii. If a team loses by 7 points or less.

16. Forfeiture of Match

- a. For any home-and-away round, if a club forfeits a match, then all teams in grades lower than that team at the club will forfeit their match in the same round unless otherwise decided by the Board.
- b. A club that has a forfeiting team must advise the opposing club and the Union (Competition & Rugby Services Manager) by no later 1000 hrs on the last business day prior to the scheduled match.
- c. When a team forfeits, the following is awarded to the opposing team –
 - i. A resulting score of 30 – 0; and
 - ii. 5 competition points (which means the win is considered a bonus point win).
- d. A team that has been forfeited against must enter details on Rugby Link for the forfeited match and advise the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager, in accordance with this Rule, to ensure the match counts towards players and teams final series eligibility.
- e. Any club which forfeits an away fixture, will play the reverse match in the next round against that club at the away venue.
- f. If a forfeiture notice is not given by a club whose team is forfeiting a match prior to 1000 hrs on the last business day prior to the match, the offending club will –
 - i. If the forfeiture is not in the final round –
 - 1. The club will be fined \$200.00; and
 - 2. Lose 2 competition points
 - ii. If the forfeiture is in the final round –
 - 1. The club will be fined \$200.00; and

2. Lose 4 competition points

- g. Final round means the final series of match played against all opposing teams e.g. Second half of a 2 round competition or final third of a 3 round competition.
- h. However, the Board may decide, at its discretion, on application by an affected team, to impose an alternate penalty to the penalty imposed by Rule 16. f.
- i. In this Rule:
Affected team means team that would have competed in the match if it had not been forfeited.

17. Withdrawal of Forfeiting Club from Competition

- a. If a club forfeits 3 matches in the home-and-away rounds in any grade it is considered to have withdrawn from the competition in the grade the forfeits occurred.
- b. A club mentioned in Rule 17. a. may apply to the Board seeking approval for the withdrawn team to continue to participate in the competition.
- c. A team forfeiting a match after having received an approval under Rule 17. b. must withdraw from the competition.
- d. If a team is or has withdrawn from the competition, all points for, points against and competition points gained by all clubs that have played the withdrawn team will not be counted for the competition table for the Grade Premiership and Club Championship.
- e. However, all red and yellow cards accrued by any played in any match played against a withdrawn team, stand.

18. Match Sheets – Home and Away Rounds

- a. A club with teams competing in the Competition in the home-and-away rounds, must, prior to the commencement of any match, prepare the team list for the match through Rugby Xplorer or the Match Day app (whichever is current).
- b. A club with a team competing in the Competition must ensure that the correct score, scorers and players who were disciplined through a sin bin penalty or a send-off are recorded during the match.
- c. Results recorded during the match should receive visual and verbal confirmation from the referee at the end of the match before submission.

- d. The online record of the match is considered the official record of the match.
- e. A club will have until 1000 hrs on the first working day after the match to dispute any results or request any changes. This can be emailed through to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager or done so through Rugby Xplorer (or whichever platform is used at the current time).

19. Non-Contested Scrums

- a. The provisions of Law 3, paragraphs 13 to 19 of the Laws of the Game (2018 edition) shall be applied. In addition, the following competition rules shall apply;
- b. In all grades other than the lowest graded team field by a club the following applies:
 - i. Every endeavour should be made to ensure matches start with contested scrums.
 - ii. Where non-contested scrums are introduced at the commencement of a match due to the unavailability of suitably trained front row players, the team that did not cause non-contested scrums will have the right to contest the outcome of the match.
 - iii. During the match, only if through send offs, temporary suspensions or injury, the number of suitable trained front row players available is reduced below three (3), the scrums will become uncontested.
- c. For the lowest graded team fielded by a club the following applies:
 - i. In the lowest grade team fielded by a club, that team should, where possible have at least three (3) players who are suitably trained and experienced to play in the front row.
 - ii. If this is not the case the match will then be played with non-contested scrums and the team scoring the highest number of points will win the game.
 - iii. If through send offs, temporary suspensions or injury, insufficient suitably trained front row players are available the scrums shall become non-contested. The team scoring the highest number of points in the match will win the match.

- d. In all matches where non-contested scrums are played, the club must note this with the time in the match and the score at the time. This information should be provided via Rugby Xplorer and directly to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager.
- e. Clubs who wish to contest the outcome of a match commenced with non-contested scrums, must lodge a request by 1000 hrs on the first working day following the match.
- f. Clubs should provide, where ever possible, 24 hours' notice to both the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager and the opposing club, of the intention to undertake non-contested scrums in any grade, prior to match day.
- g. For competitions where teams are allowed to nominate 23 players:
 - i. When 23 players are nominated in a team there must be sufficient front row players to play at hooker, tight head prop and loose head prop who are suitably trained and experienced to ensure that on the first occasion that a replacement in each front row position is required, the team can continue to play safely with contested scrums.
 - h. Should a team not be able to meet this obligation for any reason during a game, or should a team not have three (3) suitably trained front row players to commence a game with contested scrums, then the team concerned must play with one (1) player fewer than would otherwise be allowed.
 - i. If, subsequently, a suitably trained and experienced front row player becomes available so that scrums can be contested then that player will be allowed onto the field and the team will return to the appropriate number of players.
 - j. If neither team has suitably trained and experienced front row players to start a game with contested scrums, the above arrangements do not apply to the game, even if a suitably trained and experienced front row player subsequently becomes available.

20. Women's 10s

- a. Women's 10s matches will be played in accordance with the World Rugby Law Variations.

- i. The match will be played according to these laws, irrespective of the number of players on each team.
- b. Every endeavour should be made to ensure a game starts with 10 starting players per team, and contested scrums.
- c. The minimum number of players required to play a game is seven (7), if a team arrives to a match with less than the minimum numbers they will forfeit the match (refer to Rule 16).
- d. If a team arrives with the minimum number or more, the game will commence, teams must begin the match with equal starting numbers of players.
- e. A game may be played for no competition points if a forfeit occurs.
- f. If a forfeit occurs, sharing of players between teams will be accepted to allow a match to be played at maximum possible numbers.

11. Premierships and Finals

21. Grade Minor Premierships

- a. The club finishing at the top of the competition table at the completion of the home-and-away matches for the season is the grade minor premier for that grade.
- b. If two (2) or more teams finished the season with equal competition points, then the final order of these teams is determined by calculating the highest number of wins in all competition matches in the grade. If those teams are still equal then it will be decided by totalling the for-and-against match points scored in all competition games, in that grade, with teams being placed in descending order of the ratio of points-for to points-against.
- c. The ratio of points-for to points-against will be calculated to two (2) decimal points.
- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing subsections of the Rule, if any of the teams on equal competition points has forfeited any competition match during the season then the team which has forfeited the least number of matches (if any) will take the higher placing on the competition ladder.

22. Grade Championships

- a. At the completion of a grade competition, the four leading teams in that grade as determined under Rule 15 will play in the final series for that grade.
- b. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the following determines the finals series for each grade:
 - i. The Major Semi-Final will be played between the team placed 1st at the end of the home-and-away rounds for the season plays the team placed 2nd at the end of the home-and-away rounds for the season;
 - ii. The Minor Semi-Final will be played between the team placed 3rd at the end of the home-and-away rounds for the season plays the team placed 4th at the end of the home-and-away rounds for the season;
 - iii. The Preliminary Final will be played between the loser of Major Semi-Final and the winner of the Minor Semi-Final;
 - iv. The Grand Final will be played between the winner of the Major Semi-Final and the winner of the Preliminary Final.
- c. The team winning the Grand Final for a grade is the Grade Champion.

23. Club Championship

- a. The Club Champion is the club attaining the most competition points, all grades, in the home-and-away matches.
- b. Grades will have their competition points multiplied as listed below
 - i. 1st Grade will be multiplied by a factor of three (3);
 - ii. Women's will be multiplied by a factor of three (3);
 - iii. 2nd Grade will be multiplied by a factor of two (2);
 - iv. 3rd Grade will be multiplied by a factor of one (1).
- c. In the event two (2) or more clubs have equal points in the Club Championship they will be declared joint holders of the title.

12. Match Officials

24. Appointment of Referees – Appointment for Matches

- a. Southern Inland Referees Association will appoint a panel (minimum of 2 people) to appoint officials to matches throughout the home-and-away season and the Finals Series.
- b. Officials will be informed of their appointments by 1700 hrs the Wednesday before the game.
- c. Clubs will be informed of their Match Officials by 1700 hrs the Thursday before the game.
- d. All communication between Clubs and the Appointment Board will be done so through the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager.

25. Appointed Referees not Showing

- a. This Rule applies if the Referee appointed to a match under Rule 23 fails to arrive 15 minutes before the nominated match commencement time at the ground where the match is scheduled.
- b. A match in the home-and-away round conducted by the Union to which this Rule applies will be refereed by a Referee that has been appointed by an official of the home club.
- c. A Referee appointed to under Rule 23 who arrives at the ground after the commencement of the game must be substituted for the Referee appointed by the club and Referee the rest of the match.

26. Referee Unable to Continue Refereeing

- a. This Rule applies if the Referee appointed to the match under Rule 23 is unable to referee the match for its duration.
- b. A regular match conducted by the Union that this Rule applies may be refereed by a Referee appointed by an official of the home club.
- c. However an official of the home club proposing to appoint a substitute Referee under this Rule must consult the ill or injured Referee if they are capable of being consulted.

27. Appointment of Assistant Referees and Ball People

- a. Each club competing in a match under these Rules must appoint one (1) Smart Rugby accredited Assistant Referee and two (2) ball people unless the Appointment Panel make an appointment.
- b. However, a match played by teams may be played if –
 - i. Each club in the match under these Rules appoints a Assistant Referee they consider competent, and;

- ii. The appointed Referee for the match is satisfied that the nominated Assistant Referee is competent to participate in the match.
- c. Assistant Referees participating in a match under these Rules must wear distinctive attire to distinguish them from the club support staff.
- d. The appointed Referee may ask the participating club to replace its Assistant Referee if the Referee believes that person to be unsatisfactory.
- e. A participating club cannot refuse a request under Rule 26. d.
- f. An Assistant Referee must not –
 - i. Be the coach of a participating team;
 - ii. Coach or barrack for a participating team. (e.g. Providing vocal support or advice)
- g. Ball people –
 - i. Must retain control of balls for the match other than the ball being used in play; and
 - ii. Must retrieve match balls from touch; and
 - iii. May deliver kicking tees to goal kickers when needed.
- h. Assistant Referee and ball people appointed by clubs participating in a match must make themselves known to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match.
- i. Ball People for the match must follow the instructions from the Assistant Referees appointed for the match.

13. Player Clothing, Ground Allocation, Commencement of Matches Etc.

28. Player Clothing

- a. Please refer to World Rugby Laws of the Game (<http://laws.worldrugby.org/>); and
- b. Each club will ensure that player participating in the match appears in a numbered jersey that corresponds with the name of the player on Rugby Xplorer.

29. Ground Allocations

- a. All home-and-away matches must be played on grounds allocated by the Union in the seasons competition draw.
- b. After consultation with the clubs concerned, the Competition & Rugby Services Manager has the power to alter the allocation of grounds, if the ground is deemed unfit for play.
- c. Subject to the foregoing paragraph of this Rule, the team coaches shall determine the fitness of the ground for play. In the event of a disagreement between the coaches about the suitability of the ground for play, the Referee must decide if the ground is fit for play after a ground inspection.

30. Alternate Venue / Wet Weather – Ground Closures

- a. If a venue is unavailable for the matches scheduled on a date, as a result of either closure or being deemed unfit by a Government Office, Council, Owners or Appropriate Authority, the following procedure will be followed;
- b. In the first instance the home club, in consultation with the Union, should seek an alternate venue for the matches; then
- c. Subject to the mutual agreement of both clubs, the visiting club may nominate an available alternate venue; then
- d. If a venue is not available for the fixtures on the scheduled date then an alternate date and venue should be nominated, with the mutual agreement of both clubs involved, within seven (7) days of the original date;
- e. The designated home club is responsible for advising the Competitions and Rugby Services Manager in writing, immediately a change of venue is known.
- f. If clubs cannot come to a mutual agreement under Rule 29. a. then a date and venue for the deferred matches will be determined by the Competitions and Rugby Services Manager.
- g. A decision by the Competitions and Rugby Services Manager under this Rule is not a decision that can be appealed.
- h. If a match rescheduled under this Rule does not take place at the time specified, the team that does not default will be awarded a forfeit win (refer to Rule 16. c.).

- i. If a match rescheduled under this Rule does not take place at the scheduled time, because of circumstances beyond the control of both teams, 2 competition points will awarded to each team and a 0 – 0 score will be recorded.
- j. In the event of a ground closure occurring within the last three (3) rounds of the home- and-away rounds of the competition, those matches will not be rescheduled and the match will be recorded as a 'No Result' with neither team being awarded any competition points.
- k. If an event under Rule 29. j. happens all competition table placings for that grade will be determined by win percentage ratio.

31. Ground Marshalls – Appointment

- a. A Ground Marshall must be appointed by a club for home club fixtures.
- b. The home club must advise the appointed Referees who the Ground Marshall for the day is.

32. Ground Marshalls' – Responsibilities

- a. A Ground Marshall has the following responsibilities:
 - i. To ensure that the ground is marked correctly in accordance with the Laws of Rugby
 - ii. To tell the Referee of any ground changes under Rule 29;
 - iii. To make themselves known to the match Referees at the home ground in accordance with Rule 30.
 - iv. To set up the ground correctly in accordance with the Laws of Rugby in relation to field markings, flags and corner posts;
 - v. To provide flags for the use of club Assistant Referees;
 - vi. To provide three (3) balls for each match that are compliant with international match standard;
 - vii. To provide first aid attendants and facilities including a stretcher;
 - viii. If a physical barrier does not exist between the spectator areas and the playing enclosure, a barrier outside the playing enclosure from the goal-line to goal-line on each side of the field of play and not closer than 5 metres to each touch line for purposes of spectator comfort;

- ix. To maintain appropriate behaviour of spectators, team management and reserves in accordance with Rugby Australia's code of conduct.
 - x. To wear a clearly visible shirt or vest that identifies them as the Ground Marshall to all spectators at the ground.
- b. The Competitions & Rugby Services Manager may report to the Board any failure by a Ground Marshall under this Rule if –
- i. the Competitions and Rugby Services Manager receives a complaint from a visiting club; or
 - ii. the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager believes it is necessary to report any issues to the Board.
- c. The Board may discipline, in any way it sees fit –
- i. a Ground Marshall who is reported by the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager under Rule 31. b.; or
 - ii. the club which the Ground Marshall belongs to.
- d. To remove any doubt, the Board may discipline both the Ground Marshall and their club under Rule 31. c. in any way it sees appropriate.

33. Match Commencement and Competition Time

- a. The start-times for matches played under these Rules are –
- i. For Men's 1st Grade – 1520hrs
 - ii. For Men's 2nd Grade – 1400 hrs
 - iii. For Women's 10s – 1310 hrs
 - iv. For Men's 3rd Grade – 1200 hrs
- b. However, commencement times for matches may be varied by mutual agreement between clubs, subject to the approval of the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager.
- c. If clubs agree to vary the commencement time of a match, the clubs must notify the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager and opposition club in writing no later than 1000 hrs on the Thursday before the match.
- d. The Referee will blow his whistle in the vicinity of the changing rooms to call the teams preparing for the match to the field so the match can commence at the prescribed time.
- e. A team unable to commence a regular match 15 minutes after the official commencement time described in Rule 32. a. will forfeit the match.

- f. Prior to forfeiture under Rule 32. e. the Referee must blow his or her whistle for a 2nd time to warn that a forfeiture may result from a team's failure to take the field.
- g. If a lower grade match does not start at the official commencement time described under Rule 32. a., the Referee must –
 - i. Shorten the match duration by the time lost as a result of the delay of commencement; and
 - ii. Ensure that the lost time is deducted equally from both halves of the match being played, ensuring the half-time break is maintained at five (5) minutes; and
 - iii. Must ensure the match finishes at time it is scheduled to conclude so the following matches can commence on time.

34. Match Duration

- a. The length of matches played under these Rules are:
 - i. Men's 1st Grade – 40 minute halves with time added for injury;
 - ii. Men's 2nd Grade – 35 minute halves with no added injury time; and
 - iii. Women's 10s – 20 minute halves with no added injury time;
 - iv. Men's 3rd Grade – 30 minute halves with no added injury time
 - v. The half-time break for matches played under these Rules is five (5) minutes.
 - vi. All participants in a match (including match officials) must stay on the playing field during the half-time break unless –
 - 1. Both teams mutually agree to leave the playing field; or
 - 2. A participant requires medical attention that cannot be provided on the field.

35. Injuries and Substitutions

- a. This Rule must be read in conjunction with Law 3 of the World Rugby Laws of Rugby.
- b. The definition of replacements and substitutions under the Laws of Rugby are as follows;
- c. Replacement – A player who replaces an injured team mate.
- d. Substitute – A player who replaces a team mate for tactical reasons.

- e. A Referee must not hold up a match for trivial reasons such as the replacement of boots or playing attire.
- f. The match will continue or stop at the discretion of the Referee if a player who is in the playing area becomes injured.
- g. Medically trained people may be permitted to enter the playing area to attend to a player who has suffered an injury.
- h. Injured players can be replaced at any time during the match
- i. A player replaced under Rule 34. h. cannot resume playing in the match.
- j. The player who is replacing the injured player under Rule 34. h. will not commence playing in the match until the Referee gives permission.
- k. Fresh reserves are not permitted in any grade except where that team is the lowest grade team fielded by the club.
- l. The number of substitutions allowed are as follows:
 - a. Men's 1st Grade – Eight (8) Substitutions available including at least three (3) trained Front Rowers.
 - b. Men's 2nd Grade and Men's 3rd Grade – Ten (10) Substitutions available including at least three (3) trained Front Rowers.
 - c. Women's 10s – 7 Substitutions available including at least three (3) trained Front Rowers.
- m. Men's 2nd Grade, Men's 3rd Grade and Women's 10s only, clubs are allowed to use rolling substitutions during matches:
 - i. The number of rolling substitutions must not exceed twelve (12) for Men's 2nd Grade and Men's 3rd Grade.
 - ii. The number of rolling substitutions in the Women's competition is unlimited.
- n. In this Rule – Fresh reserve meaning a player who has not played another game earlier in the day prior to being a reserve.

36. Illegal and Foul Play

- a. The Referee is responsible for keeping the period of time the player has been suspended for under this Rule.
- b. Temporary Suspension (Yellow Cards)
 - i. The temporary suspension of a player must be recorded on RugbyXplorer.

- ii. Should a player incur three (3) temporary suspensions in one season he/she will automatically be suspended from playing in the next round of scheduled home- and-away or finals matches.
 - iii. Following the suspension the matter is deemed to have been heard and the players temporary suspension count will revert to nil.
 - iv. Temporary suspensions do not transfer to the next season.
 - v. Clubs may receive notification once a player receives two (2) temporary suspensions.
 - vi. Clubs will receive notification once a player receives three (3) temporary suspensions.
- c. Send Offs (Red Cards)
- i. Match officials must, by 0900 hrs on the first business day following the day of the match, report in writing to the Competition & Rugby Services Manager on the appropriate form, any player or players ordered off the field of play.
 - ii. Any player ordered off the field of play will be suspended from playing until his/her case has been decided by the Judicial Committee.
 - iii. A player temporarily suspended under this Rule must not contact or be in contact with an official or officials of the opposing team.

37. Concussion

- a. A player showing any signs or symptoms of concussion must be removed from the field of play and referred for medical attention.
- b. If a player is removed from the field of play, they are not eligible to return to the field of play under any circumstances.
- c. A tactically replaced player may return to the field of play to replace a player who has been shown a Blue Card.
- d. In accordance with the Rugby Australia Blue Card initiative the following will occur –
 - i. On field Blue Card – Recognise and Remove

1. When a player shows signs or symptoms of suspected concussion, the Referee will show the player a Blue Card, and the player is removed from the field.
 2. The Referee should consult with any medical staff tending to the player, and/or the team's physio/trainer to make a joint decision. However, the final decision rests with the Referee. Rugby Australia's Concussion Guidelines will be applied, EG. If in doubt sit them out.
 3. The Blue Card removes any doubt regarding the status of the player in a public way and they are unable to take any further part in the match that day.
- ii. Off-Field Process – Record and Refer
1. There is no right of appeal to the issuing of a Blue Card. The issuing of Blue Card then triggers a formal off-field follow-up process.
 2. The player must be marked on Rugby Link as having left the field due to suspected concussion.
 3. The player with the suspected concussion must seek medical attention within 24 hours to be assessed, and be provided with advice about undertaking the Rugby Australia's "Graduated Return to Play" process. This process must be followed before a player can play rugby again, or be available for selection on a Rugby Link team sheet.
 4. There is no provision for a Head injury assessment under these Rules, as result an assessment cannot be undertaken to allow a player to return to the field of play. Any player who undertakes a head injury assessment and returns to the field of play will be deemed to be in breach of Rugby Australia's Concussion Guidelines and therefore an ineligible player under Rule 10 of those guidelines.

38. Representatives in the Playing Enclosure

- a. A person must not enter the playing enclosure during a home-and-away match that is in progress unless the person-

- i. is a member of a team (including a reserve member of the team) participating in the match; or
 - ii. is the appointed Referee; or
 - iii. is a Assistant Referee for the match; or
 - iv. is a ball person for the match; or
 - v. is 1 of 4 support staff for a team participating in the match; or
 - vi. has permission from the Referee to enter the playing enclosure.
- b. A person must not enter the field of play at the half time interval of a home-and-away match unless the person is one of the following:
 - i. a team coach;
 - ii. a team reserve; or
 - iii. a team support staff member.
- c. No person is permitted onto the field of play during play for the purpose of relaying playing instructions from a coach to a player.
- d. In this Rule:

Team support staff means –

- No more than two (2) medically trained personnel and two (2) water carriers (who may not be the head coach but may be assistant coaches), a total of four (4) per team are permitted to operate from the designated technical zones.
 - One of the medically trained personnel is permitted to operate from the technical zone and one may be positioned on the far side of the playing areas on the touch line opposite the technical zone and may move along the touch line.
 - The second medically trained person is permitted to operate from the technical zone and may be positioned on the near side of the playing area on the touch line opposite the technical zone and may move along the touch line. The two (2) medically trained personnel may not be together on one touch line.
- A person providing on field support to a team must be wearing a Union supplied coloured vest (unless the club owns the appropriate coloured vest) who has previously identified themselves to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match

Supplied coloured vest means –

- For a team from a club hosting a match (home team), a sleeveless vest approved by the Union predominantly orange in colour or another colour approved by the Union; or
- For a team from a club visiting another club's home match (away team), suitable attire approved by the Union predominantly yellow in colour.

Technical Zone means –

- A 3m by 10m box painted between the 10m line and 22m line either side of the half or in front of your teams designated reserve bench.
- If the box is not painted, then club staff must remain within short distance of their bench and not encroach on the sideline or match day table (located in line with the 50m line).

Medically Trained Personnel means –

- A person who has a minimum of Level 1 Sports Trainer Accreditation, and has provided the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager their supporting documentation.

39. Role of Personnel in the Technical Zone

- a. Water may only be taken onto the field during stoppages in play for injuries in the playing area, when a TMO referral (where there are facilities) and when a try has been scored.
- b. the two water carriers are not permitted in the playing area during a penalty kick at goal.
- c. the water carriers must remain in the technical zone at all times unless they enter the playing area to provide water or when one (1) enters to provide a kicking tee to the kicker when taking a penalty goal attempt.
- d. water carriers must not obstruct, interfere or make comments to the match officials.
- e. players may come to the touch line adjacent to the technical zone to receive water.
- f. water bottles must not be thrown on to the field of play.

Part 4: Judicial Process

40. Rugby Australia National Disciplinary Rules

- a. These rules are intended for use within Australian domestic rugby, competitions, matches and tournaments including pre-season, tour matches from interstate or overseas, and/or rugby sevens, tens or otherwise.
- b. For all Rugby Australia National Discipline Rules regarding send-offs, yellow cards, sanctions, citing's code of conduct etc. see <http://www.rugbyaustralia.com.au/Portals/33/Policy%20Register/Disciplinary%20Rules/Rugby-AU-Disciplinary-Rules-2018.pdf>

41. Place and Time Weekly Judicial Committee Sits

- a. The judicial committee will only sit when required, the meeting will be held at Romano's Hotel in Wagga Wagga NSW or at another venue that the Committee considers appropriate. The time and day of the meeting will be communicated via the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager to the clubs required to attend.
- b. Meetings are normally held on a Tuesday at 5:30PM.

42. Notification of a hearing of a Matter

- a. The Competitions & Rugby Services Manager must notify the following people:
 - i. if the hearing relates to the citing of a player under Rule 47 – the club the player was playing for when the player was cited;
 - ii. if the hearing relates to a protest under Rule 48 – all parties immediately affected by the matter; and
 - iii. the Judicial Committee
- b. The Competitions & Rugby Services Manager must notify a person concerned under Rule 41. a. by written notice either by e-mail or by letter delivered to the person as soon as possible after the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager is aware of when the hearing is to occur.

43. Proceedings of the Weekly Judicial Committee Meetings

- a. The Judicial Committee must, in its weekly meeting make decisions in relation to any of the following matters it has been given to consider by the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager under Rule 40.

- b. A player who is the subject of a matter before the judiciary must be present at the meeting for the hearing of the matter.
- c. The Judicial Committee may permit the hearing of a matter with a player via telephone hook-up or similar, with reasonable notice and adequate reason for non-appearance given to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager.

44. Protests about Ineligible Players

- a. A club may protest against another club for playing an ineligible player in any grade in any match.
- b. A protest under this Rule must be in writing.
- c. The Competitions & Rugby Services Manager must be in receipt of the protest no later than 1700hrs on the 1st business day after the match in which the ineligible player allegedly participated.
- d. The club protesting must give a copy of the protest to the President of the club against which the protest is made.
- e. The Judiciary Committee will determine the outcome of a protest under these Rules.

45. Appeals against Decisions of the Judicial Committee

- a. An appeal may be lodged in respect of any decision of the Judicial Committee.
- b. The appeal must be lodged in writing to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager.
- c. The appeal is to be filed and lodged with the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager within 21 days of the decision made by the Judicial Committee.
- d. Appeals shall be heard by a tribunal appointed by the Board. Anyone who is appointed cannot be a member of the Board, a member of an affiliated club, or an affiliated referee.
- e. The Tribunal shall hear and determine the appeal based on the written submissions of the player or Club affected by the decision on the following grounds:
 - i. severity of the sentence;

- ii. new or fresh evidence and/or new witness statements that were not reasonably available to the judicial committee when the initial decision was made;
 - iii. improper procedure or unfair decision-making process.
- f. A Club or Player is permitted to adduce evidence of comparable cases involving penalties for the same or similar offences. The onus lies upon the club or player to demonstrate why those comparable sentences were not submitted to the Judicial Committee at the first instance.
- g. A Club or Player bears the onus of proof to establish why the new evidence, fresh evidence or witnesses were not originally available to the Judicial Committee at the first instance.
- h. The Appeals Tribunal may make the following orders:
 - i. dismiss the appeal;
 - ii. uphold the appeal; or
 - iii. uphold the appeal but vary the terms of the sentence or the order made by the Judicial Committee.
- i. The decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be final. There is no further right of appeal.
- j. A lodgement of an appeal must be accompanied by the payment of a fee as described under the Judicial Guidelines.
- k. If an appeal successfully achieves exoneration or a reduction in sentence, then 50% of this fee is re-imbursed.

46. Review Process

- a. A request for a review of a decision under this rule may only be submitted through the Club President, or in the absence of the Club President, a member of the Executive Committee, of the Club against whom a decision has been issued in relation to a player, official or team of that Club.
- b. Decisions that may be reviewed and the relevant timeframe for a request of a review is determined by the Judicial Guidelines.
- c. An application for a review of a decision must:
 - i. be in writing, addressed to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager for the attention of the Board

- ii. be accompanied by a fee as described under the Judicial Guidelines.
- d. Any decision made by the Board must be made within 14 days of receiving an application for a review of a decision.
- e. The Board will determine the parties that are advised of the Board's decision in relation to an application for a review of a decision.
- f. The Board may, if the Board considers appropriate, refund the fee referred to in Rule 45. c. ii. or part of the fee.

47. Delegation of the Board Reviewing Powers

- a. The Board may delegate its power to review a decision under this Rule to a sub-committee as appointed by the Board.
- b. The Board must not delegate its power under this Rule to a person who was involved in making the original decision.

48. Reviewed Decisions

- a. A decision by a reviewing body is not a reviewable decision
- b. The reviewing body may make a decision in any way it sees fit.

Part 5: The Final Series

14. How it works

49. Finals Series Structure

- a. Finals Series means the series of matches as determined by Rule 21. a.

50. Finals Series Eligibility Meeting

- a. The Finals Series Eligibility Committee is established at the conclusion of the home-and-away rounds for a Division.
- b. The Finals Series Eligibility Committee consists of –
 - i. Representatives of each club with a team or teams in the Competition.
 - ii. The Competitions & Rugby Services Manager; and
 - iii. A representative from the Board.
- c. The Finals Series Eligibility Committee must meet on the first Tuesday after the conclusion of the Division's home-and-away rounds to determine –
 - i. Player and reserves eligibility under Rule 52 for the Final Series; and
 - ii. Eligibility of players seeking dispensation.
- d. The Competitions and Rugby Services Manager will determine the time and place of the meeting under Rule 49. c.
- e. Also, the Competitions and Rugby Services Manager will determine how the meeting under 49. c. will be conducted.
- f. Only the three (3) participating clubs in their respective grade finals may vote on player eligibility from the fourth club in that grade.

51. Player Eligibility and Dispensation

- a. A player's eligibility for the final series, in any division will be determined at a meeting convened under Rule 49.
- b. A club seeking finals dispensation for any player must submit supporting documentation supporting the request, the documentation may include medical certificates or other documentary evidence relating to the player's reasons for not participating in the required number of games. (Medical certificates will only be accepted when provided by a qualified and accredited doctor or physiotherapist.)

- c. Any subsequent changes to teams, including requests for further dispensations, must be advised to the Board through the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager no later than 1000 hrs on the last working day prior to each match. The Board will make the final determination in relation to a player's eligibility.
- d. All clubs in the relevant division will be advised of any approved changes and dispensations.

52. Club Submissions of Player Eligibility

- a. Each club with a team in the final series must submit to the group assessing the players eligibility, the following:
 - i. A list of all players and the teams they are eligible for according to the guidelines in Rule 52-54.
 - ii. A list of all players and the number of games played in each grade.
 - iii. These can be found on RugbyXplorer.

53. Player Eligibility for Final Series

- a. A player will be eligible to play in the final series for his/her club where they have played a minimum of 35% of the scheduled home-and-away matches in that division.

Player Eligibility Table

Number of Home & Away Matches	Minimum Number of Qualifying Matches
16	6
15	6
14	5
13	5
12	5
11	4
10	4

- b. Players will only be eligible for one match per competition round and that eligibility will be in highest grade played in that round where the player was in the starting team.

- c. For a deferred match to count towards a player's eligibility, the player must have been registered with his or her club prior to the original scheduled date of the deferred match.

54. Clubs with Consecutive Teams in the Finals

- a. A club that has qualified teams in consecutive grades playing on the same weekend of the finals is permitted to have merit based selection of players in teams for the club on that weekend.
- b. If the Board deems a player unsafe or unsuitable to play in a particular grade during the final series, the Board can overrule the player's eligibility in that grade.
- c. A player who satisfies this Rule will have unqualified eligibility for the team in which he or she was first selected to play in or higher in the final series, should any team from that club be eliminated during the final series. For Example:
 - A player has eligibility in 2nd grade at a club that has sequential grades in the final series. He then gets selected in 3rd grade for the minor semi-final, 2nd grade then gets eliminated. That player is then still eligible to play 3rd grade or above.

55. Player Eligibility

- a. A player will be eligible to play for the grade that he or she has played the minimum number of qualifying matches, provided the player has not started 3 or more of his or her last 5 matches in a higher grade.
- b. Fresh Reserves are permitted in all grades in the final series.

56. Playing Ineligible Players in the Final Series

- a. Any club contravening any section of these Final Series Rules or found to have provided false information, will lose the match in which an ineligible player took part or for which false information was provided and be liable to disqualification or suspension for such period as the Board may determine.

57. Allocation of Grounds for Finals Series

- a. Week 1 of Finals will be allocated to the Club who's team is the Minor Premiers of Men's 1st Grade.
- b. Week 2 of Finals will be allocated based on submissions from all clubs according to;

- i. Votes from The Board on who is most appropriate.
 - ii. Will be voted based on history, sharing the role and facilities available.
- c. Week 3 of Finals will be allocated to the Club who's team is the Winner in the Major Semi-Final of Men's 1st Grade.

58. Commencement Time of Finals Series Matches

- a. The time of commencement of all matches in the final series shall be determined by the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager with approval from the Board.

59. Duration of a Final Series Match

- a. The duration of all matches will be the same as the duration of matches in that Grade during the home-and-away rounds (Refer to Rule 33. a.)

60. Progression of Teams to the next Match in the Final Series in the Event of a Drawn Match

a. Men's Grades

- i. In the event of a draw in any semi-final of preliminary final at full time, an extra ten (10) minutes each way with a two (2) minute interval shall be played.
- ii. If at the completion of the extra time the scores are still equal then the team which is in the higher position on the competition table at the end of the home-and-away season shall progress to the next match in the series.

b. Women's Grade

- i. In the event of a draw in any semi-final of preliminary final at full time, an extra five (5) minutes each way with a two (2) minute interval shall be played.
- ii. If at the completion of the extra time the scores are still equal then the team which is in the higher position on the competition table at the end of the home-and-away season shall progress to the next match in the series.

61. Drawn Grand Finals

a. Men's Grades

- i. In the event of a draw in the grand final at full time, an extra ten (10) minutes each way with a two (2) minute interval shall be played.
 - ii. If at the completion of extra time the scores are still level the Clubs competing will be declared Joint Champions.
- b. Women's Grade
 - i. In the event of a draw in the grand final at full time, an extra five (5) minutes each way with a two (2) minute interval shall be played.
 - ii. If at the completion of extra time the scores are still level the Clubs competing will be declared Joint Champions.

62. Appointment of Match Officials

- a. The appointment of Match officials will follow the guidelines of Rule 23.

63. Appointment of Ball-People

- a. Each club with a team participating in a match in the final series must provide two (2) ball-people for its team.
- b. The Rules about ball-people in the home-and-away rounds apply to the conduct of ball-people in the final series.

64. Match Sheet and Results

- a. Teams must complete team-sheets including ID numbers, Jersey Numbers, and identifying suitably trained front row players, and submit them to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager at least 10 minutes prior to their scheduled kick-off.
- b. Teams will still be required to record their results as they would during the Home-and-Away season during Finals.

Part 6: Representative Selection

65. Policy and Procedures for Selection

- a. All players registered with the Union shall be eligible for selection for Brumbies representative teams, unless granted dispensation by the Board.
- b. Teams will be selected on the basis of the best players available.
- c. Squads chosen will be notified by the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager after the selections have been cleared by the Union President. The notifications will include advice on availability of the players for their clubs and training times. Player availability for club rounds will be decided by the respective representative coach in consultation with the selectors and club coaches.
- d. Players who do not train should be excluded from teams unless their absence has been cleared by the representative coach. It is the players personal responsibility to advise the coach of any problems that may arise that precludes attendance at training.
- e. No player is to be added to any squad without the agreement of all selectors responsible for that squad. Any additions must be cleared through the President.
- f. Representative team training times are to avoid clashing with club training nights as far as possible, the obvious exception being where players have been stood down from the club round.
- g. Players who are relegated from a representative team are to be advised of their situation (by an appropriate person, usually the coach) before any public announcement is made.

66. Medical Policy for Player Participating in Representative Teams

- a. Southern Inland Rugby Union recommends that all players, particularly representative players, take out private hospital and medical insurance.
- b. The Board will only consider reimbursement for hospital, physiotherapy or medical costs incurred by injured players, when:
 - i. The player has private hospital, medical and/or physiotherapy cover;

- ii. The injury first occurred whilst participating in a representative match or training session; and
 - iii. That player has obtained all possible refunds from his or her health insurance fund and Rugby Australia's Sports Injury and Liability Insurance Scheme.
- c. The procedure for requests for reimbursements is as follows:
 - i. The player shall seek all refunds due from health insurance fund;
 - ii. The player shall then pay all outstanding accounts;
 - iii. The player shall then apply to the Competitions & Rugby Services Manager, through the team manager for payment of any shortfall.
 - iv. Copies of all relevant documentation and receipts shall accompany the applications; and
 - v. All requests for reimbursements must be forwarded by 31 August in the year the injury occurred. Where treatment is continuing, advice of the impending application must be forward by 31 August in the year the injury occurred.
 - vi. It is to be clearly understood that no consideration will be given to any application unless the player holds private hospital, medical and/or physiotherapy cover.