



CRL Sideline Behaviour Management Process

1. CRL to implement [NZRL Be a Sport Just Support Process](#) for all Men's Premier and Premier Reserves games.
2. Clubs to nominate BAS Team Champions (Premier home teams x 2, away teams x1, Premier Bs x1 each). Please see recommendations below.
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.

Escalating Inappropriate Behaviour

- Escalating inappropriate behaviour includes but is not limited to; repetitive verbal abuse targeted towards a match official. Verbal abuse is use of words to assault, dominate, ridicule, manipulate, and/or degrade another person and negatively impact that person's psychological health.
- In instances of escalating inappropriate behaviour (BAS Step 4 – 6), a referee may choose to call time off during the match to inform the BAS Manager (Match Manager) of any sideline behaviour issues.
- Likewise, to above, in instances of escalating inappropriate behaviour (BAS Step 4 – 6) a BAS Manager (Match Manager) may choose to get the attention of a referee to call time off during the match to address any sideline behaviour issues.
- If inappropriate sideline behaviour continues, the BAS Manager (Match Manager) and referee will discuss with each team's coach and captain any final measures and determine whether the game will continue.

Recommendations

- CRL recommend, where possible, clubs to allocate one female Team Champion and one male Team Champion for premier home games.
- Clubs to identify members that will consistently uphold Team Champion roles and responsibilities as identified on page 2 of [NZRL Be a Sport Just Support Process](#).
- Clubs to select Team Champions that are regularly in attendance for their games. This will help uphold the responsibilities and expectations of the Team Champion.

Appendix

- A. [NZRL Be a Sport Just Support Process](#)
- B. [Canterbury Rugby League Safety Plan](#)