



By-Laws of
Canterbury Rugby League
Incorporated

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1) Registration of Players:

1. The Canterbury Rugby League (CRL) shall keep a record of the names of all players who are members of any club or affiliate of the CRL. The Secretary of each club or affiliate shall furnish the CRL with sufficient particulars to enable such register as aforesaid to be kept up-to-date.
2. Every Rugby League player must be registered.
 - a. Applications are to be completed via the NZRL online SportingPulse registration system. All questions thereon to be truthfully answered by the applicant.
 - b. For all new registrations ID (birth certificate, drivers licence or passport) must be attached when applying online. No new registration will be processed until the required ID relating to identification is attached.
3. The player must be showing online as fully registered in the club members list in SportingPulse prior to the player taking the field for their club.
4. No person who is not a registered player of a club or affiliate shall play in any match and no person shall at any time be a playing member of more than one club or affiliate.
5. Unregistered players:
 - a. Any club/team found to be playing an out of order player by CRL will forfeit any points gained and a win will be awarded to the non-offending team with a score line of 20-0.
 - b. If both clubs are found to be in breach the match result will be cancelled.
6. All players must be registered with the club or affiliate for which they are playing. Any player once registered with a club shall remain so unless desirous of a transfer.
7.
 - a. Each club or affiliate is responsible for the identification and discipline of its members. However when resolving a protest/query on the identity of a member for disciplinary purposes, the CRL will recognise that a club or affiliate can only be expected to trace the identification of a player within reasonable bounds.
 - b. In the event of name controversy, the CRL may require three nominated officers of the club or affiliate to verify the details on the appropriate form as understood at the time of acceptance.
8. No registrations will be accepted after 31 May and before 1 November each year.
9. **GRADE ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a. For age group grades the player must be under (or over) the age of the grade they are playing in as at 1 January. For example 14 Years – the player must be under the age of 14 as at 1 January (he can turn 14 during that year).
 - b. Age grade players can play up, but they can not play down.
 - c. Mixed Gender – Females may participate in mixed gender rugby league played under mini and mod rules up to and including the 12 years grade. The maximum age for a girl to play in a mixed gender team is 12 years of age. **NO DISPENSATION WILL BE GRANTED.**
 - d. Minimum Age for Participation in Senior Grade's – Players playing in senior grades must have attained at least seventeen (17) years of age by the 31st of December in the year preceding the commencement of the competition. They must turn 18 during the current year. This policy shall apply equally to male and female rugby league players. **THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION FROM THIS POLICY.**

2) **Transfers/Clearances:**

Any player registering for a club other than the club in which they last played will require a transfer from their former club.

Transfer/Clearance Periods

Between Canterbury clubs - 1 November to 30 November and 1 February – 31 May
Overseas (Australia) & provincial transfers - 1 January to 30 June as per NZRL rules

Definitions:

Transfer – a transfer is required for a player who has played in the previous season for another club, province or played overseas.

Clearance – a clearance is required for a member who has not played Rugby League in the previous season. A clearance does not count towards the 3 in – 3 out rule.

Junior players – are those players aged 17 years or under. Junior players are not affected by the 3 in – 3 out rule, regardless of the grade they are playing.

1. A club may transfer between other Canterbury Rugby League clubs only three (3) players per season in, and three (3) players per season out (excluding women's grade).
2. A player cannot take the field for their new club until the transfer has been approved and registered to their new club by CRL.
3. Junior players may be granted a permit for the season to another club if their club cannot provide them their age grade football. Permits must be applied for online (SportingPulse) as per the transfer process. There will be no fees claimed for players on permits – either going to a club or returning to their original club.
4. All transfers must be on forms issued by the Canterbury Rugby League and must be applied for online (SportingPulse) in the first instance. The form is then to be forwarded to the CRL. No transfer/clearance will be finalised by the CRL without the fully completed and signed form.
5. For all transfers the club from which the player is transferring has 14 days from the date submitted online (in SportingPulse) to respond approving or declining. For all clearances the club from which the player is transferring has 5 days from the date submitted online (in SportingPulse) to respond approving or declining.
 - a) If declining the former club must advise online (in SportingPulse) the reason for declining. The only conditions for decline are outlined below. If no response has been received from the club in which the player is transferring/clearing, the transfer/clearance will be automatically approved.
 - b) Under no circumstances can a player be denied a transfer/clearance if the club to who they are transferring/clearing pays the requested transfer fee and the player does not have any obligations to their former club. Obligations are defined as:

Financial – annual subscriptions;

Club Property – trophies, football playing gear or similar property

6. A player who transfers out of the CRL District, and returns within 12 months from the date of transfer, must return to their club of origin.
7. A **"Grade A"** player is defined as one who has taken the field (in the immediate past season) for:
 - a) The South Island Senior Representative team ie Canterbury Bulls, playing in any sanctioned Representative fixture
 - b) Any NZ Representative Team 15 years and over.

A **"Grade B"** player is defined as one who has taken the field (in the immediate past season) for:

- a) The Canterbury Men's Senior Representative team
- b) The South Island 17 year old team
- c) The South Island 15 year old team

8. A "Graded" player will be transferred providing that their old club or is compensated with a payment of:

- a) For a "Grade A" player: \$2,000. 25% of the fee is to be paid to CRL
- b) For a "Grade B" player: \$1,000. 25% of the fee is to be paid to CRL

Any payment is to be made in full to CRL before the transfer will be fully completed who will then forward the old club their portion. A \$20 administration fee applies to all transfer/clearance applications with the exception of transfers where Graded representative player fees have been paid.

3) Competitions

1. The number of grades provided for each year will be dependent on and resolved by the number of nominations received from clubs and affiliates. A women's grade will also be provided for.
2. Grades provided for by CRL in order of seniority shall be: Premier, Premier Reserves, Division 1, Division 2, Women, Presidents, 20 years, 18 years, 17 years 16 years, 15 years, 14 years, 13 years, 12 years, 11 years, 10 years, 9 years, 8 years, 7 years, 6 years, Nursery
3. Definition of club status: A Senior club will field a Premier team. A club without a Premier team shall be defined as a Junior club.
4. Criteria for premier status shall be at the discretion of the Board.
5. Premier status will not be granted to any new club or affiliate where sufficient rugby league clubs with premier status already cater for that area.
6. Any team defaulting for two consecutive matches, or three at intervals, will be taken out of their competition and the remaining team members allotted for the remainder of the current season solely by CRL, to other teams within the Club or Affiliate, or transferred to another Club or Affiliate. These transfers cannot be approved if the competition in which the player has been participating can be decided in two matches.
7. In the event of a team being withdrawn from any competition during any round, results, points and scoring statistics will be adjusted as though the team never existed.
8. Any Premier team who fails to field a team for a scheduled fixture will be fined \$1000 regardless of notice given for the default.
9. Any other senior team failing to meet its engagement for a competition match shall be fined \$200 (Junior teams \$100). If however, 36 hours notice of intended default shall have been given in writing to CRL, 50% of the fine becomes payable 50% of the fee will be allocated to the club defaulted against
10. Any other senior team failing to meet its engagement for a competition match shall be fined \$200 (Junior teams \$100). If however, 36 hours notice of intended default shall have been given in writing to CRL, 50% of the fine becomes payable. 50% of the fine will be allocated to the club defaulted against.
11. Where prior notification has been given, the non-defaulting side must have a minimum of nine players recorded and signed on the team card and entered into SportingPulse.
12. Should a referee prematurely terminate a game because of any reason recorded in the "Laws of the Game", the CRL will investigate and take any appropriate action under the CRL Rules and By-Laws. This policy does not prejudice any other further action considered necessary.
13. Where a club enters two teams into a division, the teams must be treated as separate identities and no interchange of players between teams will be permitted.
14. Premier and Premier Reserve players may play up and down within the two grades during the round robin games.
15. Interchange – Premier and Premier Reserve grades will be limited to 12 interchanges per game. In all other grades, interchanges will be unlimited.
16. Match Managers – Match Managers will be provided by CRL for all Premier games. In the event of a CRL Match Manager not being available for a club's home fixture, the home club will provide a Match Manager for these games.
17. Judicial – Automatic send-off penalties will be applied to all Competition grades. See By-Law 9 (Disqualification from Playing).

3A Competition Points

1. In deciding Premiership winners in each grade, points will be awarded for a Win, Draw, Loss or Bye as follows:

Win	-	2 points
Draw	-	1 point
Bye	-	2 points
Loss	-	0 points
Default (win)	-	2 points

The CRL may use these points as a penalty for serious cases of Team Misconduct.

2. At the conclusion of the Premiership, the top four (4) teams shall be ranked in order according to the number of Premiership points awarded to them in accordance with the preceding clause but subject to Clause 3 and 4 and shall take part in a Championship Grand Finals Series of matches to determine the winner of the Championship for that season.

Subsequently, further sections for teams placed 5th to 8th etc in the Premiership may be introduced to determine a section finals winner.

3. If at the conclusion of the Premiership two (2) or more teams are equal in competition points, then for the purpose of determining the order of placement of teams for the Finals Series, the Teams who are equal in competition points will be ranked in order according to the difference between the number of points scored by a team and the number of points scored against it with a team with the greater difference being ranked ahead of a team with the lesser difference. In the event of that difference being equal then the relative position shall be determined by ascertaining the relationship between points scored for and against expressed as a percentage to 2 decimal points, i.e.

$$\frac{\text{Points Scored For}}{\text{Points Scored Against}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

with a team with the higher percentage being ranked ahead of a team with the lower percentage.

If, after the application of the above procedures, two or more teams are still of equal ranking for any of the top four positions, then those teams shall take part in a play-off or series of play-offs to determine the team to take part in the Finals Series in the order established in accordance with the following:

- a) Where two teams are involved they shall play each other and the winner shall occupy the higher place of the two.
- b) Where three teams are involved, the order of play-offs shall be:

MATCH A	Team2	v	Team 3
MATCH B	Team1	v	Winner of MATCH A

and the winner of MATCH B shall occupy the highest position, the loser the next highest and the loser of Match A the next highest.

4. Notwithstanding sub-clauses 1 to 3 above where two (2) or more teams are equal in competition points and any of those teams has been subject to one or more defaulting teams, then the team(s) defaulted against to the greatest extent shall be ranked above those others on equal competition points without recourse to the procedure outlined in sub-clause 3 above unless two (2) or more of them have experienced an equal number of defaulters.
5. When the four (4) teams to take part in the Finals Series of matches have been determined, the order of play for the Finals Series shall be as follows:

Match A	Team 1	v	Team 2 - Winner to Grand Final
Match B	Team 3	v	Team 4
Match C	Loser Match A	v	Winner Match B
Grand Final	Winner Match A	v	Winner Match C

6. Competitions in grades may from time to time be arranged by the Football Committee with special restrictions attached to any grade. The rules governing the competitions in each grade when minuted shall have full effect and until repealed shall be binding in all Clubs or Affiliates, Bodies, Associations, members and players concerned in such competitions.
7. Notwithstanding sub-clauses 1 to 6 above which shall have effect according to their tenor, CRL may for the Premier competition conduct a ten (10) team competition where the top five (5) qualifiers compete for the Pat Smith Trophy and the remainder for the Gore Cup or alternative named trophy. Where a nine (9) team competition is conducted the first five (5) qualifiers shall compete for the Pat Smith Trophy and the remainder for the Gore Cup or alternative named trophy.

When the five (5) teams to take part in the final series of matches has been determined, the order to play for the finals series shall be as follows:

Round 1 Qualifier # 1 - proceeds directly to Round 2

Match A	Qualifier # 2	v	Qualifier # 3
Match B	Qualifier # 4	v	Qualifier # 5

Round 2

Match C	Qualifier # 1	v	Match A Winner
Match D	Loser Match A	v	Winner Match B

Loser Match B departs from series

Round 3

Winner Match C - to Grand Final Match F

Match E	Loser Match C	v	Winner Match D
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Loser Match E departs from series

Round 4 Grand Final

Match F	Winner Match C	v	Winner Match E
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8. No player in football competitions shall be a Manager, Selector or Coach of any team under the direct jurisdiction of the CRL, be it representative, trial or club or affiliate team representing the province, except by permission of the Board.

3B Grand Final Series Eligibility

1. To be eligible to play in any Grand Final Series, a player must have played a minimum of 5 weeks for his club during the season for all grades.
 - a) Where a player has been subject to a judicial stand-down period during these weeks, the sentence has been completed and the fine paid to CRL, then the player may still play in the Grand Final Series, provided that the player has appeared for the team during the current season
 - b) Where a player has been subject to conditions outside of his control, e.g. injury, consideration will be given to dispensation from the finals eligibility regulations. The appropriate paperwork, as requested by the CRL, must accompany the application. In the event of an injury application, Doctors certificates would be the minimum requirement. All dispensations must be applied for 5 working days prior to the Grand Final Series starting.
2. Should a player be selected in the first week of finals to play in a higher grade game as one of the seventeen (17), then those players will be ineligible to play in a lower grade game.
3. "Out of Order" players. A team that fields an Out of Order player and is found to be guilty will forfeit the win and receive a fine of \$200 per player. The non-offending team will be awarded the win with a 20-0 score line.
4. Any player who is injured may be replaced by another player who has not already participated in a higher Grade Grand Final Series game or any player from a lower grade providing a medical certificate is produced attesting to the injury.
5. Any Team defaulting or choosing to default any game or match during the Grand Final Series will be eliminated from this competition and shall take no further part in it.
6. No Club team or Affiliate team shall be permitted to participate in any game of the Grand Final Series unless that team is completely financial to the CRL, 7 days prior to the commencement date.
7. All Grand Final matches will be controlled by the top rated referees.

3C Presidents Grade

2. No player under the age of 35 years as of 1 January of the year of competition will be permitted to play.
3. The Board may permit under age players under exceptional circumstances (disabilities etc).
4. No points shall be awarded in a Presidents Grade competition.

3D Competitions Requiring “Extra-Time”

1. Extra time will be required in the event of a draw at full time in the grand final series and shall be as follows:

“Immediately following the end of normal time, the referee shall toss a coin to decide which team shall restart two spells of 5 minutes each way will be played in full. Should the score still be equal then further spells will be undertaken until the game is terminated immediately after the first point/s are registered.

However in the interest of player’s safety the maximum playing time including extra time should not exceed 100 minutes.

2. Should the match still be drawn after the maximum minutes have elapsed, the winner shall be the team that scored the first points in normal time.
3. For 9-a-side competitions, games are of 9 minutes each way duration, and if scores are equal captains will again toss for ends and undertake to play 2 minute spells until the game is terminated when first point/s are registered.

Extra time should also be played to achieve an outright winner in the finals of knockout and 9-a-side competitions.

4) Team Cards/ID Cards - Procedures

1. Team cards must be completed and handed to the Referee or Match Manager (if one is provided) at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the game and at least 30 minutes for Premiers and Premier Reserves.
2. Full names of the players must be printed and legible – ensure the name is spelt correctly as per name registered in the SportingPulse system.
3. The number on the card must correspond to the number on the players jersey.
4. Only the names of the players present and participating in the match on the day are to be recorded on the team card.
5. A players name must be recorded on the team card prior to taking the field.
6. Referees and Match Managers are to note on the team card anything that requires further action by CRL – sin- bins, abuse, crowd behaviour, ordering off, number of players stripped and available etc.
7. Referees and Match Managers must check the team card for completion of all entries before signing it and handing it back to the Team Manager at the completion of the game.
8. Team Cards to CRL.
 - a) All clubs must enter players and score into the SportingPulse online system by the Tuesday following the game for all grades apart from Premiers and Reserves who will be entered by CRL. All team cards – must be received at the CRL office no later than 4pm of the Friday post the game.
 - b) Non-compliance will result in a fine of \$10 per week per team, being imposed on the club.
9. Team & ID Cards – for Premier & Premier Reserve Grades.
 - a) Team Managers will meet with the Match Manager half an hour before kick-off to check that player ID cards correspond with the names on the team card. The opposing team Manager, team Manager and Match Manager (3 signatures per team card) will sign the team cards to acknowledge the information on the team card as true and correct.
 - b) Non-compliance will result in a fine of \$10 per week per team, being imposed on the club.

5) **Representative**

1. A player must have played for his Club before representative selection is approved in that particular season.
2. Any player making themselves unavailable for a representative fixture after selection will not be permitted to play for their club, whenever the others selected are excluded from playing for their respective Clubs or Affiliates.
3. Canterbury Representative Players are not permitted to be available for Club or Affiliate matches during the whole of three days preceding a representative fixture.
4. Selector, manager, trainer/strapper positions for all Representative teams will be circulated to all Clubs and Affiliates and advertised on the CRL website.
5. Applications for the vacancies will be submitted to the CRL by the due date on the prescribed form. These applications will then be considered by a panel selected by the CRL, or in the case of junior teams, by a panel selected by the Junior Committee.
6. Three Selectors shall be appointed for each Provincial Grade, one of whom will be the Convener/Manager. One of the remaining two elected will be appointed Coach.
7. Where two (2) teams are required in the one (1) grade and the appointed coach for the second team is not already a Selector, that Coach shall be added to the selection Panel for the purpose of selecting the second team.
8. All applicants must consent to a Police check.

6) **Qualifications Coaching/Team Officials**

1. Each club should appoint a Coaching Director who should ensure all coaches attend coaching schools in order to gain NZRL qualifications.
2. Team Officials: NZRL regulations state all coaches must hold a current first aid certificate. Coaches, managers and strappers/trainers must hold an applicable NZRL accredited certificate as follows:
 - Mini-Mod - Nursery-12 years
 - Beginner & Developing Youth -13-19 years
 - Beginner & Developing Senior – Premiers, Senior Grades & Canterbury Provincial teams
 - Senior Club – Provincial, Zone and National teams
 - First Aid Officer – all club grades
 - National Trainer – Senior and Representative grades
 - International Trainer – National teams
 - Level 1 Manager – all Club and Representative grades
3. A coach of club teams must have attended an NZRL fundamentals course and the approved course (as above) for the grade the coach is coaching. Failure to attend appropriate course may mean exclusion of the team the offending coach is coaching from competition play.

7) **Discipline**

Clubs or Affiliates are expected to enforce discipline and control on all teams in the promotion of the game.

1. A Club or Affiliate is responsible for its' Players, Officials and financial members. Any player ordered from the field of play and found guilty (except in the case of Age Group and Schoolboy Players) of Players Misconduct will be subject to a penalty of \$50.00, for the first game suspension and \$50.00 per game suspension thereafter up to a maximum of \$150.00.
2. Any Club, Affiliate or Team found guilty by the Board of bringing the game into discredit can have a monetary penalty imposed not exceeding \$2,500.00. Such penalty to be paid by the time stipulated. Other penalties such as non-team travel, removal of competition points, game forfeiture or any other appropriate penalty may be applied.
3. Any player found guilty of players misconduct and receiving a severe caution will be subject to the minimum penalty of \$50.00 except in case of age group and Secondary School players.

4. All penalties will be charged to the player. An account will be sent to the respective club, the player will be de-activated until such time as payment/penalty has been received in full by CRL.
5. All penalties are payable to Canterbury Rugby League Inc.

7A Code of Behaviour

For Coaches, Managers and Trainers and Team Officials.

1. A Coach, Manager, Trainer or other Team Official must not during the course of or after a match under the jurisdiction of CRL, 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 Coach, Manager, Trainer or other Team Official must not use crude or abusive language or engage in any conduct detrimental to the sport or image of the game.
3. On the occasion of a Coach, Manager, Trainer or other Team Official being reported for a breach of this By-Law, a fine of \$100 will be imposed on the club concerned and the offending official will be suspended. On subsequent occasions, the fine will double \$200.00 and a further period of suspension will be imposed.

7B Banned Substances

All players playing under the jurisdiction of the CRL are subject to the NZRL regulations and by-laws.

8) Protests and Challenges

1. The CRL shall decide all protests and questions of dispute which must be in writing by the Secretary of the club, affiliate or body protesting, on the Club's letterhead, addressed to CRL and received within two working days after the completion of the match and must be accompanied by a protest fee of One hundred dollars (\$100) which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. Note: Any club or affiliate which lodges a protest on behalf of a team against another should first ensure that their team is in order, as failure to do so may result in dismissal of the protest and loss of the protest fee.
2. The Club or Affiliate protested against is to be notified by the CRL of the League as soon as possible after the protest is received.
3. Any appeal against the CRL decision will be heard by the Zone Appeal Committee and must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 administration fee which shall be returned if the appeal is successful.
4. CRL will not entertain any protest or dispute that relates to a player's misconduct as defined in the International Laws of the game of Rugby League until and unless that matter has first been heard by a Judicial Committee(s).
5. Any coach or manager who has reason to doubt the eligibility of an opposition player may request the player to print their full name, address and date of birth on the reverse side of the referees card. If applicable produce his ID card. This may only be done in a reasonable manner and in the presence of the referee. Should a player refuse to furnish details they will not be permitted to participate in the game.

9) Disqualification from Playing – Players Only

1. When a player is sent from the field of play, a Referee's Report, outlining the alleged offence committed by the player, will be sent to the CRL Office within 3 days of the match.
2. When a player is ordered from the field, the player will be automatically under suspension until the appropriate action to be taken is assessed from the Referee's Report.
3. On receipt of the Referee's Report, the Office will decide whether the matter can be dealt with under the provisions of the "Automatic Suspensions" schedule, or needs to be dealt with by the Judicial Committee.

4. If it is decided that the offence can be dealt with by way of an "Automatic Suspension", the player's club will be contacted and advised of the automatic suspension to be imposed on the player (see Appendix D);
 - a) If the Club accepts the penalty on the player's behalf, the suspension shall be imposed and the fine will be issued to the Club (senior competition players will be fined \$50 per game suspension).
 - b) If the Club does not accept the proposed automatic suspension, the matter will be referred to the Judicial Committee for disposition.
5. If the Club requests a judicial hearing, such request must clearly state the reasons for the hearing.
 - a) The player may be accompanied by an official of their Club at the judicial hearing.
6. Where a player has been found guilty of Player's Misconduct and is suspended, he shall not be permitted to play in any game until the suspension has been served. Should a player under suspension play during that time, they will automatically be subject to a further suspension and fine (\$50 per day) equal to the original penalty.
7. Should any player summoned to, or requesting a Judicial hearing, fail to attend that Judicial hearing, that player will be suspended from playing until the matter is dealt with by the Judicial Committee.
8. All suspensions from playing the game of Rugby league imposed pursuant to these rules will apply to any game of Rugby League played under the auspices of the NZRL, a Zone or District League or any game subject to the rule's of the International Board.
9. At the conclusion of the season, all sin-bins accumulated by any player shall be cancelled.
10. Any period of suspension, which remains outstanding at the conclusion of the season, shall be served in the Division it was obtained at the commencement of the following season.
11. For the purposes of this By-law, the words "conclusion of the season" shall mean all competition matches of the club team for which the player normally plays have been completed.

10) Appeals

1. All appeals on decisions of the CRL or the Judicial Committee shall be heard by the Zone Appeals Committee.
2. Any appeal of any decision made in the first instance by the CRL or the Judicial Committee shall be in writing, on the Club's letterhead, and be accompanied by an administration fee of \$1,000. It should set out clearly the grounds of the appeal and the argument supporting those grounds. Should the appeal be denied, the fee is non-refundable. Any player who appeals a CRL's or Judicial Committee decision which involves a period of suspension, shall be suspended until such time as the appeal has been heard and adjudication determined.
3. Any appeal must be lodged with the Zone General Manager no later than 10 days from the time of the original decision being advised to the parties concerned.

11) Finance

1. Competition Fees and Affiliation Fees. Competition and affiliation fees are payable each year and payment shall be as follows:

Competition Fees:

- a. Competition fees will be payable and due by the last business day of May of that year.
- b. Any club who pays the total amount due by the last business day in April will be entitled to a 5% discount (including GST)"
- c. Any club failing to make payment of the total amount due by 20 June shall be automatically disqualified from taking part in any further matches until payment is made in full.

Affiliation Fees (per player fee):

- a. Affiliation fees will be payable and due by the last business day of July of that year
- b. Any club failing to make payment of the total amount due by 20 August or the Grand Final series (whichever falls first) shall be automatically disqualified from taking part in any further matches until payment is made in full.
2. Any monies remitted to the CRL shall be applied in payment of the oldest debt to the CRL.
3. The Board shall have the power to charge penalty interest on outstanding accounts.
4. Any club entitled to monies payable by the CRL will be held until that club is fully financial to CRL.

12) Changing Shed

1. Any Canterbury Park changing shed not adequately cleaned by the Team Officials responsible shall result in the Club or Affiliate being fined a sum of \$100.00.
2. The decision of the CRL shall be final.

13) Team Travelling

1. Where a team wishes to travel outside Canterbury, whether or not to play a game, written application must be made to the CRL for permission and approval.
2. The Team Manager must submit a written report on the trip within fourteen days of the team's return.
3. All teams wishing to travel outside of Canterbury are to deposit a security bond of \$300 with the CRL.
4. Any team known and proven to have travelled without CRL permission will be fined the sum of \$300.00 and the Club or Affiliate a similar sum.

14) Club Colours

1. Each team playing in Canterbury Rugby League competitions will play in the colours registered to their Club
2. Only one set of colours per club will be permitted.
3. CRL will keep a register of authorised club colours, as supplied by the Club. The register will be available to all Clubs and will be added as an appendix to the CRL By-Laws (Appendix C)
4. Any alteration to Club colours or design must be sanctioned by CRL.
5. In the event of a clash of colours in a senior match, the team travelling away must change their playing shirts – in the event of the away team not complying, a fine of \$100 will be imposed. If the referee, in his opinion, cannot officiate owing to the clash of colours, the away team will also forfeit the game.

15) NZRL Concussion/Head Injury Policy

All clubs, team and players must abide by the concussion guidelines set by the NZRL these can be found on the NZRL and CRL websites

Appendix C – Club Colours

Addington Magpies - white/black
 Aranui Eagles - navy blue/sky blue/white/red
 Ashburton Barbarians - green/red
 Burnham Chevaliers - maroon/blue
 Celebration Lions - purple/yellow/white
 Halswell Hornets - red/black/gold
 Hornby Panthers - black/white
 Linwood Keas - green/black/red/white

Marist Western Suburbs Saints - green/gold
 Northern Bulldogs - blue/white
 Papanui Tigers - orange/black/white
 Riccarton Knights - red/black/white
 Shirley Hawks - cambridge blue/black/gold
 Sydenham Swans - red/royal blue/white
 Woolston Rams - blue/gold

Appendix D

Schedule illustrating Automatic Suspension for players or team officials ordered from field of play

Offence	Matches Suspended	
	Grade 1	Grade 2
Tripping	3	1
Kicking	6	3
Striking	3	1
Intentional High Tackle	8	
Reckless Tackle	6	3
Careless Tackle	2	1
Dropping Knees	6	3
Dangerous Throw	6	3
Persistent Law Breaking	2	1
Offensive or intimidating language towards match officials	6	
Dissent towards match official	4	2
Re-entering Play	6	
Dangerous Conduct	4	2
Grass cutting		
Contrary Conduct	refer to Judiciary	refer to Judiciary

GRADES

Grade 1 – offences are those incidents of foul play deemed by Canterbury Rugby League to be deliberate or reckless in nature.

Grade 2 – offences are those incidents of foul play deemed by Canterbury Rugby League to be careless in nature but sufficiently serious in the context of the match to warrant dismissal from the field of play.

NOTES

1. The grading of the offence shall be at the sole discretion of Canterbury Rugby League management based on information provided by match officials and by any other supporting material lodged within the two working day time
2. Any offences deemed to constitute contrary conduct shall be referred by Canterbury Rugby League management direct to a hearing before the Canterbury Rugby League judiciary for determination. Any player or team official facing such an allegation shall have the right to attend such a judiciary hearing and present evidence and/or submissions on his or her behalf as to culpability or mitigation.
3. Any player or team official who is ordered from the field of play for an offence listed in the schedule shall be entitled to request a hearing of the Canterbury Rugby League judiciary to dispute culpability only. If the player or team official establishes to the comfortable satisfaction of the Canterbury Rugby League judiciary that he or she is not guilty of the alleged offence that resulted in his or her ordering from the field, the Canterbury Rugby League judiciary shall have the ability to rescind the ordering off and quash the applicable automatic suspension. Likewise should the judicial panel deem the original penalty as insufficient it has the right to impose further penalties as deemed appropriate.
4. Any player or team official who wishes to appeal a decision of the Canterbury Rugby League management or judiciary is bound by the constitutional requirements of the New Zealand Rugby League Southern Zone.
5. Any player sent to the sin bin on three (3) occasions during one season shall automatically be suspended for the two (2) competition matches immediately following the match in which he or she incurred his or her third sin bin.
6. The club of any player or team official who is ordered from the field of play shall pay a fine of \$30.00 for each match of the automatic suspension period imposed for the offence. Such a fine is paid by the club before the player or team official is eligible to play or participate in any subsequent competition match.