

Rules and Operations Manual

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Part 1 Introduction

1 Purpose and Application

These rules, procedures, and conditions, together with the National Rugby League (NRL), Queensland Rugby League (QRL) and Toowoomba Junior Rugby League (TJRL) Constitutions and Rules, will govern entry to, and conduct of competitions conducted by the TJRL.

This Rules and Operations Manual is intended to help regulate the conduct of clubs, club officials, match officials, players, and spectators to organise, manage and administer the TJRL competition.

As such, every club and every person bound by the Constitution must comply in all respects with these provisions – including clubs, club officials, match officials, players, and spectators.

2 Enforcement

A breach of any of the provisions of this Rules and Operations Manual may be enforced by the imposition of a penalty or penalties if a contravention of any of these provisions is found to have occurred.

3 Constitution

In the event of an inconsistency between a provision of this Rules and Operations Manual and a provision of the Constitution, the Constitution will prevail.

4 Definitions in the Constitution Apply

Unless otherwise indicated, words and expressions defined in the Constitution have the same meaning in this Rules and Operations Manual.

5 Interpretation

In the interpretation of a provision of this Rules and Operations Manual, the interpretation that will best achieve the objects of the TJRL is to be preferred to any other interpretation. Regard may be had to the contents of the Constitution when construing these provisions.

6 Amendments

The provisions of this Rules and Operations Manual may be amended by the Management Committee from time to time.

7 Rules

Clubs will automatically be fined if a Management Committee Member is abused, physically or verbally, by Club Members. This fine will be calculated at the TJRL Discretion.

Infringements and fines are to be tabled at TJRL General Meetings. All fines are to be paid within 14 days of advice of fine imposed by the TJRL.

A breach of any of the provisions of this TJRL Rules and Operations Manual may be enforced by the imposition of a penalty or penalties if a contravention of any of these provisions is found to have occurred, and the penalty is not otherwise explicitly stated.

The TJRL reserves the right to impose a fine or penalty upon a person or club for indiscretions found to have occurred that are not covered by this Rules and Operations Manual.

Part 2 Administration

8 General

The Management Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary and Treasurer and up to five committee members.

The Executive shall include the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Delegates shall be the President and either the Secretary or Treasurer of each affiliated club.

Honorariums shall be determined and set by the Management Committee.

The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will be held on the first Sunday in November of each year. All affiliated clubs are to hold their AGM and notify the Management Committee of their elected executive before the TJRL AGM.

9 Meetings

The Management Committee will meet monthly, and the Delegates will meet at least quarterly. One of these meetings will be the AGM. Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at a venue organised by the Management Committee.

Clubs not represented at more than two General Meetings in the 12 months following the AGM will be fined \$150.00 per unattended meeting. Clubs who fail to be represented at two consecutive meetings will be required to show cause as to why they should remain part of the competition.

10 Games Committee

A sub-committee shall be appointed to oversee the administrative functioning of competitions. The Management Committee will appoint members of the Games Committee.

The duties of the Games Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Meet regularly, as necessary,
- Collate team numbers for the respective competitions,
- Liaise with QRL staff to ensure rules are being adhere to (for example, player numbers are being adhered to),
- Refer breaches of the competition rules to the Management Committee,
- Review competition results at the end of round 1 to ensure that teams are fairly placed and make any necessary adjustments,
- Continually review competition structures, source feedback, and make recommendations for any improvement deemed necessary to the Management Committee, and
- the Chair, or their proxy, will attend and report at every TJRL meeting.

The procedure for resolving issues through the Games Committee is as follows:

- Urgent issues are identified (either on the weekend or on a Monday),
- Decision made (on Monday) whether the issue is to be managed by the Games Committee or the Management Committee,
- If the matter is referred to the Games Committee, affected Club/s are notified immediately and asked to provide background information/explanation (if they have not already done so) for consideration by the Games Committee by 3:30pm on Wednesday, 1 December 2021.
- Games Committee to discuss and come to a decision.

- The decision to be immediately relayed to affect Club/s and TJRL so that recommendations/outcomes can be enacted, and
- Games Committee will make no decision on game days. If the Games Committee is required to provide an exemption on game days, the status quo will preside.

11 Club Nomination

The TJRL will require each Club in its area which desires to participate in the game of rugby league in the current rugby league year to fully complete the affiliation documentation when distributed by the Region by the dates specified in the documents and before fielding a team in a match in the currently rugby league season.

The Management Committee has the right to refuse to accept an affiliation application which has not met the requirements as specified by the TJRL.

To be eligible to vote at the TJRL AGM, each club is required to deposit the following with the TJRL before the commencement of the AGM:

- Club Affiliation Application,
- Club Affiliation Agreement,
- Club Affiliation Checklist which includes:
 - o Club AGM Minutes,
 - o Budget of the upcoming financial year,
 - o Office of Fair Trading Annual Return Lodgement Receipt, and
 - o Club Financial Audit for year ending 30 September;
- All outstanding monies payable to the TJRL;
- Affiliation Levy as determined by the TJRL.

The TJRL will examine the affiliation documentation and advise the Region of any Club which in the TJRL's opinion is unable to pay its debts as and when they fall due and/or whose liabilities exceed its assets.

Each Club admitted into the competition agrees to abide by this Rules and Operations Manual as well as decisions of the Management Committee that are made by from to time.

12 Players and Officials Insurance

In accordance with QRL Rule 7.1, all Clubs must take out compulsory insurance through an insurer specified by the QRL. Coverage is from 28 February to 27 February of the following year.

13 Affiliation Levy

A payment of \$150.00 is to be paid on or before the TJRL AGM each year.

14 Player Levy

The player registration levy is \$35.00 per player signed. Clubs will be progressively invoiced base on their player numbers on dates determined by the Treasurer.

Clubs who have not paid their player levies by the due dates may be unfinancial.

15 Referees

Referee payments are to be paid by the host club for all grades, except for late forfeits. The forfeiting team is to pay all referees' fees for that fixture. If payment is made as per usual by the host club, then that club should issue an invoice to the forfeiting club. Non-payment by the forfeiting club should be referred to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will determine the fees for all match officials at its discretion.

16 Player Registration

All players are to be registered on the National Online Registration platform before taking part in any TJRL competition match or sanctioned matches (includes preseason and fixtures).

Players may be signed on the day of a match. However, it is the Club's obligation to ensure that the player does not require a clearance. The registration must be entered on the National Online Registration platform before the player takes the field. A pending registration is not a complete registration and therefore will be deemed ineligible to participate.

Should a registered player decide not to play and/or not play four consecutive fixture matches, then the Club can deregister the player. If the player wishes to return, the Club can apply to the TJRL for the player to be reinstated to the sheet (nullifying the need to have the player complete an additional registration process).

Under 17 players, who have turned 17 years of age, may dual register and play for a Toowoomba Rugby League affiliated Senior Club team. The player must register with the senior club after registering to play for their Junior Club. If there is a conflict involving being registered for two clubs, the junior club has priority. Additionally, on a fixture day, their commitment to play for the junior club must be fulfilled before playing for the Senior Club.

17 Coach Registration and Accreditation

Without limiting the application of QRL Rule 4.2.1 which relates to coach qualifications and registration, the TJRL endorses the Region's Coach Compliance Memo:

- (a) All coaches must be registered and assigned to teams before round one of the TJRL competition;
- (b) Unaccredited or expired coaches must complete eLearning and, where necessary, enrol in a face-to-face workshop by round one of the TJRL competition.
- (c) All unaccredited coaches must have completed the eLearning modules and successfully attend and enrol in a face-to-face workshop of the relevant age group by round six of the TJRL competition.
- (d) All coaches must be fully registered, assigned and accredited by 30 June.

Any coach that does not hold correct accreditation will be stood down from their coaching role until steps (a) and (b) are complete.

Coaches that have not hold correct accreditation by round six of the TJRL competition will have to show cause to continue in their role as a coach. Non-compliant coaches will be stood down as a coach from their team/s and an accredited replacement will need to be assigned.

18 Transfer of Registration

All transfer applications must be submitted through the National Online Registration platform. All players must pay outstanding dues before requesting a transfer of registration. No player is permitted to sign or play with another Club until the releasing Club has approved the transfer.

A player seeking a clearance from a club from which they were registered in a previous season will have their player clearance request denied if their registration breaches QRL Rule 4.1.7. The procedure for seeking an exemption from QRL Rule 4.1.7 is set out in the Transfer of Registration Policy.

19 Penalties for Playing Unregistered/Unqualified Players

Penalties are incurred should a Club play an unqualified player. That includes a player who is not registered, birth certificate not sighted, player requiring clearance from another Club or a player who has monies due to the TJRL for any reasoning including fees, fines, and penalties.

In the event of a Club playing an unqualified player or players, the offending Club will be fined as detailed below:

• First Offence: \$250.00 per player and loss of two competition points (win,

lose or draw).

• Second Offence: \$500.00 per player and loss of two competition points (win,

lose or draw).

• Subsequent Offences: Subject to TJRL Management Committee Discretion.

20 Representative Players

If any player, after being selected or called up to train or play with any Representative team, refuses to participate without just cause acceptable to the TJRL as defined by the QRL Rules, he or she will be suspended immediately for two competition matches for his or her Club and he or she may be further suspended, fined, disqualified, or dealt with by the TJRL. A Representative Player is as defined in QRL Rule 4.1.7.

21 15 and 18 Month Registration Window

To further enhance the rugby league experience for participants, the 15 Month Registration will be offered to all female players in international competitions and 18 Month Registration Window will be offered to all other players. The rationale behind the concept is attempting to promote a more enjoyable environment for younger players who may feel overly challenged in their calendar group and to minimise the impact of the relative age effect in rugby league. Note, this provision has not been introduced to allow a player to play back and dominate an age group or division.

Eligibility

Female players in international competitions that are born in the last quarter of the calendar year (1 October -31 December) are eligible to apply for the 15 Month Registration Window. All other players that are born in the second half of the calendar year (July 1-31 December) are eligible to apply for the 18 Month Registration Window.

Representative players shall not be eligible to apply for the 15 and 18 Month Registration Window for a period of two (2) football years after which they were selected as a Representative player.

Successful applicants of the 15 and 18 Month Registration Window will forfeit the following:

- Consideration for Representative teams;
- Eligibility for 'portability' clearance to transfer to another competition;
- Eligibility in a Restricted Weight Division outside their calendar group; and
- The right to participate in their calendar group unless under special circumstances (e.g., a team would forfeit without their involvement).

Considerations when identifying players eligible to apply for the 15 and 18 Month Registration Window include, but are not limited to:

- Weight and/or height of participants and those who are deemed above the 85th percentile for their calendar grouping may be ineligible to apply for this policy;
- Differences in physical, mental, or emotional maturity relative to the remainder of calendar group;
- Feeling overly challenged in their calendar age group;
- Unavailability of the applicant's calendar group;
- New participant to the game of Rugby League;

 Additional provisions may be provided in extenuating circumstances (including but not limited to medical reasons).

A comprehensive list of all successful applicants will be sent to all participating clubs before the commencement of the season and is subject for review at the discretion of the Games Committee.

Should any situation or matter arise, not covered by this provision, the matter shall be referred to the Games Committee for a decision, which will be final.

Qualifications Committee

Before the commencement of regular season fixtures, all Clubs will be provided with a list of players playing under the 15 and 18 Month Registration Window Policy.

The Games Committee is responsible for determining whether a player should be granted a 15 and 18 Month Registration Window. The Games Committee may approve, decline, or ask for further information to support an application. The outcome of the application will be communicated to Club Executives, and it is the responsibility of the Club Executives to ensure that the player is notified.

Handling Complaints

An appeal process will be available for Clubs wishing to request a player participating under the policy. The Games Committee is the appropriate committee for the review of disputes of initially successful 15 and 18 Month Registration Window players.

The Games Committee will be responsible for the collection of supporting information to assist in the decision-making process as to whether the player who was previously admitted the 15 and 18 Month Registration Window provision shall remain in their respective age group. Supporting information includes, but is not limited to:

- The players' weight, to assist in determining which percentile they fall in on the weightfor-age percentile scale
- Interviewing/gathering feedback from opposing coaches to the player in question;
- Previous scorecards.

The Games Committee's determination of which age group the player should continue in shall be final.

22 NRL and QRL Miscellaneous

All NRL and QRL circulars, memos and policies must be adhered to (for example, QRL Community Rugby League and Competitions Memo, NRL Laws and Policies).

Working with children card (blue card)

Without limiting the <u>QRL Blue Card Screening Policy</u> and <u>rules imposed by the Queensland Government</u>, all participants over 18 years of age who are directly involved with persons under 18 years of age are required to hold a current Blue Card. All Clubs must keep a current and ongoing register of their participants' Blue Card details (including number and expiry date).

23 Code of Conduct

The TJRL fully supports and endorses the <u>National Code of Conduct</u>, including its description, outlines, and penalties. All Clubs including, players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators should fully understand the detail of this document to avoid breaches

of its contents which could result in fines, loss of team match points and suspension. The Management Committee may request any Club to show cause for any breaches.

The Code of Conduct seeks to promote and strengthen the good reputation of rugby league, rugby league players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators by establishing acceptable standards of performance and behaviour of rugby league players while on duty as TJRL representatives as well as deter conduct which could have an adverse effect on the standing and reputation of the game of rugby league and the TJRL.

24 General Responsibilities

Without limiting the application of the <u>National Code of Conduct</u>, the TJRL outlines the following general responsibilities with respect to behaviour, discipline, and property.

Behaviour

All players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators must behave in a responsible, professional, and sportsmanlike manner.

A player, parent and carer of players, coaches, officials, and spectators shall not participate, be involved in, or associated with activities that bring the TJRL or the game into disrepute.

Where players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators commits a breach of this section; the TJRL may impose a penalty on the players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials and or spectators. The TJRL will determine the penalty after considering the seriousness of the offence as a result of the action in question.

Participants will not at any time, make any comment, in any publication whether written, televised or broadcast through social medium, which is determined to be detrimental to the interested, welfare or image of the game of rugby league and the TJRL.

Discipline

Players are to comply, to the extent that is reasonable, with all directives which are conveyed directly or indirectly by coaching staff and management.

In addition to breaching the <u>National Code of Conduct</u>, the conduct of their players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators may give rise to actions against the same under or according to any one or more of the following:

- Civil and/or criminal laws;
- ORL Rules; and
- this Rules and Operations Manual.

The TJRL may suspend an individual charged or summonsed by Police until the matter is finalised in a Court of Law.

Property

All players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators must treat the property and facilities of the TJRL, and other providers (including transport and accommodation providers) with respect and regard.

Where any players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators commit any breach of this section, the TJRL may impose a penalty (fine and/or suspension) on the players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators.

The TJRL will determine the penalty after considering the seriousness of the offence, because of the action in question.

25 Public and Related Responsibilities

The TJRL outlines the following public and related responsibilities with respect to affiliates obligations, public conduct, promotional events, and sponsors.

Affiliates Obligations

Any club or affiliate playing in the TJRL competition is expected to attend official TJRL functions. These include:

- Attending public functions organised or supported by the TJRL; and
- Attend appointments arranged by the TJRL to make appearances in public or on radio or television.

Dispensation will be considered on application, and each will be judged on its merit.

Public Conduct

Players, parents and carers of players, coaches, officials, and spectators will always, while in public, behave and conduct themselves in a dignified and appropriate manner.

Where a player, parent/carer of player, coach, official and spectator commits a breach of this section, the TJRL may impose a penalty.

No member of the TJRL or its affiliates shall comment publicly on any matter which is, or is likely to be, or has been, the subject of an official inquiry by the TJRL.

That member or Club may be subject to a fine up to but not exceeding \$1000.00 with the final decision to be made by the Management Committee.

Where any player, coach or official of a Club comments publicly on the performance of a referee in a match conducted by the TJRL, that Club may be subject to a fine up to but not exceeding \$1000.00 with the final decision to be made by the Management Committee.

In this context, "comments publicly" means adversely comments on such a performance either orally or in writing to, or in the presence of, any person whom he knows is a member of the media or makes such a comment which he/she knows may be reported in the media.

Promotional Events

Clubs must participate in all activities and events required by the TJRL for the promotion of the game, and attend:

- public functions organised or supported by the TJRL, and
- appointments arranged by the TJRL to make appearances in public or on radio or television.

Notification will be provided in reasonable time to any event indicating the individual's responsibilities and attendances.

Individuals are required to be punctual in attendance.

Where a Club commits a breach of this section, the TJRL may impose a penalty on the Club. The TJRL will determine the penalty after considering the seriousness of the offence, as a result of the action in question.

Sponsors

The TJRL relies on its income-producing activities and the sponsors and sponsorship support provided by companies and individuals for its ongoing success.

The TJRL enters into contracts with sponsors to provide a mutually beneficial service to the sponsor in a businesslike manner in return for the funds, which subsequently support the TJRL. Companies do not enter sponsorship deals unless they are of benefit and rewarding financially to both parties. The TJRL enters these deals by providing the TJRL's products - the Clubs and the image of the TJRL – thus allowing the sponsor to benefit in the contracted manner.

Accordingly, it is vital for players and officials to understand their responsibilities in this regard, and to assist in maximising the benefits to TJRL, which subsequently flow to Clubs.

All affiliated clubs within the TJRL must always sell only sponsor related products.

26 Social Media

Any player, official or anyone associated with the game including a spectator, parent and guardian who is found to have improperly used any social networking site including Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and other similar mediums which concerns rugby league in general or the TJRL, may be brought before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

It is each Club's responsibility to monitor their social media sites.

Improper use of a social media site includes:

- Insulting any person involved in the TJRL including but not limited to all on-field match officials and players;
- Partaking in bullying any person involved in the TJRL by making offensive, racist, sexist, or abusive comments about a person; or,
- Engaging in any other behaviour that the TJRL decides in its discretion is an improper use of a social media site or brings the game of Rugby League into disrepute.

27 Match Review Committee

All Match Review Committee decisions shall be based on one of the following:

- The written on-field incident report;
- A written complaint received by the TJRL President relating to an alleged incident and any such further evidence (e.g., video evidence of the incident) as determined by the Match Review Committee; or
- A written complaint received by the TJRL President from the President of an affected player's Club which is supported by video evidence.

The Match Review Committee can meet either in person or via electronic means and must compromise of three persons appointed by the TJRL.

The Match Review Summary Sheet must be emailed to all Clubs no later than 3:30 pm on Tuesday following the game.

Clubs need to respond appropriately by 3:30 pm on Wednesday following receipt of the Match Review Summary Sheet, electing to:

- Pleading Guilty to the Charge (therefore, receiving the early plea discount);
- Pleading 'No Contest' to the Charge (base penalty is applied without the early plea incentive)
- Pleading Not Guilty to the Charge (therefore electing to attend a Judiciary Hearing); or

• Pleading Guilty to a lesser Charge (electing to attend a Judiciary Hearing but (as an example) pleading guilty to a Grade 1 offence rather than Grade 2).

Failure by a club to respond within the timeframe indicates the player has accepted the charge and will receive the Early Plea Incentive.

Citing Process

The process for citing players is as follows:

- The President of the opposing Club wishing to cite a player must notify the TJRL and the QRL Office via email of their intention to cite the player by 12:00 pm on Monday following the game, outlining the grade the incident occurred in, the time the incident occurred and (if possible) the player/s they wish to cite;
- A Citing Fee of \$250 (refundable to the requesting Club if the Match Review Committee cites the player) is to be paid to the TJRL either via cheque handed in to the QRL Office or via direct deposit to the TJRL's Westpac bank account (BSB 034 221, A/C No. 551987);
- Each of the above criteria must have occurred within the required timeframe for the citing to be considered;
- The requesting Club will be advised as to whether the citing has been upheld or dismissed;
- If a player is cited from this process, their Club will be notified as soon as possible to enable consideration of early pleas or challenges to the citing via the Judiciary.

28 Judiciary Tribunal

The TJRL will convene a Judiciary Hearing if Clubs have pleaded not guilty or serious incidents are referred to the Judiciary Tribunal directly from the Match Review Committee.

The Judiciary Tribunal can meet either in person or via electronic means and must compromise of three persons appointed by the Management Committee.

In making their decision, the Judiciary Tribunal should consider:

- Evidence provided by the Match Review Committee;
- Evidence provided by the match official;
- Evidence provided by the Club and/or player; and
- Evidence provided by the opposing player or affected person.

The Judiciary Tribunal Summary Sheet must be emailed to all clubs no later than 3:00 pm on Friday following the Judiciary Hearing.

Appeal

The Region will only hear an appeal on the grounds of:

- the player has obtained new or further evidence of which he/she did not know before the conclusion of the hearing before the Judiciary Tribunal, and
- he/she could not have become aware before the conclusion of the Judiciary Tribunal hearing after having made all reasonable investigations and enquiries, or
- the penalty includes a suspension from playing outside the maximum penalties provided in the Base Penalty schedule and is considered by the player to be excessive.

An appeal must be lodged with the Region according to QRL Rule 5.7.

29 Disciplinary Tribunal

The TJRL will convene a Disciplinary Hearing as required by QRL Rule 5.6.

The Disciplinary Tribunal can meet either in person or via electronic means and must compromise of three persons appointed by the Management Committee. At least one person on the Disciplinary Tribunal must be a member of the Management Committee.

A written complaint must be made to the TJRL within seven days of the incident which is the subject of the complaint occurring. If the TJRL considers the evidence and decides to charge the alleged perpetrator, the alleged perpetrator should be advised of:

- Details of the alleged complaint;
- Evidence available to the TJRL;
- Date, time, and venue for the Disciplinary Hearing;
- Option to provide further evidence.

The TJRL must advise the alleged perpetrator, in writing, of the outcome of the Disciplinary Hearing within two business days of the hearing.

Appeal

The Division will only hear an appeal on the ground that the person is dissatisfied with the decision and is able to provide written grounds of appeal which are neither frivolous nor vexatious.

An appeal must be lodged with the Region according to QRL Rule 5.7.

Part 3 Operations

30 Admission Prices

The Management Committee is responsible for setting admission prices. TJRL season passes and TJRL match passes are to be recognised by all Clubs during TJRL competition rounds.

No concession, student or family rates apply. The pricing structure is:

Adult Entry \$4.00Under 18 Free

31 Ball Persons

It is the home clubs' responsibility to supply ball persons.

A maximum of two ball persons may be used for each sideline during matches. An additional ball person may be allowed if there is a need to fetch balls kicked outside the perimeter fence. ball persons are to remain near the touch judge while the match is in progress and are not to impede the movement of the touch judge.

Ball persons must place and leave the ball on the touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line and next to the touch judge. Ball persons must not under any circumstances, throw the ball into the field of play or to a player close to the touchline.

Ball persons who enter the field of play to deliver kicking tees may only do so at a stoppage of play and after the kick has been taken must remove it from the field.

Minimum clothing requirements for ball persons are Club shorts, socks, and shirts, and closed in shoes.

32 Team Run-On

In all cases, teams will immediately take the field when directed by the touch judge. It is the responsibility of teams to ensure they are ready to take to the field at the scheduled time or, in the event of the previous game(s) running over time, as soon as they are notified by either the referee, touch judge or ground announcer.

Should a team fail to take to the field within one minute of receiving said direction they may be fined by the TJRL.

33 Competition Format

The TJRL Competition will be played over 17 grades:

- Under 6
- Under 7
- Under 8
- Under 9
- Under 10
- Under 11
- Under 12
- Under 13 Boys
- Under 13 Girls
- Under 14 Boys
- Under 15 Boys
- Under 15 Girls
- Under 16 Boys

- Under 17 Boys
- Under 17 Girls

Clubs must nominate teams at least four weeks before the commencement of the first round of fixture matches. Any additions or withdrawals after this date may attract a fine.

The Games Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any nominations of any level of its competition. The competition proper will be run over a pre-determined number of weeks as required.

34 Under 6 to Under 12 Competitions

The Under 6 to Under 12 Competitions are mixed gender competitions that will be conducted on a round-robin and home and away basis.

Any Club that registers enough players for more than one side are to nominate multiple teams. The determining number of teams will be the NRL Rule governing the minimum number for a team, plus three reserves.

The Games Committee has the right to review and nominate additional teams where required.

Tag Rugby League

Consistent with the NRL Player Development Framework, the under 6 and 7 competitions will play Tag Rugby League. All under 7 teams must complete the TackleReady program organised and delivered by the NRL Game Development Officer or their nominated TackleReady TackleReady program deliverer before participating in the nominated tackle rugby league rounds. Clubs found to be playing tackle rugby league throughout the under 6 season and/or before the nominated tackle rounds stipulated within the under 7 season will be fined \$250.00 per team per infringement.

35 Under 13 to Under 17 Boys Competitions

Under 13 and older boy's competitions will contest a full premiership competition, with the final four teams contesting finals.

The boy's competitions are 13-a-side competitions.

Any Club wishing to nominate more than one side in any one age group must seek the permission of the Games Committee. The Games Committee will decide about the structure, format, and eligibility for additional teams.

36 Girl's Competitions

The Girl's competitions will contest a full premiership competition, with the final four teams contesting finals.

The Girl's competitions are 11-a-side competitions with the flexibility to vary between 9-a-side to 13-a-side games (providing both clubs agree) in accordance with the NRL Rules, depending on player numbers in each Club. If there is a dispute between Clubs regarding on field player numbers, the default position of 11-a-side will apply. The sidelines must be brought in 10 metres for a 9-a-side to 11-a-side competition. There will be no scrums in the under 13 and under 15 girl's competitions. All girl's competitions must kick for goal.

Any Club wishing to nominate more than one side in any one age group must seek the permission of the Games Committee. The Games Committee will decide about the structure, format, and eligibility for additional teams.

37 Finals

If a tie for 4th place eventuates, then 4th place is to be decided by the highest for and against between the teams that are tied for 4th place.

In Finals, if drawn at full-time, additional extra time (first 10 minutes each way, then if required, an additional 5 minutes each way) shall be played until the winner is determined by the first point scored.

38 Allocation of Points for Fixtures

Points for each match shall be:

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss
- 0 points for a bye
- 2 points for the non-forfeiting team.

39 Qualifications

A player who has participated in at least seven TJRL competition matches in the current season shall be deemed eligible to participate in the Final Series.

Qualification shall commence at the start of the TJRL premiership competition and cease upon the completion of premiership rounds. A player shall be deemed eligible for the Final Series of the level of competition (i.e., under 17 boys) in which they played most games throughout the season. A player who has qualified for a lower-level competition Final Series shall still be eligible to participate in the Final Series of a higher-level competition. If a player has participated in an equal amount of premiership competition matches in multiple levels of competitions, the player shall be deemed qualified for the lower level.

Clubs must supply player lists for checking of eligibility to the TRL & TJRL Administration and Finance Officer by 6:00 pm on the Sunday preceding the game. Applications can be made to the TJRL for special circumstances to qualify a player. In the event of a shortened season, the TJRL reserves the right to amend this rule accordingly.

40 Miscellaneous

(a) Players of the age group playing must start play before a younger player takes to the field.

Penalty: First Offence: \$250 fine.

Subsequent: \$500 fine + loss of competition points.

(b) Players who are playing up an age group must have played in their own age group first unless permission has been given by the TJRL Games Committee.

Penalty: First Offence: \$250 fine.

Subsequent: \$500 fine + loss of competition points.

(c) Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is 13.

Penalty: Loss of Game.

Note 1: Breaches of this provision will be determined by the Games Committee.

Note 2: If this occurs in an elimination final, the offending team will be disqualified and the non-offending team will advance in the final series. No winner shall be awarded if it occurs in a Grand Final and the offending team wins.

- (d) If a team has a minimum number of 19 players on a team sheet from the age group playing, they cannot have lower age group players also sitting up to participate in that team. Refer to TJRL Rule 40(a).
- (e) In non-scoring grades, where a Club cannot supply enough players to field a team on a game day, it is permissible for opposition clubs to loan players to that club for the duration of the game.
- (f) Clubs must notify the TJRL President, TJRL Secretary, QRL and the opposing Club of any trial games, change of venue or fixture times no later than 6:00 pm of the Sunday before the match.
- (g) Clubs requesting trial or tour matches must do so on the QRL Application to Travel/Host Form, four weeks before the game/s.
- (h) In Under 13 and older, the minimum numbers of players per team allowed on the field is nine. Should less than nine players currently participating in a match then, for safety reason, the match should be terminated. Current participants are players on the field and players who have been temporarily suspended (i.e., sin bin). If this occurs the game shall cease and the score at the time will be recorded on the Match Report form. The TJRL (or nominee) will determine the result.

41 Player Sin Binned from Field

A player sent to the sin bin must proceed immediately to the dressing room. A Club Official must accompany and remain with all players sent from the field.

Unless otherwise stipulated, the team's dressing room is the sinbin. An official other than the official timekeeper may be responsible for the keeping of time in the sin bin. These timekeepers must be co-located.

Time in the sin bin is officially referred to as a temporary suspension.

Sin Bin time is for playing time only and is calculated after the referee signals time-on and when play re-commences, neither of which should occur before the dismissed player leaves the playing area -i.e., outside the fenced playing area. Dismissed players should leave the playing area promptly.

Time in the sin bin is suspended if further time is called off during the 10 (ten) minute period, e.g., injury or a delayed kick at goal. Suspended time is not included in half time but does expire after the game. Counted time has nothing to do with the referee and is the responsibility of the official designated to that duty. The dismissed player(s) may be called into the tunnel with two (2) minutes remaining of their suspension by their club official but cannot enter the playing area until indicated by the timekeepers. They will be advised through the P.A. System on the ground when their sin bin time has expired.

The player(s) concerned will then, and only then, report to the touch judge or, if available, interchange official before entering the field.

42 Player Dismissed from Field

A player dismissed from the field of play must proceed immediately to the dressing room accompanied by a Club Official. The player must then either stay in the dressing room until the end of the game or they can change out of their playing gear and spectate from any area except the player's bench. They must remain on the grounds until they have signed the referees onfield incident report.

The original copy is forwarded by the referee to the QRL office no later than 3:30pm of the next business day following the match and the pink copy is to be retained by the match official.

43 Forfeit

A TJRL competition match may only be forfeited with the prior approval of the TJRL.

If a Club must forfeit a game, they must notify the TJRL Secretary by 8:00 pm on the Thursday preceding the game either by phone, email or in writing.

Clubs will also provide written confirmation outlining the reason/s for the forfeit. This notice must be received by the commencement of business hours Monday following the game. If a Club fails to give the TJRL the required notice of forfeit, a \$250.00 fine will be imposed on the offending club. From this, the match official payment will be deducted.

Clubs will be required to show cause as to why any team forfeiting two matches should not be deregistered. A team forfeiting on a third occasion will automatically be deregistered. Such deregistration of a team will attract an administration fee subject to Management Committee discretion.

In the event of a forfeit, the affected teams will be allocated the average for and against points for that round.

44 Postponement

A TJRL competition match may only be postponed with the prior approval of the TJRL.

Where fixture games are postponed for any reason, the said game will be played at a date arranged by the Executive or cancelled. Postponed matches must be made up within 28 days of the (originally) official scheduled date of the match. The Executive will have the final word in rescheduling matches. Teams rejecting a second date and time for the match will be deemed to have forfeited the match. No 'make up' matches are to be played in the seven days before the first week of semi-finals.

45 Cancellation/Abandonment

A TJRL competition match may only be cancelled with the prior approval of the TJRL. Abandoning a game due to weather conditions will be at the Referee's discretion.

It may become necessary to cancel or abandon a match due to inclement weather conditions, travel problems, lighting issues or similar unforeseen circumstances (i.e., pandemic, government restrictions). For matches cancelled or abandoned for any of those reasons, both teams will be awarded one point each and will receive the average for and against for that round.

The decision to cancel a match, before the commencement of the match, can be made only by the Match Referee, in consultation with the Club Presidents. Should there be a Management Committee Member there, then they may be consulted.

The Home Team Official must immediately notify the relevant Visiting Team of the cancellation. There can be no appeal or dispute of a decision to cancel or abandon a match.

The duty of care and safety of players must always be paramount.

In the case of wet days, it is the responsibility of the Host Club to notify if its ground is in doubt for play. A Club Official must notify the TJRL Secretary by 3:30 pm the preceding day for Friday or midweek matches, and 6:45 am for Saturday and Sunday matches. The decision for what action to take will rest with the Executive. Matches for non-premiership age groups will not be rescheduled. Premiership age group matches may be required to be rescheduled. The TJRL will circulate cancellations.

Lighting Failure - Night Games/Poor Light

In the event of a temporary blackout due to an electrical fault the decision to delay the game pending repairs will be dependent upon the Match Referee, in consultation with the Club Presidents. This decision should state the maximum time that the game can be delayed – considering weather and travel considerations. Should they be unable to reach an agreement then the TJRL President or their representative is to have the final say.

Rain

The following represent special provisions for wet weather:

- Field markings, particularly touchlines, goal lines and dead ball lines may be "touched up" just before the first match if they have faded due to wet weather conditions.
- No other re-marking procedures will be permitted during a match without the prior approval
 of the TJRL authorised representative.

Match Conditions (Hot Weather)

Pre-season trial matches should only proceed when the Senior FAO for each of the opposing teams and the Senior Referee all agree that, in their combined opinion, the prevailing weather conditions are considered safe for play.

During any match in a season, should the Referee and/or Senior FAOs for each of the opposing teams both agree that, in their joint opinion, the prevailing weather conditions necessitate some relief from normal playing conditions; the following concessions are to apply for that match only:

- (a) Referees will call a one (1) minute 'time-out' approximately halfway into each half to allow players to take a fluid break. Players will remain on the field and may only be tended to by the two (2) Leaguesafe and one (1) FAO. No coaching staff will be permitted on the field. After the break, play will resume in the normal manner (i.e., play the ball, scrum, penalty, etc.)
- (b) On-Field personnel provisions may be relaxed so that all three (3) Leaguesafe/FAOs can carry water throughout the match
- (c) Half-time break may be extended to 10 minutes.

Awarding of Match Points

In the event of a match being cancelled or abandoned before the commencement and up to half time, the following rules will apply:

- Each team will be awarded one point;
- Each team will be awarded the average for and against points for that round.

In the event of the match being cancelled or abandoned after half time the following rule will apply:

• The result at the time of cancellation/abandonment will stand.

46 COVID-19 Management

The Management Committee, at its discretion, may determine to forfeit, postpone or cancel/abandon games because of the impacts of COVID-19. The match will be postponed and must be made up within 28 days of the (originally) official scheduled date of the match. If the match is not made up on or before the 28th day (as required by TJRL Rule 44) the match will

be deemed to have been abandoned, and the awarding of points will be in accordance with TJRL Rule 45.

47 Ground Officials

It is the responsibility of all Clubs and especially their Ground Officials to ensure all personnel abide by the National Code of Conduct and NRL/QRL Rules. Each club is to provide two (2) Ground Officials for each operatable field, and they will be responsible for the management of all behaviour, conduct and adherence to rules at the venue.

The Ground Officials are to be clearly identified by wearing a Ground Official Vest. Ground Officials are to be sober and not consume alcohol while on duty.

All Ground Officials are to be familiar with the National Code of Conduct. One (1) Ground Official is to be centrally located and visible on the side of the field and they are to introduce themselves to the referee before commencement of each game.

At any match in a Final Series, both competing teams and the host club must supply two Duty Officials each.

The minimum age for a Duty Official is 18 years.

The TJRL may impose a fine of \$250.00 on clubs who fail to provide a suitable Ground Official. A fine of \$500.00 will be imposed for subsequent offences.

48 Match Reports

Online Match Reports are to be completed by both teams before the match including their Coaches and FAO's names. These Match Reports are to be completed and submitted online by at least 6:00pm Friday before the relevant match commencement.

On game days, each team bears the onus to make the appropriate changes and advise the Announcer's Box at least 15 minutes before the game.

No player will take the field without having his or her name recorded in the Match Report. This instruction also applies to reserves and replacements, irrespective of whether they may have been named on a Match Report relevant to an earlier match. Players not complying with these instructions shall be regarded as "unqualified".

Players named on the match report will be deemed to have played in that match.

49 Online Scoring

All TJRL fixtures in all grades will be recorded online. It will be the responsibility of the home team to ensure that online scoring is completed. To ensure that the recording of players and scoring is completed accurately and in a timely manner the following protocols will need to be observed:

- Both teams are to enter their team on the team sheet by 6:00 pm on the Friday before the match. These teams will be entered in the 'pre-game section' online.
- Team list will include team officials in the appropriate section of the team sheet.
- Online team sheets must have the names of team officials listed in the appropriate section including Coach, Manager, FAO and Leaguesafe.
- The TJRL and/or TRLRA will enter the names of referees and touch judges.
- Late adjustments can be made to the teams before matches at the ground. Where possible, team managers are to make any late team changes via the online platform. The team change, then, must be communicated to the official scorer by team management before the commencement of the match. This applies to both home and away teams.

- No player can participate in a match if they are not registered and if they do not appear on the team list.
- Progressive scores for a match will be recorded as the match is being played. Online scoring will not include individual player action entries (i.e., tries and goals). The clock will need to be activated to ensure that the time of events in the match is recorded.
- During any match, any actions on the field which cannot be recorded live need to be noted.
 This includes sin-bin events, send-off events and players placed on report by the referee.
 Any such events must be recorded in the match summary section of the 'post-game' window.
- After the match, scores will be published to the web by the home team.

Fines will result if match reports are not completed online, and live scoring is not utilised. A fine of \$250.00 per game will be incurred.

50 Match Times

The duration of fixture games is as follows:

•	Under 6:	8 minutes each quarter, 2 minutes' break.
•	Under 7:	8 minutes each quarter, 2 minutes' break.
•	Under 8:	8 minutes each quarter, 2 minutes' break.
•	Under 9:	8 minutes each quarter, 2 minutes' break.
•	Under 10:	20 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 11:	20 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 12:	20 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 13 Boys:	30 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 13 Girls:	25 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 14 Boys:	30 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 15 Boys:	30 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 15 Girls:	25 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 16 Boys:	30 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 17 Boys:	30 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.
•	Under 17 Girls:	30 minutes each half, 5 minutes' break.

51 Time Off for Injury

No time off for injuries is to be taken in fixture games, except where an Ambulance vehicle is required on the field of play. Should this occur, time is stopped as soon as the Ambulance vehicle crosses the sideline or dead ball line and remains stopped until the Ambulance has left the playing area. Time will be stopped to compensate for time lost whilst the Ambulance is on the field of play. Upon resumption of keeping time, the game will proceed as usual, extending the scheduled playing time by the amount of time that is the result of the time stoppage while the Ambulance vehicle is on the field of play.

In matches being played in the final series, time off is allowed for injuries in the second half only. The duration of matches is the same as above.

52 Sports Trainer

The TJRL adopts the Sports Trainer Protocols, Forms and Policy and Guidelines as provided on the NRL's <u>Sports Trainer Document</u> platform. Sports Trainers must specifically make themselves familiar with the guideline relating to the management of concussion in rugby league – <u>Community Rugby League Policy and Guidelines for the Management of Concussion</u>.

Each host Club must supply a qualified Sports Trainer for each Under 6 to Under 12 games whilst games are in progress. These attendants are to be clearly identified and must in the referee's line of sight while a game is in progress. In each game in the Under 13 and older, each participating Club must supply their own qualified Sports Trainer for the duration of the match.

The Sports Trainer is responsible for on and off-field medical treatment for their team and should be equipped with an appropriate First Aid Kit.

These are compulsory requirements. No game is to commence or continue without a FAO present.

A Club will be fined \$500.00 per absent Sports Trainer.

53 On-Field Personnel

Without limiting the application of the <u>NRL On-Field Policy</u>, the TJRL outlines the following expectations of on-field personnel.

Each team may engage and use a maximum of two (2) Leaguesafe qualified personnel to run water, messages, etc. and one (1) Sports Trainer to treat injured players during matches.

In no case shall the Coach of the team act as a Trainer or Leaguesafe Trainer in the match.

A maximum of two (2) Leaguesafe Trainers are permitted on the field at any one time and only when their team is in the attacking position.

A Sports Trainer may be substituted for the Leaguesafe Trainers however there is still only to be a maximum of two (2) on-field personnel on the field. The exception to this rule is if the Sports Trainer is treating an injured player, then the Sports Trainers is in addition to the two (2) Leaguesafe Trainers.

Leaguesafe Trainers are not permitted on the field during scrums (from the moment when the referee has ordered a scrum until the ball has emerged and their team is in possession) except in the case of a serious injury in which case the Sports Trainer may attend.

In all cases when Leaguesafe Trainers enter the field of play to 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 player's bench. Leaguesafe Trainers and Sports Trainers must remain within the bench area until their team regains possession or until they accompany an interchange player and the interchange official (if available) to the touchline in preparation to affect an interchange. There are no other circumstances under which it is permissible for trainers to move away from the bench area.

At all times Leaguesafe Trainers must enter and leave the field as quickly as possible (i.e., running) without interfering with play. Loitering and coaching is not permitted.

No distracting

Leaguesafe Trainers must not at any time enter the line of sight of a player when he is attempting a kick for goal or do anything which may in any way unnecessarily interfere with or distract an opposition player whilst he is participating in the match or constitute some disadvantage to the opposing team.

Comply with instructions

Leaguesafe Trainers must always comply with any direction or instruction from match officials and Ground Officials. Leaguesafe Trainers must not at any time while carrying out their duties make argumentative, disparaging, derogatory, or offensive comments to anyone.

Leaguesafe Trainers must not become involved in any match, including approaching or having any contact with players, other than in strict compliance with their specific role and responsibilities.

Under no circumstances are trainers permitted to approach or become involved in an altercation or melee involving players from either competing team. This includes not attempting to separate or restrain players who may be attempting to become involved in the incident.

A breach of this clause may result in Disciplinary Action.

54 Referee Appointments

The Toowoomba Rugby League Referees Association (TRLRA) will appoint a TJRL Referees Appointment Board. Clubs are to elect a Referee Coordinator who is responsible for appointing match officials from Under 6 to Under 12. The TJRL Referees Appointment Board is responsible for ratifying match officials from Under 13. Clubs are to forward these appointments to the TRLRA by 8.00pm on Sunday before the weekend's matches.

Referee Match Fees

The Referee Payment Schedule will be ratified and adopted at the TJRL AGM. In accordance with that Schedule, it is the Club's responsibility to pay the relevant match officials their match fees in cash.

55 Referee Security and Safety

- (a) The following facilities must be provided for referees:
 - (i) A separate and secure change room with at least one (1) toilet, one (1) shower and seating. If unable to supply a toilet, then one must be close by.
 - (ii) Lockable door.
- (b) Dressing shed door must be lockable and key available for referees.
- (c) Ground officials are to escort the Referee and Touch Judges for their exit from the field at both half time and full time.
- (d) Under no circumstances are match officials to be approached, questioned, or harassed in any way by Club Officials and/or players either during, or after a match. Except in the following manner:
 - (i) Team captains or, should they be absent from the field, their representative are the only persons allowed to approach the referee during a game to clarify a ruling. Should they need to approach the referee then this may be done at a suitable time and, at all times, in a respectful manner. It will be at the discretion of the referee if the clarification is required immediately or at a later stage of the match. In speaking to the referee, a player must not question or refer to the referee's ability or integrity. The Referee will not debate decisions with the Captain.
 - (ii) The Club President is only allowed to present to the match official after a game. Should the Club President wish to discuss anything with the Referee after their game then they are to send a request via the Ground Official to the referee asking if they would be available to discuss the game. These discussions are not mandatory for the referee, and should the referee agree then they are to be carried professionally and respectfully at an agreed time and place with a Ground Official present.
 - (iii) An authorised Club Representative may email the TJRL with any questions concerning referee decisions. These queries must include all necessary information such as when the incident occurred and what the perceived issue is so that the TJRL may review the incident. The answers to these questions will in no way

affect the outcome of a match. As these questions will be answered by volunteers the time frame for a response may vary.

A breach of this provision may result in Disciplinary Action.

56 Suspended Players and Team Staff

Subject to QRL Rule 5.2.1.10, any player who is suspended from playing in a match or matches shall not participate in the game of rugby league in any form until that suspension has been served and must not enter the playing field or area inside the fence before, during or after a match.

In accordance with QRL Rule 5.2.1.10, players charged:

- (a) for Grade 1 or 2 offences can continue to participate in a non-playing capacity for the duration of the suspension period provided they were a registered volunteer with that league/club/ team prior to the suspension, and
- (b) with Grade 3 or higher offences are prohibited from participating in any capacity at a QRL sanctioned competition or event.

In accordance with QRL Rule 5.6, if the person charged is a registered referee/match official, junior player, senior player, junior coach, senior coach, sports trainers, Leaguesafe officer or other team official the person is not allowed to participate in a game until the person appears before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

A suspended player may continue to train with their Club during the period of their suspension to ensure they retain fitness and use the coaching staff to assist them with technique correction and/or with medical monitoring.

Players suspended from participating in fixture games are not allowed to participate in trial or tour games.

57 Timekeeping

Timekeeping for all matches will remain the responsibility of the home Club and it is recommended that a representative from the away Club assist with timekeeping. Scores are not recorded or announced for grades which are not competing in Premiership games.

Any announcer or scorer must be 14 years old by 31 December of the current year.

Official Match Time

The official match time shall be the time controlled directly by the official timekeepers. It should be noted that the match clock on display at the venue, may not necessarily accurately represent the official match time. All decisions of the official timekeeper(s) shall be final and not open to review or appeal unless the Management Committee so determines.

58 Mercy Rule

This rule will apply to all under 13 and older games. Once the score differential reaches 50 points, the game is declared completed. It is the responsibility of the ground manager to ensure officials inform the referee to call time. The team leading at the time will be awarded the win and the scores at the time will be recorded as the full-time score. The two teams may agree to continue the match.

59 Venues

Each participating team is to ensure that a venue nominated to host a competition fixture is presented appropriately. The playing field is to be marked in accordance with the International

Laws of the Game (Under 13s +). Appropriate marking and equipment must also be provided for Junior League (Under 6-12s).

Home Clubs are to ensure that its venue has facilities suitable for the conduct of the TJRL competition, including night lights of the quality required. The home club will be responsible for providing and paying for TJRL standard lighting for all home matches.

The fitness of the ground to be played upon shall be decided by the home Club's Management Committee no later than 7:30 am on the day of the match.

Venues will be determined on completion of the Draw. Any Clubs wishing to make any change to venues, dates or times of the Draw must advise the TJRL Secretary in writing 14 days in advance. Any changes to the Draw are by written agreement to the TJRL, from both clubs authorised representatives, before a venue, date or time will be changed.

In the event of a natural disaster, or other exceptional circumstances, the 14 days' notice may be waived by the TJRL.

The TJRL President will advise the TRLRA of these changes.

Final Series

The hosting rights for the Semi-Finals and Preliminary Finals will operate on a rotational alphabetical basis between affiliate Clubs.

60 Video Recording

All trial, fixture, and final games from Under 13 must be digitally recorded.

These recordings are to show each game in its entirety including stoppages, referee rulings and all on-field incidents.

These recordings are to be uploaded to the nominated platform no later than 8:00 am on Monday following the match.

The TJRL may impose a fine of \$100.00 per game on clubs who fail to have their recordings in within the stated time.

Clubs are responsible for obtaining any video recordings they may require.

61 Poaching of Players

For the purpose of this rule, poaching is defined as a direct approach to a player or an indirect approach through an agent to a player, by a coach or any official or anyone associated with a club, to entice that player to move from the club he/she is registered with to play for any other club in Queensland.

No coach, manager, official nor anyone associated with a junior rugby league football club or team, shall poach a player registered with any other rugby league club in Queensland. This means a player currently registered or registered in the immediate past season.

A coach found guilty of poaching a player will face a penalty determined by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

All complaints regarding 'poaching' are to be in writing and lodged with the TJRL for investigation.

62 TJRL Ambassador

The TJRL Ball will be hosted yearly by TJRL Clubs, in turn, alphabetically. Entrants for judging will consist of TJRL Club Ambassadors. The Ambassador's age is to be from 14 to 18 years of age in the year of the Ball.

63 Directives

From time to time, the Management Committee will issue Directives to Clubs (for example, Under 7 Tag Football Directive). Clubs will be fined \$250.00 per offence for failing to comply with a TJRL Directive.