



## **MANLY / NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE**

### **2012 JOINT COMPETITION RULES**

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## INTRODUCTION

These rules have been implemented to ensure the effective administration of all joint competition games between teams from the Manly and North Sydney Junior Rugby Leagues, at all times acknowledging the need to preserve the history and identity of both Leagues.

- (a) All games are under the control of the Manly and North Sydney Junior Rugby Leagues.
- (b) All games are played under the 'National Code of Conduct' and are conducted under the auspices of the NSWRL and are bound by the rules and policies of the NSWRL.
- (c) Any situation not specifically addressed will be addressed according to the Rules of the NSWRL
- (d) These rules will apply for the duration of all joint competitions but will revert back to the respective district rules for semi-finals series if semi-finals are split.
- (e) Joint competitions will be conducted in the Under 13's, Under 14's, Under 15's, Under 16's, Under 17's, Under 19's, A2's, A Reserves and A Grade.
- (f) By playing in the joint competition, all Clubs, teams, players and officials agree to be bound by the rules. Clubs also acknowledge their responsibility towards the Code of Conduct and the behaviour of their spectators.

## 1. Joint Competition and NSWRL

- (a) The Joint Manly and North Sydney Committee will be responsible for administering the Joint Competitions. The NSWRL will appoint a person who will act as an arbitrator in the case of disputes.
- (b) Each District will have two delegates to the joint committee with the Presidents of Manly and North Sydney Junior League as ex officio members of the Committee.

## 2. Registrations

- (a) Manly and North Sydney Junior Leagues will be responsible for registering playing into teams within their own district.
- (b) The following rules apply for both Districts:
  - i) Registration form signed by player and parent if under 18. Form to be signed by player only if over 18.
  - ii) Original proof of birth for all players under 19 and below must be birth certificate, passport or drivers license.
  - iii) Drivers license or similar proof of identification for players over 19.
  - iv) Players signature on card or registration sheet.

- v) Clearance processed through the National Data Base if the player has played rugby league previously.
- (c) A player in an age competition may be registered on the day of the game by presenting a photo, an original birth certificate or passport and his details to the Ground Manager at the ground. The Ground Manager will make note of this registration on the sign on sheet and sign the players photo and the Club has to effect the proper registration with their district under the rules applying to that District. A player may register for an A or A2 grade team the same way by presenting his drivers licence, passport or similar photo ID to the Ground Manager on the day of the game. The opposition team manager will be made aware of any registrations under this rule. Penalties will be imposed if proper registration is not complied with which could involve loss of points. Any infringements will be referred to the Joint Committee.
- (d) No clearances will be accepted after 30<sup>th</sup> June. If a player wishes to transfer from one team to another in the Joint Competition after he has played a match, he must submit a clearance request and appear before the Joint Committee before 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- (e) Members of any team withdrawn from a competition must submit a clearance request and their reasons in writing for seeking the clearance to the Joint Committee for determination.
- (f) Any player that is playing in Bundaberg Cup, NSW Cup or NYC and wishes to play in the Joint Competition must have a portability agreement in place between their Club and the NSWRL and the relevant District Club, e.g. Manly or North Sydney (as per NSWRL Rules). Such player must have a dual registration.
- (g) The number of registered players in 'A, AR, A2, U19, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13 will be unlimited.
- (h) No player up to age Under 16 will be permitted to play in a team more than two (2) grades above their natural age without the sanction of the NSWRL. Once a player has turned 17 he may play in any grade higher.
- (i) The Joint Committee may ask Clubs and teams to provide original proof of age during the season.
- (j) Defaulters – a Club or affiliate does have the right to list a player as a defaulter if the member has not repaid a loan or has not returned gear or equipment that is deemed to be the properties of that Club or affiliate. Any Club or affiliate that sets or establishes membership fees, those are effectively the responsibility of that Club or affiliate. When a player registers with a Club, he is deemed to be a member and if he or she fails to pay their fees, recovery of outstanding fees rests with that Club or affiliate. Outstanding fees cannot be used as a means to claim that a player is a defaulter.

### 3. Team Colours

- (a) When team colours clash, the Club who is the 'away' team will arrange to play in a different set of jerseys.

## 4. Times of Play

- (a) Times of play will be as follows:

<b>A, AR and A2</b>	35 minutes each way	10 minutes half time
<b>U19, U17, U16, U15</b>	30 minutes each way	10 minutes half time
<b>U14, U13</b>	25 minutes each way	10 minutes half time



- (b) No time off will be taken in games with the exception of the A1 grade when it is the last game of the day and in semi-finals for all grades.

## 5. Procedures for Games Delayed Due to Injury

### Normal Procedures

- (a) No time off except for A1 Grade where it is the last game of the day.  
(b) Maximum 10 minutes half time.

### Extraordinary Situations

The following rules apply where a game is delayed for an extended time due to injury.

- (a) If at the selected finishing time, the second half has not commenced then the game is to be replayed at a later date.  
(b) If at the scheduled finishing time of the game, the game is into the second half, then the timekeepers are to signal time and the score at this time will remain as the final result.  
(c) Should a game be unable to commence at the scheduled time due to an injury in a previous match, do not start the clock. In this situation the Ground Manager should  
(d) If fully allocated times can be allowed for following games such that they may be played and completed before 5.00pm, rearrange starting times, inform teams and play all games.  
(e) If there is insufficient time, play the game(s) under reduced times (equal in each half).  
Minimum acceptable times are:

<b>U13 to U15</b>	15 minutes per half	5 minutes half time
<b>U16 to U19</b>	20 minutes per half	5 minutes half time
<b>A2 to A Grade</b>	25 minutes per half	5 minutes half time

- (f) In all cases, refer back to the Junior League Secretary / Administrator and competition coordinator.  
(g) Should this not be workable the match will be deferred.

### Finals

- (h) For grades U13 and above, in semi finals, finals and grand finals, in the event of a draw at full time, an extra ten (10) minutes each way is to be played. If the scores remain tied at the end of this extra time, then a break of five (5) minutes will be allowed before the players retake the

field for another ten (10) minutes each way, whereupon the game will immediately end when either of the teams score (Golden Point). The team scoring first in this period shall be declared the winner.

- (i) In the event of scores being drawn after playing Golden Point time, the match will be replayed at a time and venue to be decided by the Manly / Norths Joint Committee. Grand Finals will not be replayed in any grades up to and including U15 years age groups and in this circumstance both teams will be declared joint premiers.

## 6. Competitions

- (a) Joint competitions will be played in grades U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U19, A2, AR and A Grade. Grades (other than mini and mod) may be introduced by the Joint Committee. U13, U14 and U15's will be played under the National Safe Play Code. The U13 and U14 competitions will be played under the 5 metre rule as per the direction of the NSWRL.
- (b) The Joint Committee will set a closing date for all team nominations and will then determine the format of the competitions. This format will include a home and away policy as best as it can be for all grades.
- (c) Requests for deferment of games must be presented to the Joint Committee at least four (4) days prior to the scheduled playing time.
- (d) After the completion of the competition rounds, semi finals will be held as determined by the Joint Committee. In grades U13 to U16 semi finals will revert back to Manly and North Sydney Districts where numbers permit. In grades U17 to U19, unless there are exceptional circumstances the semi finals will be joint. In A, AR and A2 grades, the top 5 will play in joint semi finals.
- (e) Where competitions have ten (10) or more teams, one full rounds must be played with split rounds drawn at the commencement of the season.
- (f) Should any age group have A and B divisions, teams may be promoted or relegated between divisions at the discretion of the Joint Committee and teams will keep whatever competition points they have at that time.
- (g) In each competition, teams must play all other teams at least once before the semi finals.
- (h) Full interchange rules will apply up to twenty (20) players in all games in all combined competitions from U13 – AR and A2 Grade. A Grade will only have four (4) interchange players who may interchange an unlimited number of times.
- (i) A bye in any series shall count as a win and two (2) points will be awarded. A bye does not count as a game played for qualification purposes.

### Semi Finals

- (j) All grades will play five (5) team semi finals over four weeks where numbers permit. The final make up of the semi finals series is at the discretion of the Joint Committee and will be dependant on the number of weeks available.

- (k) If at the completion of the competition rounds two or more teams are equal in competition points then, for the purpose of determining the placement of teams for the semi finals series, the teams 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 that team during the competition rounds with the team with the greater difference being ranked ahead of the team with the lesser number. In the event of the difference being equal, then the relative positions will be determined by ascertaining the relationship between points scored for and against as a percentage, with the team with the higher percentage being ranked ahead of the team with the lower percentage.
- (l) If before or after the application of the above procedure two or more teams are equal in competition points for the final semi final position, then those two teams shall take part in a play off or a series of play offs to determine the team to take part in the final series.

- (m) Where three teams are tied, the order of play offs shall be:

**Match A**        Team 2 v Team 3  
**Match B**        Team 1 v winner of **Match A**  
The winner of **Match B** shall take the final position

- (n) Where four teams are tied, the order of play offs shall be:

**Match A**        Team 1 v Team 3  
**Match B**        Team 2 v Team 4  
**Match C**        Winner of **Match A** v Winner of **Match B**  
The winner of **Match C** shall take the final position

- (o) If more than four teams tie for the final position, the Joint Committee shall determine the method of play offs.
- (p) Points for and against are to be taken into account for all games. If a team withdraws from the competition and has not played every other team causing a bye then an average of the withdrawing teams points for and against will be added to every team who has the bye caused by this withdrawal. Matches won or lost on forfeit – an average of points for and against from the forfeiting team will be added to the non-forfeiting team at the end of the season. The forfeiting team will have the same done to their points.

- (q) Finals:

**Semi Final** – First has a bye, second plays third, fourth plays fifth  
**Major Semi** – First plays winner of two and three and advance to Grand Final. Loser to Final.  
**Minor Semi** – Loser of two and three plays winner of four and five to advance to Final.  
Winner of Final and winner of the Major Semi Final play in the **Grand Final**

- (r) Venues for Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals shall be determined by relative positions on the table, i.e.:

**Preliminary Semi Final (2v3) and Elimination Semi Final (4v5)** – venues are home District of teams 2 and 4  
**Minor Semi Final** – venue is home District of the loser of Preliminary Semi Final (2v3)  
**Major Semi Final** – venue is home District of the team leading the point score at the end of the competition proper

**Final** – venue is home District of the loser of the Major Semi Final. Venue to be at Brookvale Oval, if Brookvale Oval is not available then a neutral venue in the Home District of the loser of the Major Semi-Final will be selected as the venue.

**Grand Final** – venue is home District of the winner of the Major Semi Final. Except for the A Grades: - A Grade and AR Grade to be played in Manly District (Brookvale Oval if available) and A2 Grade in North Sydney District (North Sydney Oval if available).

**The Competition Director has the authority to allocate venues for U13 to U19 grades and will ensure that Grand Finals will be held in Manly or North Sydney District as appropriate.**

- (s) All venues are at the discretion of the Joint Committee. Games could be played at night depending on ground availability.

#### **Referees**

- (t) The home District shall have the right to appoint the referees for Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals under the same rule as applies to the venues with the exception of the A, AR and A2 competitions. Manly will appoint referees to the A and AR Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals and North Sydney will appoint referees for the A2 Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals. If there is no A2 competition then discussion must take place before the season commences between the two Referee Associations to enable a fair balance of end of season games.


#### **A, AR and A2 Grand Finals**

- (u) It is acknowledged that Manly Junior League will host the A and AR grade Grand Finals. It is acknowledged that North Sydney Junior League will host the A2 Grand Final if that competition takes place.

### **7. Ground Committee**

- (a) All games to be played each season as determined by the Joint Committee or their delegates.
- (b) Full rounds postponed will be played if it has not been played previously. Postponed rounds under this directive will be played as directed by the Joint Committee or their delegates.
- (c) Under normal circumstances game times and venue will not be altered after being published. If Clubs request a change, such change will only go ahead if both teams and the referees agree. This change must be authorised by the Joint Committee or their delegates.

### **8. Forfeits**

-  (a) Forfeits must be notified to your District Secretary by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the weekend match. Any forfeit in A or A2 grade after this time will attract a \$400 fine payable by cheque to the oppositions District before the next competition round. Failure to do so will preclude the team from participation until this fine is paid. The fine will be forwarded on to the non-forfeiting Club.
- (b) The minimum allowable number of players fielded by a team (inclusive of players sinbinned) shall be nine (9). Should there be less than this number of players available, the match will be forfeited. Should a team take the field with less than the full complement of players, it shall be deemed to have forfeited should the numbers of players be reduced to less than the minimum required during normal playing time and the game shall be terminated.

- (c) Teams who forfeit in the last four rounds of the Competition and are Semi Final contenders must show cause to the Joint Committee as to why they might be allowed to participate in the Semi Final series.
- (d) The Joint Committee shall have full powers to rule ineligible any team considered to be acting in a manner detrimental to the proper conduct of the Joint Competition.
- (e) A team receiving a forfeit may submit a sign on sheet on the day of the game or within nine (9) days to the registrar of their District. The sign on sheet will have a full team list and will count as a game played for player qualifications.
- (f) Clubs cannot play in the AR grade game and then forfeit the A Grade game. If that situation arises then both games are forfeited and fines will apply.

#### **Claiming Time**

- (g) A team shall be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes without any prior confirmation before a forfeit shall be called. The 15 minutes shall commence at the scheduled starting time. The remaining time shall be split into equal halves. The duration of the match shall be then determined by the Ground Manager and both captains will be advised. An example is, if a team claims 10 minutes then each half will be reduced by 5 minutes. The following fixture must start at the scheduled time. This applies to grades U13 to A Grade. Exceptional circumstances may be taken into consideration after consultation with the Ground Manager and a delegate from the Joint Committee.

### **9. Ground Managers**

- (a) Ground Managers will be responsible for setting up grounds for play and arranging an appropriate table for sign on sheets, records and timekeepers. They are also responsible for the following:
  - i) Make sure the grounds are correctly roped off and safe to play on
  - ii) Ensure time keepers are at the table
  - iii) Undertake crowd control – keep spectators behind the ropes, report foul and / or abusive language as per the National Code of Conduct. The Ground Manager has the power to ask the referee to stop any fixture (game).
  - iv) Ensure no alcohol shall be available from canteens or other Club outlets to the public during Saturday competitions
  - v) Ensure all reserves sit at their bench
  - vi) Ensure trainers and other team officials stay in their area
  - vii) Witness or instruct proper procedure for sign on of teams
  - viii) Ensure that there is no excessive barracking inside the ropes

- ix) Sports trainers or qualified First Aid Officers (including Red Cross, St Johns or Registered Nurse) must be present at all games. These people must be easily identified.
- (b) A team representative must sit at the table during their teams games.
- (c) In finals, District Officials are responsible.

## 10. Player Signing On and Photo Identification

- (a) All Clubs must use the District sign on sheets provided. Team Managers are to ensure sign on sheets are available.
- (b) Photo identification check and signing on of teams must be witnessed and approved by opposing manager or their nominee and signed as correct by the Manager or Junior League Official at the Officials Table, or as directed by the Manly North Joint Committee prior to the commencement of the match, and must be available for inspection by the appropriate Junior League Registrar at the first duly constituted appropriate Junior League meeting following the playing of the match. Failure to observe this condition may lead to loss of points at the discretion of the Manly Norths Joint Committee.
- (c) If photo ID cards are not available then the teams master Junior League registration sheet with players signatures must be sighted and checked with the sign on sheet.

## 11. Collection of Sheets and Game Results

### Game Results

- (a) Ground Managers, or a Club representative must email / phone or sms all game results from games played at their ovals to the following Junior League Officials before 7.00pm on Saturday and Sunday after the games are played:

#### **Manly District**

Email: manlyjuniorsresults@hotmail.com

#### **North Sydney District**

Email: nichokev@optusnet.com.au and kevin.nicholls@norths.com.au

Mobile: 0412 405 881

### A Grade Sheets

- (b) Asquith and Berowra A Grade Sheets must be scanned and emailed to Manly and North Sydney by Sunday evening. These sheets will have the referees points for the Cliff Lyons medal on them.
- (c) The results of games will be exchanged between Manly and North Sydney by Monday morning at 10.00am.

### **Sign on Sheets**

- (d) The sign on sheets for all games will be collected by the relevant ground managers / club representatives and will be delivered to that Districts collection point. Sheets will then be scanned or posted to the other district every two weeks so that signature and registration checks may be made.
- (e) A player who takes part in a match for a higher age group must state their registered age group on the sign on sheet i.e. U14 registered player playing up in the U15 must state on the U15 sign on sheet that he is an U14 player.

## **12. Players Dismissed From the Field**

- (a) With the exception of players in the U13 and U14 all players dismissed from the field will appear before the Judiciary in the District they were dismissed.
- (b) Judiciary times will be as follows:  
  

<b>Manly</b>	Tuesday 6.30pm
<b>North Sydney</b>	Tuesday, time TBA
- (c) For players in the U13 and U14 the referee is to supply a full report to the Junior League where the game was held. This report will then be dealt with under the districts judiciary procedures.

## **13. Code of Conduct**

- (a) All persons attending matches controlled by the Manly and North Sydney Junior Leagues do so with the permission and license of the Leagues and not otherwise.
- (b) All players, coaches, managers, trainers, members (supporters), officials, Clubs and their officials and members (supporters), shall be bound by and comply with the Code of Conduct to be laid down by the Leagues from time to time.
- (c) Any person / team cited under the National Code of Conduct will be referred to the District that hosted the game. If the District refers the matter to go before a disciplinary hearing then the district that the alleged offender comes from may be invited to have a Junior League District Representative as part of the panel hearing the case.
- (d) A complaint under the National Code of Conduct may also be made in writing to the Manly Junior League President or the North Sydney Junior League Administrator by 5.00pm on the Monday directly following the game. Such complaint will outline the offence and include all written evidence. If video evidence is available a full copy of the entire incident must be made available. Any complaints will be referred to the district where the game was held.

### **Indecent Songs**

- (e) If a team sings a song with indecent or abusive language or racial or other discriminatory references every player in the team who has signed the sign on sheet for that game will be



held responsible and any action taken will involve all those players unless there are extenuating or acceptable evidence which clearly indicates a certain player was not involved.

- (f) Any complaint must be received by the Manly Junior League President or the North Sydney Junior League Administrator by 5.00pm on the Monday following the match. The Club Secretary from the offending Club will be advised and asked for an investigation and submit a report within 48 hours.
- (g) Any person who fails to provide information upon request may be suspended.
- (h) Any person who makes a complaint that is found to be groundless or frivolous may be charged with misconduct.
- (i) The relevant Junior League Sub-Committee will adjudicate on the complaint and may impose the following penalties:
  - i) The Team may be deducted competition points
  - ii) The team may be suspended for four (4) competition matches
  - iii) If in a final series, the match may be awarded to the opposing team
  - iv) In addition to the above penalty, all players convicted may be placed on probation for a period of 12 months
  - v) Any other action that they feel appropriate including fining the Club
  - vi) A second conviction in the same season may result in additional penalty of the team being withdrawn or suspended from the Competition.

## 15. Gate Sheets

- (a) Where matches are scheduled for enclosed grounds and an entry fee is charged, players from the competing teams and a reasonable number of officials will be admitted free to the ground.

## 16. Ball Kids

- (a) Ball kids are under the control of the Ground Manager whilst the game is in progress.

## 17. Football Boots and Kicking Tees

- (a) All approved types of football boots and studs are permissible. However, Referees or Touch Judges shall check boots before each match. If deemed unsuitable by the Referee or Touch Judge the boots or studs must be repaired to the satisfaction of the Referee or Touch Judge, or they shall not be worn during the match.





- (b) Kicking tees must be approved by the NSWRL and be safe, soft and pliable. Tees must be immediately removed after a kick off or penalty attempt by a trainer only. The ball kid may remove the tee after a conversion attempt. Ground Managers may grant concessions to teams struggling to comply with the above rules.

## 18. Finals Series Qualification

- (a) The eligibility of a player to participate in any match included in the Final Series will be determined on the basis of their playing record at the conclusion of the round of the Competition.
- (b) Prior to a player being permitted to take part in the semi final series, they must have played in at least three (3) competition matches in this League during the current season as a registered player and must be fully registered players for their Club. These games are to be played in three separate competition series, not held on the same day.
- (c) Where a washed out series has affected a players eligibility to qualify for the semi finals series then the following criteria shall apply:
  - i) 'As long as a player can prove registration was effected prior to the third last series of the season and that two games have been played in separate series and that the players was registered before the wash out then that player will be eligible to play in the semi finals series'. A signed team sheet has to be submitted to the registrar of the Clubs District within nine (9) days.
- (d) A player (U13 to U19) who plays in higher grades must have played 50% of his games in the lower grade to be eligible for that grade in the semi final series. A player may play up in the semi final series as long as he has qualified in a lower grade.

### A and AR Grade

- (e) Clubs with teams in both A and AR must submit a list of five (5) players prior to series 1 who cannot play in AR.
- (f) The Joint Committee with assistance from the A Grade Committee will investigate any complaints of abuse of the above rule and may make a ruling of all players eligibility to play in AR. The Joint Committee can review all players in A and AR for eligibility for the respective grades. The expectation is that the five (5) players nominated are high standard players who will play throughout the season.
- (g) For A and AR teams, players will be qualified by their last five (5) games. Three of the players last five games must be played in AR to qualify for that grade. Where a player plays in A and AR in the same series then the game will count as A if the player starts in that grade.
- (h) Clubs may appeal to the Joint Committee for dispensation to the above rule in respect of players who have been injured or for other extenuating circumstances.
- (i) Where a Club has an A and AR grade team playing on the same semi final, final, grand final series they may nominate players to play in either team subject to the 5 player rule
- (j) A player cannot start in a NSW Cup, Bundaberg Cup or NYC game and play a Junior League game on the same weekend.

## 19. Sin Binned Players

- (a) Sin bin time commences when the Referee signals the restart of play (International Rule)
- (b) The sin bin area is that allocated by the Ground Manager

## 20. Videoing of Matches

- (a) All persons wishing to video matches must notify the Ground Manager. The Ground Manager is in control of the ground.

## 21. Trainers

- (a) Each team may engage and use a maximum of three (3) trainers during matches. In all cases when trainers enter the field of play to either attend to an injured player, carry water or deliver individual messages they must immediately leave the field once their assigned task has been completed and return to the players bench. At all times, trainers must enter and leave the field as quickly as possible (i.e. running).
- (b) The trainer responsible for attending injured players is allowed unlimited access to the field to attend injured players. He may also provide fluids to other players when his team has possession of the ball. He may also assist in the interchange of players.
- (c) Another trainer is allowed to provide water, assist in the interchange of players and carry messages to individuals when his team is in possession, when a try has been scored, during a time out called by the referee for an injury, during a technical stoppage (except for scrums). He must enter and leave the field from an onside position.
- (d) A third trainer may assist with escorting an injured player from the field to treat an injured player if more than one player is down injured. He may carry water when a try has been scored or when the heat is extreme and the Ground Manager allows the same.
- (e) All trainer must be easily identified by a coloured bib or shirt. Preferably the First Aid Officer will have a different colour to the other trainers. Trainers must not be bare footed or in thongs.
- (f) All trainers must have appropriate qualifications as approved by the NSWRL.
- (g) All Trainers must follow the following rules:
  - i. Trainers must NOT act with aggression towards, or abuse / question a player, a match official, spectator or unofficial touch judge
  - ii. Trainers must NOT enter the field of play if a melee breaks out
  - iii. A trainer must NOT remain on the field when a specific task has been completed
  - iv. Except in the case of injury, a trainer may only enter the field of play when his / her team is in possession of the ball
  - v. Trainers are NOT permitted to carry and / or take any electronic communication device, whether hand-held or headsets onto the field of play under any circumstances

- vi. Referees have the power to caution or remove a trainer who is acting contrary to the rules
- vii. Any breach of the above rules may result in confiscation of the trainers registration card by the match referee or Junior League Official
- viii. Any trainer who transgresses against or fails to act within the rules may be charged and if found guilty may face, along with his Club, fines, loss of competition points or suspension.

## 22. Mercy Rule

- (a) The mercy rule of a 50 point differential will apply in joint competitions in grades U13 to U17.

## 23. Ineligible Players and Penalties

- (a) Clubs who play players that are suspended, unregistered, not cleared or are otherwise ineligible to play shall lose that match or matches on forfeit and the points shall go to the non-offending team.
- (b) This rule applies in semi finals, finals and grand finals as well.
- (c) The offending Club shall be liable for further penalty and disqualification.
- (d) Protests against Clubs under this rule may be made by any Club, Club Official or Junior League Official to their relevant District who will advise the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee will instruct the relevant District to investigate the complaint.
- (e) Results of the investigation will be forwarded to the Joint Committee. If the complaint is proven then there will be an automatic loss of points for the games played and won / drawn by the offending team.
- (f) Team and Club Officials from the offending Club may also be called to appear before their District Junior League Board / Conduct Committee for further investigation and determination of whether further charges would be laid. If further charges are made they would be heard by the relevant District Committee from where the offending Club comes from. A Junior League District Representative from the non-offending District would be invited to be a member of the panel.
- (g) Further penalties will be referred to the Joint Committee for their endorsement.

## 24. District Club Players

- (a) Current players from Manly and North Sydney Districts may return to play in Joint Competitions under the following rules.
- (b) These rules apply to current players in the NSW Cup or NYC only.

- (c) Current NSW Cup players who have not played in 6 games in 2011 season or 2010 season may play A and AR grade but not A2, unless they are a local junior returning to their Club in A2 grade or unless Manly / Norths District Club directs them to an A2 team.
- (d) Current NSW Cup players who have played in 6 games in 2011 or 2010 may only play A Grade unless Manly / Norths District Clubs agree to allow them to play in AR. This coincides with NSWRL directives that players must be able to play football each weekend.
- (e) Current Toyota Cup players who have played 6 games in 2011 or 2010 may play A and AR grades. They may play A2 if they are returning to their Junior Club or if the Manly / Norths District Club agree to allow them to play.
- (f) Current Toyota Cup players who have not played 6 games in 2011 or 2010 may play in A, AR, A2 and U19.
- (g) Points will be allocated as per the Player Points Score Index.
- (h) A player cannot start in NSW Cup or NYC and then go back to play Junior League on the same weekend.
- (i) The placement of these players will be at the discretion of the representative District Clubs and will not be restricted by boundaries. A portability agreement will be in place for all players under this rule.

## 25. Indemnity

It is a condition of membership and / or registration with the League by any person and each person acknowledges the following:

- (a) Membership is conditional on continued observance of and compliance with the provisions of these rules and the Constitution of the League.
- (b) He will accept the decisions and directions of the League and its Sub-Committees made in accordance with the Rules and Constitution of the League.
- (c) He will not during the currency of his membership or at any time thereafter should he cease to be a member, take any court proceedings for damages for negligence, trespass, assault or breach of duty of care arising out of any act or omission of the League or any Club or Referee or Referees Association or any of their members, officials or employees, or for injury arising out of any game or training program under the control, direction or supervision of the League or any of its Clubs or Referees or in respect of any breach of the Constitution or Rules.
- (d) In the event of any person commencing such proceedings against a member of sometime member of the League or any of its sub-committees or the League itself or in the event of any such person or any organisation against whom or which proceedings have been commenced seeking indemnity or contribution from any of them, the member of sometime member bringing such proceedings for himself, his heirs, successors and assigns indemnifies and keeps indemnified all or any of the bodies or persons hereinbefore mentioned and any of their officials and employees against any order of the court or award for damages and legal costs and disbursements which may be awarded or ordered or given against them.
- (e) The indemnity herein contained may be pleaded in bar to any such proceedings aforesaid.

- (f) The right, if any, of any member, coach, player official or employee of the League or Club to seek compensation against any other member, coach, player, official or referee of the League or any of its Clubs, or sub-committees for personal injury or death arising out of a match shall be limited.
- (g) If any such person shall suffer any injury including death whilst engaged in training or playing the game of Rugby League and a cause of injury was the negligence, trespass, assault or breach of other obligations imposed by law or any of their persons or bodies named in Clause 25(f) then the liability of those persons or bodies is limited under any insurance policy, or in the liquidation of the insurer, the amount which any of those persons or bodies can recover whichever is the lesser and / or the amount of insurance payable by the Sporting Injuries Scheme under the Sporting Injuries Insurance Act, 1978 and any policy of insurance he may have entered into on his own behalf.
- (h) Every such person agrees that this limitation of liability applies after the person making the claim ceases to be a member of the League or Club Teams on Tour – conditions to be complied with visits to Country Centres and elsewhere.

## 26. Appeals

- (a) Appeals against decisions made under these rules may be made to the Club home District. Such appeal will be sent to the NSWRL Academy for their adjudication on the processes that is to be put in place.

## 27. Rulings

- (a) These competition rules are subject to E&O and the interpretation of any rule or conflict or omission of a rule will be made by the Joint Competition Committee.