



## CANTERBURY RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB SAFETY PLAN 2025

One of the objectives for CRL in conjunction with the clubs, is to provide a safe, healthy, and enjoyable experience for our community at all levels of the game. Safety is the first step towards what we believe is a brighter future for rugby league in Canterbury.

### ALL GAMES IN WOMEN'S & MEN'S GRADES (INCLUDING PRESIDENTS)

#### Field Expectations

1. The field is to be roped fully to a minimum of 2m from the dead ball line, 3m where possible and a minimum of 5m from the side-line. It is understood by CRL that at some grounds the minimums will be difficult to achieve however the expectation is that those clubs will do their utmost to ensure that ropes are placed back as far as practically possible.
2. Both teams substitute boxes are to be on the same side of the field either side of the halfway line. As per the CRL Sideline Safety Policy.
3. For matches that have a match manager appointed a match manager table needs to be set up in between the two substitution boxes with a minimum of two chairs.
4. In between the two substitution boxes of all games the Whitehead Plumbing & Gas teardrop flag provided by CRL and Whitehead Plumbing & Gas must be placed.
5. Both teams' benches should be as far back to the ropes as possible.
6. Goal post pads, flags, and field markings are in place.
7. Ensure that Be A Sport sandwich boards are displayed

#### Team Officials

1. **ALL** team officials and substitutes need to be wearing an identifying vest when within the designated area. Individuals not wearing a vest may be removed from the area.
2. Team officials i.e., coaches, managers, trainers, subs to remain within the designated team area and not wander the side-line. Trainers to enter the field from and return directly to the designated area. **There is to be a maximum of 10 in the designated area i.e., 4 players, Coach, Team Manager, Assistant Coach, Trainers x3**). If your team is not following this rule, the first person being asked to leave the roped area will be the Head Coach.

#### CRL Sideline Behaviour Management Process

<https://canterburyrugbyleague.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Sideline-Behaviour-Clubs-Doc.pdf>

1. Clubs to nominate Be A Sport (BAS) Team Champions (Premier home teams x 2, away teams x1, Premier Bs x1 each). Please see recommendations below.
2. All clubs are to adhere to the NZRL Be a Sport programme. They must be placed on opposite sides of the field to wander among the spectators to ensure no alcohol, drugs or offensive behaviour is being used.
3. Clubs to place Be a Sport sandwich boards on each field prior to match(es).

4. 15 minutes prior to kick off, Team Champions meet the BAS Manager (Match Manager) at the Match Manager table to discuss responsibilities and expectations.
5. In an instance where clubs have not appointed a Team Champion, the match shall not commence.
6. During the game the BAS process along with CRL's Safety Plan is in action.

#### **Alcohol Restrictions**

1. All Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Players, Team Officials, Club Executives, Club Volunteers, and Club Members must comply with the Alcohol Liquor Bylaws as directed by local council. Any person(s) breaching these Bylaws may be referred to the Disciplinary and Judicial process and/or incur a fine as set by CRL or the Disciplinary / Judicial Committee.
2. This policy applies to all Canterbury Rugby League Clubs utilising Christchurch City Council parks and grounds, their players, members, and spectators.
3. Alcohol Ban Bylaw Christchurch City Council (CCC) grounds. Reference CNCL/2020/00029 – 12 March 2020.

#### **Match Manager (where appointed)**

1. The match manager and the match officials are to meet prior to kick off to ensure that all the above criteria have been met and sign off on it.
2. Match manager and match officials to meet at the end of the match to discuss any issues. Any issues are to be reported in writing via email to CRL.
3. Should games be played at a neutral grounds CRL will advise as to who is responsible to ensuring criteria is met.