

# Amendments to the Canterbury Rugby League

## By-Laws for the 2018 season.

### Summary Change Document

Reference Area	Page	Change
Overall document	3-27	Grammar, Spelling and Formatting
1. By Law Object	3	Agreed to incorporate from 2017 By Laws
2. By Law Review	3	Agreed process for the amendment of By Laws on a yearly basis.
3. Definitions	4	<b>Appointed Referee</b> – shall mean a Canterbury Rugby League referee appointed to officiate a rugby league match by CRL <i>CRL replaces Referee Committee</i>
	4	<b>Bring the game into Discredit</b> amended to <b>Bringing The Game Into Disrepute</b> , <i>CRL believe that they were asked to change it to Discredit following a judicial matter, however, Club Delegates &amp; Board Member Andrew McCormack feel that Disrepute is the correct terminology</i>
	4	<b>Club Delegate</b> – shall mean the President or other club representative notified to CRL in writing from the Club Secretary to represent the Club at the President / Delegates meeting. <i>This is a recommendation for a new Definition. There is no process for club delegate notification under the present system. A club can send anyone of their members to these meeting</i>
	4	<b>Be a Sport Champion</b> replaces Fair Player Marshall
	4	<b>Football Committee</b> definition amended to change the authority of the Football Committee from <b>binding to</b> non-binding and being therefore subject to appeal. The CRL Board have added that they have the authority to make decisions on disciplinary matters relating to automatic suspensions.
	5	<b>LeagueNet</b> replaces NZRL online registration system
	5	<b>Out of order player</b> – further clarification: any player deemed medically unfit to play rugby league for any medical reason.
	5	<b>Player Misconduct</b> – further clarification: shall mean a player who has breached the CRL code of conduct, NZRL Policy and Rules of the Game, Southern Zone Rules and Regulation or CRL Regulations and By-Laws
4. Registration of Members	7	12. d) Any identification verified by a government agency using a certified copy of ID listed above. <i>Approval is requested for and additional identification document.</i>
	7	16 c-e) Clubs agreed that fines should be involved but it

		should be standard or a scale provided to degrees of severity
	7	16 f) Any Team Official found to allow an Out of Order player to play in a team under their responsibility will have the matter referred to the Football Committee or Judicial committee for possible further action. <i>This clause relates to Clubs and teams who deliberately play Out of order players i.e. Both Halswell and Riccarton made an agreement prior to a final to play players who did not qualify and were Out of Order.</i>
	8	20. Noted that registration of new players is open all year.
Transfers/Clearances	8	24 b) Clubs agreed to a separate 3 in and 3 out rule for Women to recognise how this grade has developed.
	8	24 c) Junior players (aged 17 years or younger) and players transferring in or out of a Club not affiliated to CRL are exempt from the above player transfer restrictions. <i>This section has been reworded slightly to reflect that this applies to transfers between Clubs affiliated with CRL only.</i>
Grade Eligibility	10	39. NZRL protocol allows for age grade player to play up a maximum of 2 years above their age, but they cannot play down <i>This by-law is being introduced to protect the welfare and wellbeing of age grade players.</i>
	10	44. d) A Premier Club not meeting the criteria stated in the paragraphs above may make written application to CRL for 12-month dispensation and exemption from one or all of these paragraphs. This application must include a plan defining strategies the Club will implement to meet the criteria within the 12 month period. If CRL grants an exemption this will be for a maximum period of 12 months.  <i>Clubs discussed criteria for the minimum number of players for Premier status this has been referred to the Football Committee for further review. As an interim Clubs agreed to criteria allowing a Club a 12-month reprieve from the player number criteria to allow them to implement a strategy to build senior numbers and not lose their Premier status.</i>
	11	Agreed to incorporate the 2017 Transgender requirements.
Grand Finals Eligibility	12	50. The original wording for this section has been retained despite discussion around wanting to restrict higher graded players from playing down in a lower grade. There are concerns that a Club may decide to drop an entire premier team into Canterbury Cup, however this require further discussion in order to reflect the correct intent.
	12	53. A player who requires a clearance in order to play does not qualify for a dispensation for the grand finals series. <i>This paragraph is being recommended to further clarify eligibility to play in the Grand Final Series.</i>
	12	55 Clubs may forward their team lists to CRL to be checked prior to a Grand Final to validate eligibility, requests must be received no later than 4 pm two days before the match the

		<p>players have been selected to play in. Clubs will remain responsible for ensuring all players listed on team cards, for any CRL match, meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p><i>The wording has been changed to reflect that Clubs no longer have to submit their team lists to CRL for checking prior to a match, to reflect the information being available online, however Clubs are welcome to check if they are not sure.</i></p>
Grand Finals Rules	12	<p>56. No Club team or Affiliate team shall be permitted to participate in any game of the Grand Final Series unless that Club is completely financial with CRL, 7 days prior to the commencement date of the Grand Final Series</p> <p><i>Changed team to Club being financial as we don't issue team specific invoices very often</i></p>
	12	<p>60. Grades offered by CRL shall be: Men's and Women's Premier, Canterbury Cup, Division 1, 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</p> <p><i>The words 'provided for' changed to <b>offered</b> as it will come down to team entries as to whether the grades will go ahead</i></p>
Competitions	13	<p>61. By entering any a team into a CRL competition each Club agrees to abide by the NZRL laws of the game and code of conduct, Southern Zone rules and regulations and CRL Code of Conduct, CRL By-Laws and CRL Regulations.</p> <p><i>Additional clause clarifying criteria under which a Club enters a competition.</i></p>
Presidents Grade	16	<p>83. Player transfer restrictions for the Presidents Grade</p> <p>a) The Presidents grade shall have a separate 3 in 3 out quota from other affiliated CRL Clubs.</p> <p>b) Once a player transfers to the Presidents Grade at another Club they are can only play Presidents Grade for the remainder of the season in which the transfer was approved.</p> <p><i>This ruling is in recognition of the rules specific to the Presidents Grade for player transfers previously referred to under the Transfers/Clearances section of the 2016 By-Laws.</i></p>
Coaching Qualifications	19	<p>108. NZRL regulations state all coaches must hold a current first aid certificate. In order for Coaches, managers and trainers to hold a position in a team they must hold an applicable NZRL accredited certificate</p> <p><i>This is a new NZRL ruling that is being introduced in 2018.</i></p>
Club Colours	20	<p>117. Clubs may make an application to CRL during the season, for a special event, to wear an alternative Colour or design of the shirt. An application must be made 21 days prior to the event in which the alternative jersey will be worn and requires approval from CRL before the event.</p> <p><i>Club Delegates are requesting the addition of a clause allowing Clubs to apply to wear an alternative Club strip for special occasions.</i></p>
Representative	20	<p>121. Added clarity around eligibility to be a representative player.</p>
	20	<p>129. This clause was in the 2016 By Laws under the</p>

		Competition Points section. It has been removed to the Representative section of these By-Laws however it's true purpose is unknown.
Protest	21	This section was originally called Protests and Challenges. A protest relates generally to the eligibility of a player or the result of a match. A challenge relates to discipline and reference to being able to challenge a charge is now included in the Judicial and Disciplinary manual.
Appeals	22	157. CRL have on behalf of Club Delegates have formally asked Southern Zone to review the \$1,000 appeal fee. This is currently sitting with the Southern Zone for consideration.
Health & Safety	24	Agreed to incorporate from the 2017 By Laws
Banned Substances	24	Legal requirement to include in By Laws
Appendix C	27	Fine sanction structure requested as a guide by Club Delegates.