



**RULES AND POLICIES**

**OF THE**

**QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL**  
**LEAGUE LIMITED**

**SOUTH EAST DIVISION**

**GOLD COAST RUGBY LEAGUE**  
(UPDATED 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2011) FOR  
**Season 2012**

To be read in conjunction with the  
Queensland Rugby Football League Limited

- \*Constitution
- \*QRL Rules
- \*Divisional Rules
- \*Local League Rules

# 1. COMPETITION

## ***Competition Format***

Competition formation for Gold Coast Rugby League, A Grade, Reserve Grade, U/19

Points for each match shall be: 2 points for a win  
1 point for a draw  
0 points for a loss

# 2. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A GRADE Competition points multiplied by 4  
RESERVE GRADE Competition points multiplied by 2  
UNDER 19'S Competition points multiplied by 2

# 3. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

1. No player can play in a fixture match unless he is registered for his Club with the South East Division
2. Clubs are responsible for the accuracy of all details submitted on each player's Agreement Form submitted to the Division.
3. Total number of registrations per Club is 85 for 3 grades, 55 for 2 grades.
4. Single team clubs are permitted to register 30 players.
5. No player registrations will be accepted after June 30 each year
6. Clubs must inform players of the Terms and Conditions on the reverse of the player's Agreement Form when signing players. Particular attention should be drawn to Clause 3.6.
7. A \$22.00 (plus GST) Registration Levy will apply to each player registration. Clubs will be invoiced by the 30<sup>th</sup> June and payable within 14 days. Clubs will be invoiced \$5.50(plus GST) per player for every player registered over the 85 players.
8. A player may be called upon from a Junior Club and play unlimited matches with the Club. Players used in these circumstances must be "Dual Registered". Any junior player must still qualify (5) games to participate in the Final Series games. N.B. As per Q.R.L. Rule 13 (c) (d) Age restrictions.
9. When a player completes a Player Agreement Forms for a club and supplies incorrect information regarding **Previous Club Details**, he will automatically be stood down from

competing for 3 matches in the GCRL Bycroft Cup. If the player requires a clearance, this penalty will commence once the clearance has been received by the League.

10.

- (a) Gold Coast Rugby League associated clubs will be permitted to register a maximum of 10 players that had been registered at other Gold Coast Rugby League clubs from the previous year. This also includes the previous years U17 players that were registered with other GCJRL clubs.
  
- (b) Of these 10 players, no more than 3 are permitted to have come from one 2011 Gold Coast Rugby League associated club.
  
- (c) The Gold Coast Rugby League Executive may relax the above conditions on player movement, should the Executive assess that “player numbers” are adequate at any particular club and in the interests of player participation, the condition may be relaxed. This will only apply after communication between all parties concerned has been satisfied and all circumstances have been addressed.
  
- (d) Clubs are permitted to dual register players in both the Bycroft and Powrgard Cup competitions. For Semi-Final purposes, to qualify for Powrgard Cup Semi Final games a player must play a minimum of 3 games in the Powrgard Cup competition. If a player participates in more 2012 Bycroft Cup matches than Powrgard Cup matches, the player is ineligible to take part in the Powrgard Cup Semi Finals.
  
- (e) A player that participated in a 2012 A Grade, Fogs or Q Cup game may not participate in any Powrgard Cup games for the 2012 season.

The Gold Coast Rugby League Executive and/or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Sub-Committee at times may review all conditions & guidelines regarding player qualifications & registration. A club may request the League to consider a “special circumstance” situation that may be relevant to the review.

#### **4. TRANSFERS**

The transfer of players to the South East Division will not be permitted after 30<sup>th</sup> June of each year.

#### **5. TEAM INSURANCE**

All teams must affect Compulsory QRL Team Insurance cover through the Queensland Rugby League Insurance Finance Pty Ltd, lodged with the QRL South East Division.

It is the Club’s responsibility to ensure that all players are aware of what their insurance actually covers and must inform players that it is their responsibility to seek further cover if they desire. The Gold Coast Rugby League encourage all participants to take out Private Health, Life and Income Protection Insurance according to their own individual needs and Circumstances.

All teams that apply to be part of the Gold Coast Rugby League "A" Grade competition for 2012, must take out the Loss of Income cover provided by OAMPS Insurance.

## 6. PLAYER DRUG TESTING

The QRL and the Division is committed to an ongoing testing program of players in relation to the use of prohibited substances.

All registered players will be subjected to the ARL Doping Policy and Procedures and will submit to all testing by ASDA as required. Clubs must ensure that all players are familiar with this Policy and Procedures and shall make available a copy of the document to any player on demand.

## 7. SPORTS TRAINERS/WATER RUNNERS – Please refer to ARL First Aid Officers National Accreditation Scheme on Field Policy.

- a) All official personnel over the age of fourteen (14) years, who enter the field of play to attend a player, must possess a Leaguesafe Certificate of Attendance and/or ARL First Aid Officers Certificate.
- b) When a team is in possession of the ball, a maximum of two persons are permitted on the field to provide water. (They may be either a League-Safe person or a First Aid Officer). When the team loses possession, the Trainers must leave the field immediately.
- c) Two (2) Trainers shall be permitted in the field of play at any time to attend to an injured player. Additional persons (water carriers) up to a total of three (3) personnel are permitted on the field during stoppages in play only. Stoppages do not include scrums.

Should further assistance be required by the Sports Trainer he/she should seek the attention of either the Referee or a Touch Judge who shall stop play immediately.

- d) All on-field personnel must be identified with the following coloured shirts:
  - Head Trainer – Orange Shirt (preferably FAO 2)
  - Trainer/FAO – Blue Shirt
  - Leaguesafe – Yellow Shirt Note: The word **LEAGUESAFE** is to be printed on the back of the shirt.
- e) All clubs are to ensure, persons that enter the field of play, must have the relevant qualifications and apparel and suitable footwear.  
Each breach during a game will incur a \$50 fine.

## 8. CLUB FIRST AID

As per ARL requirements a First Aid Officer shall be attached to each team.

The accredited First Aid Officer shall at all times, whilst a game is in progress, be situated on the sideline in a position to respond quickly should an injury/illness occur

It will be the responsibility of the Club/and or Ground Officials to ensure the above policy is adhered to.

As per ARL on Field Policy if the above personnel are not in attendance, the game shall not commence UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES until such persons are available.

## **9. TIME OF MATCHES/TIME CLOCKS**

(a). A Grade - competition matches will be of 40 minutes for each half, with time off for injuries and stoppages.

Reserve Grade - competition matches will be 35 minutes for each half, with time off for injuries and stoppages in the second half only.

Under 19 - competition matches will be 35 minutes for each half with time off for injuries and stoppages in the second half only.

Finals – Time off for injuries and stoppages in both halves.

(b). For Reserve Grade & U/19's should a delay occur in the first half through injury and time elapses leading up to half time, the commencement of the second half may be delayed by 30 minutes before the game is abandoned, in which case the Gold Coast League Executive will make a decision on the outcome as soon as possible, based on the time remaining and the score at the time.

(c). Should a stoppage in play occur in the second half of an U/19 or reserve grade match, and play has not recommenced within approximately 20 minutes or looks unlikely to re-commence shortly after, the referee shall end the match in which case the GCRL Executive will make a decision on the outcome as soon as possible.

Before this decision is made a representative from both participating teams, along with the Match Official should assess the situation and make a decision. The League Secretary/Operations Manager must be informed as soon as possible with all details. (Time, Score etc).

(d). For all grades, in the event that an on field injury, causes a game to be abandoned, the Gold Coast League Executive will assess the situation accordingly, and determine what action is to be taken....e.g should the game be replayed ??? or the game deemed a draw or the score at the time of abandonment be the final score and a winner declared.

It is the responsibility of each competing team to have one representative with the official host club timekeeper.

### ***Duration of Half Time***

The half time break for all matches shall be ten (10) minutes.

## **10. REPLACEMENT PLAYER & SIGNING PLAYERS ON FOR A MATCH.**

a) A Grade (17 players including 4 reserve players are permitted to be signed on. A maximum of 10 Interchanges are permitted in a A Grade game)

Reserve Grade (19 players including 6 reserve players and unlimited interchange)

U19 Grade (19 players including 6 reserve players and unlimited interchange)

b) If a players name appears on a Q Cup/NYC U/20's match sheet he is not permitted to play

on the same weekend in a GCRL Bycroft or Powrgard Cup game.

- c) Players must be named and included on the Match Report sheet, by the team manager, prior to the commencement of the match. All players that are expected to participate in a game must be signed on before the half time siren and removed from the match sheet, if he is listed and has not presented himself, in full playing gear, to the field of play or bench area, before the sounding of the half-time siren.
- d) All players on the match report must be prepared to take the field and must be seated on the bench if not on the field. All players on the match report must enter the field of play for a minimum of 1 minute for that game to be included as a qualifying game. Players may leave the bench area due to an injury or to prepare to participate in a higher grade.
- e) An interchange player cannot enter the field of play until he has reported to the Touch Judge and the player he is replacing has left the field. All Coaches and Players are to be made fully aware of this Rule. A breach of the above rules may result in a loss of competition points and/or a minimum fine of \$500.
- f) When a player is replaced due to foul play and the incident is placed on report and a penalty is received, a free interchange is permitted at the time. If the player returns to the field of play at a later stage of the game, a interchange card is required.

### ***Replacement of Bleeding Players***

The following procedure will apply in all cases where a player is bleeding or his clothing/equipment has been contaminated by blood:

- a) If the referee notices a bleeding or blood contaminated player he will immediately stop play and call 'time-out' and signal to the team trainer to attend to the player.
- b) The team trainer will immediately enter the field of play to assess whether the player can be quickly treated on the field or whether he will require treatment off the field.
- c) If the trainer advises that the player can be treated on the field, the referee will instruct the player to drop out behind play for that purpose and the match will immediately recommence.
- d) If the trainer advises the referee that he will have to treat the player off the field, the match will not restart until the player has left the field. The player may be interchanged, or alternatively the team can elect to temporarily play on with 12 players. (Note: other than for the initial assessment, the match will not be held up while the bleeding player receives treatment or is interchanged).
- e) If the referee stops play twice for the same player and the same wound, the player must be taken from the field for treatment and either interchanged or the team may elect to play on with 12 players until the bleeding player returns.
- f) If the bleeding player has left the field for treatment and is not interchanged, he may return to the field of play at any time provided he does so from an on-side position. If the bleeding player has been interchanged, he may only return to the field through the Touch Judge as a normal interchange player.

- g) A bleeding player returning to the field of play who has not been interchanged is not to be regarded as a replacement/interchange player and therefore may take a kick for goal. Conversely, a bleeding player returning to the field of play who has been interchanged may not take a kick for goal at that time.

## **11. QUALIFICATIONS & GAME DAY PLAYER CONDITIONS**

### ***Qualifications for Semi Finals***

a) Players are eligible to play in any grade at any time with the exception of Semi Finals or Finals. A player is deemed to have participated in a match when his name appears as one of the seventeen (A Grade) or nineteen (Reserve/U-19) players shown on the Match Report. For the purpose of Semi Finals or Finals a player is eligible for the grade in which he has played the majority of his Club matches in that grade prior to the commencement of the final series games.

- I. Should a player participate in two (2) games (Reserve & A Grade) in the same round, the player will have a match recorded in both grades.
- II. Should a player participate in a U/19 game as well as a Reserve or A Grade game on the same day, the player will only have a match recorded for the U/19 game.
- III. Where a U/19 player has played more games in a higher grade throughout the season, he must still play a minimum of 5 games in U/19's to qualify for U/19 finals.

In determining qualifications, only matches played during the current Season are to be considered.

- IV. Rules pertaining to qualifications for Finals do not apply if a Club has A Grade, Reserve Grade, Q Cup, Fogs U/20 playing on the same weekend. In these instances, any player is qualified to play in the Grade in which he is selected. If the A Grade match is played on Saturday, any of the 17 nominated players on the match report cannot play in Reserve Grade if the Reserve Grade game is played on Sunday of the same weekend.

A player must play in a minimum of five (5) separate rounds of football in the Bycroft Cup competition to qualify in Final Series games.

- V. All registered players are considered to be available to play representative games; the only exception to the rule will be for players who provide written requests for exemption by March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

(b) Bycroft Cup clubs that have teams that participate in the U/20 Fogs/Qld Cup/competitions have the following conditions to abide by:

- I. Clubs that have teams participating in the U/20 Fogs competition or have players that are dual registered with a club that participates in the QRL "Fogs" competition are permitted to sign-on a maximum of three players in a Bycroft game on the same weekend,( but not on the same day).

- II. If a player participates in more Bycroft Cup A Grade games and Q Cup games combined, he is ineligible to participate in any Bycroft Cup Reserve Grade final series games.
- III. Players that have competed in a Qld Cup game are not permitted to play in a Bycroft Cup game on the same weekend.
- IV. Where the U/20 Fogs/Qld Cup competitions have a bye, no more than 3 players that played the previous round for the Fogs U/20's and/or Qld Cup Grade, are permitted to play in the Gold Coast competition for that round.
- V. Players that participate in more U/20 Fogs or Qld Cup competition games than Gold Coast Rugby League 2012 fixtures will not be permitted to participate in the Gold Coast Rugby League Final Series games

(c) U/18 Registered MM Cup Players:

The League will process registrations for Gold Coast U/18 MM Cup players in 2012 under the following conditions:

- i. All players that were GCDJRL registered players in 2011 must register with the senior club affiliated with their junior club.
- ii. Players that were not GCDJRL registered players in 2011, can register with a Gold Coast Senior club but with a maximum of 3 players per club.
- iii. Players that participated in a 2011 NSW operated competition and are seeking registration in the 2012 GCRL Bycroft Cup or MM Cup maybe subject to conditions concerning transfers/duel registration set by the QRL/ARL/CRL.
- iv. For Semi Final qualification purposes for Bycroft Cup competition:  
Should a Bycroft Cup player participate in a U/18 Mal Meninga Cup game, he will be credited as playing 1 game in the U/19 Bycroft Cup competition. (If his club side has a competition fixture game on the same weekend).

11 ( d ) RE: PLAYERS - Titan NYC / Fogs U20 & Q Cup Seagulls & Burleigh

- (i) A 2011 registered Gold Coast Rugby League player or a 2011 registered Gold Coast Rugby League Junior player, that registers for 2012 Titans NYC U20's must return to his 2011 registered club if he is not required for Tweed Seagulls U20 Fogs or Burleigh U20 Fogs during the 2012 season. Duel registration is permitted in these circumstances.
- (ii) As per rule 11b players are permitted to play in the Bycroft Cup under this rule.
- (iii) For semi-final qualifications, these players must play a minimum five games in the 2012 Bycroft Cup competition to qualify. If the player competes in more Titans U20's/ Q Cup/ Fogs matches combined than Bycroft Cup games, that player is ineligible to qualify for Bycroft Cup semi-final games.

- (iv) Should special circumstances arise concerning the above conditions, a club is able to request to the Executive of the Gold Coast Rugby League for the circumstances to be reviewed.

## 12. SEMI FINALS/FINALS

The Semi Finalist will be the top five (5) teams at the completion of the competition rounds. If teams are tied on points after the rounds, their positions will be determined on the following basis.

- (i) *Most wins, then (if equal)*
- (ii) *For and against, then (if equal)*
- (iii) Most tries scored.

Time off for injuries and stoppages in all grades throughout the Semi Final series.

Semi Final Levies - \$2000 payable to Gold Coast Rugby League. Host clubs are advised that it is their responsibility to cover costs for First Aid, Referees, Video Recordings and Security. Host clubs to distribute 25 passes to each participating team.

Grand Final – Gold Coast Rugby League shall host the Grand Final at Pizzey Park, Miami for 2012. The League will distribute passes to players participating. The GCRL have the option to review and change the hosting conditions regarding the G.C. Grand Final day.

The following will apply to the Grand Final host clubs:

- \$5,000 levy will be applied
- All alcohol supplied must be purchased from Burleigh Leagues which will be at a competitive rate.
- Each club to supply 25 volunteers to operate all outlets and as directed by GCRL.
- Supply eight Security Guards from 9am to 5pm & 4 Police Officers- Hours TBA
- Supply and erect all tents etc that will be required for outside cooking outlets and bars.
- Cover the cost of all cooking oil and gas.
- Be responsible for the removal of all food wastage, empty cartons etc from the canteen/bar outlets to appropriate areas and incur the cost of a basic clean afterwards.
- Supply extra toilet facilities.
- First Aid Costs
- Match Officials Costs
- Videoing recordings

- Changeroom Attendants.

The host clubs must satisfy the League that the above conditions will be complied to; otherwise the League has the option to appoint another club to be responsible for hosting on the day.

The Gold Coast Rugby League will provide and be responsible for the following:

Grand Final Prize Money  
 6 Security Guards & 2 Police Officers – Hours TBA  
 Operating of “Doubles”  
 Distribution of Player Passes (25 per team)  
 Distribution of Volunteer Passes (25)  
 Staging  
 Field Marking  
 Jumping Castle/Face Painting etc  
 Ballboys.  
 Programs  
 Entertainment

The Burleigh Leagues club have offered the host clubs the assistance in supplying food requirements, ice etc from their suppliers and storage areas at cost.

The host clubs must familiarise themselves with all canteen/bar outlets prior to Grand Final weekend.

The League will be given the use of the upstairs area for entertaining 2012 GCRL sponsors.

All hosting clubs that do not have adequate facilities will lose the right to host the finals and the League will determine the venue. If a club is unable to host a semi-final due to ground unavailability on the designated day set by the League, the League shall source an alternative venue at their discretion.

### ***Finals Series***

If a Semi final or Final is tied after the normal period of play, “Golden Point” periods of extra time will be played in (5) minute periods. Five minute periods will continue until a Golden Point is scored. Teams will change ends at the end of each five (5) minute period. No half time break will be allowed during this “Golden Point” period.

To enable this to take place:-

- The Referee will call both Captains together for a coin toss.
- The Team winning the toss will have the option of choosing which end of the field to defend, or alternatively may elect to kick-off to commence play. If the team winning the toss elects to kick-off, the choice of ends reverts to the team losing the toss.

The team which scores first points as awarded by the Referee during the “Golden Point” period will be declared the winner and the Referee will end the match immediately.

## Final Series Venues:

Semi Final 1	Team 4 v Team 5	Game A
	Team 2 v Team 3	Game B
Semi Final 2	Team 1 v Winner Game B	Game C
	Loser Game B v Winner Game A	Game D
Preliminary Final	Loser Game C v Winner Game D	Game E
Grand Final	Winner Game C v Winner Game E	

## 13. MATCH VENUES – GAME DAY

Each participating club is to ensure that a venue nominated to host a competition fixture is presented in the appropriate manner. The playing field is to be marked in accordance with the International Laws of the Game.

Host Clubs must provide visiting clubs a maximum of 8 bags of ice on game day.

For Semi Final purposes, venues must have a high standard of facilities. The League Executive will assess each venue on its own merit before allowing a venue to proceed with a Final series game.

## 14. PLAYER SERVICING (CODE)

Home Club responsible for provision of **clean, hygienic facilities** – All teams, especially visiting teams, to leave dressing rooms clean and tidy upon completion of commitment.

## 15. LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

A team nominating to stage a floodlight match must ensure that the venue's lighting complies with the relative recommendations of the Australian Standard AS2560 Part 2.3 "Lighting for Football" to provide adequate lighting for scheduled night fixtures. The Division does not accept any responsibility for ensuring that the appropriate Standard has been implemented at the nominated venue. By its deciding to schedule a floodlight match, the Club agrees to indemnify the Division and the appointed Match Officials (as appointed by the Gold Coast Referees Assoc Inc) against any claims that may arise from this Standard not being met.

## 16. VIDEO RECORDING

All clubs playing in the Gold Coast Rugby League competition must provide video recordings of every game including trial games.

All host clubs are responsible for payment to Sports Recording Services.

All clubs are to provide a safe and adequate environment for recording.

## **17. CANCELLATION OF MATCHES**

Due to inclement weather conditions it may become necessary to postpone a match.

Where a match is postponed the League will determine the time and venue for the game to proceed at a later date. These games will either be midweek or on a spare weekend with the possibility of grades playing apart. Should unforeseen circumstances not allow the game to be played, the match may be declared drawn and 1 point awarded to each of the teams concerned. Each of these teams will be awarded the average of the total for and against points scored in the completed matches of the round where a cancelled match occurs. Should a team not wish to proceed with the postponed match, they may forfeit with no financial penalty.

In the event of a Host Club not being able to host games, for whatever reason, the League will determine a suitable alternative venue at their discretion, which also includes Final Series Games.

## **18. FORFEITS**

- a) If a Club has to forfeit a game, the lowest open grade team must forfeit. Clubs must inform the Secretary of the League before 6.30 pm on the Thursday preceding the fixture game. A \$500 fine will be imposed – payable within 7 days.
- b) If a Club forfeits a game after 6.30 pm on the Thursday before the fixture, then that Club will be fined \$1000. Should a club forfeit on the day of the fixture they will also incur the cost of the referee and touch judges for that game. For and against points will be the average points for the last 3 losses of the team forfeiting, with a minimum of 20 points allocated.
- c) Forfeiting any match on the day of the match will incur a \$1500 fine. If a game is called off (due to inadequate players) before the commencement of the second half a \$500 fine will be imposed, which will be passed onto the opposing team.

## **19. MATCH REPORTS**

- Match Reports are to be completed by both team managers prior to the match. Both the surname and given names of the player should be included on the Match Reports.
- Completed Match Reports must be forwarded by the home Club to reach the Secretary of the League by the Wednesday after the fixture. All reports are to be mailed on the Monday morning following the match to GCRL, P.O. Box 2743, Burleigh MC 4220.
- Incorrect player lists presented to the League, may result in loss of points, a minimum fine of \$500 and/or disqualification from the competition.
- Host clubs are responsible in obtaining send off/player on report forms from match officials and ensure that visiting clubs have received a copy and to also be responsible in the League receiving there copy also. Failure to inform the League and follow procedures will incur a \$250 fine.

## 20. JERSEY NUMBERS

Each team shall take the field in the jersey number as appears on the Match Report. Failure to do so will incur a \$300 fine and possible loss of points.

## 21. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- a) The host club must notify the Leagues Media Officer or delegate by text or mobile, the result of **each** fixture match *and the scorers in "A" Grade only, plus any other relevant match* detail within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. Failure to do so will incur a \$200 fine.  
Telephone No: 0432436092, 0401977208  
Fax Number: 55938550  
Email: : [dmarzella9@hotmail.com](mailto:dmarzella9@hotmail.com)
- b) All relevant paperwork and match reports must be mailed by Monday following the weekend's games to GCRL, P.O. Box 2743, BURLEIGH MC, 4220.
- c) If there is a problem with contacting the Leagues Media Officer, the host club must contact the League Secretary 0432 436092 or 0401 977208.

## 22. PLAYER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Clubs must fulfil their financial obligations to players/coaches by 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. Any variation of this principle must be endorsed on the officially signed Contract.

If the League is in receipt of proven unpaid player contracts and the Club after consultation fails to rectify the situation, such Club then becomes a "Defaulter" and ineligible to compete as of that time

## 23. SIN BIN

A designated Sin Bin area must be provided away from the benches or the player must go to the change rooms. The host club time keeper is responsible for sin-bin timing.

### ***Sin Bin Time***

- a) Time in the "sin bin" is officially referred to as a "Temporary Suspension".
- b) "Sin bin" time is for playing time only and is calculated after the Referee signals time-on or when play recommences, either of which should occur after the dismissed player crosses the touch line.
- c) Time in the "sin bin" is suspended if further time is called off during the 10 minute period, e.g. injury or a delayed kick at goal.
- d) Suspended time is not included in halftime but does expire at the conclusion of the game.
- e) Counted time is not the responsibility of the Referee and is the responsibility of the Sin Bin Steward or the official designated to that duty.
- f) A club official of the "sin binned" player must be present at all times during the

temporary suspension time.

## **24. REFEREES**

- a) All coaching staff members, players, injured players on the sideline as spectators, must not direct comments to Match Officials during a match. A low tolerance “Policy” of comments directed to match officials will be in place for the 2011 season. Breach of this policy will incur suspension and/or a fine.
- b) It is a compulsory requirement to have referees & touch judges escorted from the field to their change rooms at Half Time and Full Time. The DVD Company (Sports Recording) has been notified that the Referees and Touch Judges are to be filmed when leaving the field of play until they are out of sight. It is also required that if a claim of abuse and threats are made, the League will require a report from the host clubs security guard/club official on request.

### ***Criticism of Referee Performance***

Should a secretary, coach, or a Club feel that the performance of a Referee is not consistent with the necessary standard required; a complaint should be lodged by the Club with this League for investigation. No member of a Club shall either indicate or discuss the possibility or probability of the report until the investigation by the League is completed.

The time frame for a club to lodge a complaint to the League, must be within 48 hours of the game being played and the Referees Association will be informed of the complaint within 24 hours of the League receiving the complaint.

The existence of a report from a Club will be relayed to the media only by the Division Chairman.

Any breaches of this Policy by Clubs, coaches or officials will instigate immediate disciplinary action by the GCRL, the QRL South-East Division or QRL.

## **25. VILIFICATION**

Refer QRL Rule 96 “Code of Behaviour”

If a player is dismissed from the field of play by the Referee - for such an offence, normal Judiciary procedures apply.

The manner in which additional matter, VIZ, Vilification is handled is consistent with procedures contained in the Rules and Policies – On Field Incident Report (Refer page 12).

“If the complainant is not satisfied with this outcome, he will be advised of a contact name and number at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (hereafter refer HREOC) and the involved Division/League will forward all cogent judiciary matters to that Commission if and when a request is made by that body”.

For penalties if guilt if found: refer Player’s Misconduct Section 15.1 (f) Use of Offensive Language.

**26. JUDICIARY OFFICER– DOUG LIPP - Ph: 0412 664 751**  
**Fax No: 55645142**

Judiciary Hearing Appeals will be held at the Gold Coast Rugby League offices at Carrara Stadium on the Wednesday, 6pm after each weekend fixtures if required.

***Players Sent from Field***

When a player is sent from the field, the player must not remain on the sideline in his playing gear. A sent-off player shall have a club official obtain the charge sheet after the match

The Judiciary Officer shall be responsible to form a decision on:

- (i) A Referee's report of any player's misconduct in respect of a match;
- (ii) A Referee's report containing a request to view any incident occurring in a match;
- (iii) a written request from a Club/League Executive Officer to view any incident occurring in a match;  
This request must be received by 2pm Monday following the match day weekend.
- (iv) Any incident occurring in a match referred by the Chairman or a Gold Coast Rugby League Executive member within 5 days of the match being completed.

A Referee's report must be handed to the Host Club after the match who then must provide a copy to the Visiting Team. The Host Club is to ensure that the original of the Referee's report & the MATCH SHEET is forwarded to the League's Judiciary Officer, by fax 55645142, within 45 minutes of completion of the last game. Should a problem arise regarding the sending of the report & match sheet please contact 0401 977208 or 0432 436092.

For the Judiciary Officer to consider a charge as per paragraph (iii) a complaint must be received by the League NO LATER THAN 2 pm on the Monday after the match.

***Judiciary Procedures***

- (a) In the case of a player being ordered from the field for misconduct, his place shall not be filled. The game shall commence when the player has left the playing area. This player must go to the assigned dressing rooms
- (b) When a referee sends a player from the field or places a player on report, he shall complete a charge sheet and hand it to a host club official after the match. It is the responsibility of the host club to contact the Judiciary Officer or if uncontactable, the League at the completion of games. There may also be a further report (written) by the referee, if required. All charge sheets and match reports should be faxed within 45 minutes of all games being completed by the host club to the Judiciary Officer before being mailed to the League Secretary. Failure to follow these procedures will incur a \$250 fine.

- (c) The J.O. will consider the information before him, and form an opinion as to whether the conduct reported, warrants a suspension.
- (d) The J.O will then draft the appropriate charge. The J.O may also decide to refer any incident directly to the Judiciary Panel, if he feels the charge to be on a more serious level.
- (e) The J.O. will advise the club with whom the player is registered by 2pm on Monday if circumstances allow.
- (f) It is the clubs responsibility to immediately notify the player of both the intended charge and the “indicative” penalty.
- (g) The player must within 24 hours of receipt of such advice from the club, advise whether he accepts the penalty.
- (h) If the player pleads guilty and accepts the penalty or fails to respond within a period of 24 hours of receiving advice from the club, the J.O. will impose the penalty/suspension.
- (i) If the player pleads not guilty or does not accept the “indicative” penalty he may request to appear before the Judiciary Tribunal to contest the charge and/or penalty. The Tribunal will be convened as soon as possible to hear any submissions the player wishes to make, determine whether the charge has been proved, or not, and if proven, impose a penalty. For a Club to contest a charge/fine/penalty/suspension the Club must submit a \$200 fee to the League which will be forfeited, should that Club not be successful in their appeal.
- (j) The Tribunal is at liberty to increase or reduce the “indicative” penalty and is not bound by it.

### **\* Player Not Appearing at Judiciary**

If a player requests to appear before the Judiciary Tribunal and does not appear at the given time, the indicative penalty previously handed down by the judiciary officer will stand and \$200 fine will be imposed.

### ***On Field Incident Report***

When a Referee is approached with a complaint from a player regarding an on field incident, the Referee should:

- Establish the nature of the complaint.
- Establish the identity of the accused.
- Call out the accused, both captains and a Touch Judge.
- Advise that a complaint has been made and that the complainant is required to assist the Referee and complete an On Field Incident Report directly after the match.

- The Referee, following the game, shall complete the report only if the complainant or club official arrives to complete the complaint within 30 minutes of the completion of the game.
- If the complainant goes ahead, the Referee completes the form and gives a copy to the complainant advising him that he is also required at Judiciary and a copy to the Steward or Duty Official to refer to the accused player.
- The Referee then lodges the card as per Send-off/Placed on Report Card.

### ***Judiciary Procedure***

The On Field Incident Report is conducted as a normal send-off charge. The Referees part in the hearing is to identify the two players involved and relate any evidence of a visual nature (e.g. bite or gouge marks) to the Judiciary Panel. Once this is completed and the Panel has no further question, the Referee can be discharged and the case continued.

### ***Referee Unavailable to Attend Judiciary***

- a. Should a Referee be unable to attend Judiciary due to extenuating circumstances, the Referee should advise the G.C.R.L. Office by 3.00 pm the day before the hearing.
- b. Should the reasons given be acceptable, the G.C.R.L. Office will advise the Club and player that the case is deferred for one week and that the player is able to participate in fixtures until the time of the next hearing.
- c. If a referee is required to appear before a judiciary and he does not appear, then he shall be fined an amount equivalent to his match payment in which the send off occurred.
- d. Should a Referee not appear at a Judiciary hearing or has not lodged a notice to have the hearing deferred, then the case is discharged and the player free to play.

## ***Player's Misconduct***

To be read in conjunction with QRL Rules 33-64 inclusive

A Referee, when charging a player, shall lay the charge in accordance with the International Laws of the Game Section 15 – Definition of Misconduct.

Recommended Minimum Suspensions for a player guilty of misconduct, if point system is not used.

<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>GRADE 1</b>	<b>GRADE 2</b>	<b>GRADE 3</b>	<b>GRADE 4</b>	<b>GRADE 5</b>
(A) Tripping	75	175	275	375	475
(A) Kicking	200	300	400	500	600
(A) Striking	100	175	250	325	400
(B) Intentional High					
Tackle	550	650	750	850	950
(B) Reckless High					
Tackle	200	250	300	350	400
(C) Careless High					
Tackle	75	125	175	225	275
(C) Dropping Knees	200	300	400	500	600
(D) Dangerous Throw	125	325	525	725	925
(E) Law Breaking	75	100	125	150	175
(F) Offensive Language	75	100	125	150	175
(F) Disputing Decision	75	125	175	225	275
(G) Re-entering Play	100	150	200	250	300
(G) Obstructing	75	100	125	150	175
(H) Contrary or Detrimental Conduct	125	225	325	425	525

Charges are graded 1 to 5, with 1 being the least serious grading and 5 the most serious. The charge and grading determine the base penalty a player may receive. The Review Tribunal can determine not to allocate a grading, due to the seriousness or nature of an incident and refer a matter directly to the Judiciary Tribunal to determine the appropriate charge and penalty.

The Base Penalty points allocated for any charge are in accordance with the aforementioned table and do not take into account any plea reduction or the players prior Judiciary record. The Penalty Points shown take into account the player's prior record but exclude any carry-over points. The carry-over points are added to the total penalty points accrued from this charge to determine the overall penalty to be served – e.g. A players early plea result: -170 25 = 195 points.

Each 100 points accrued by a player will result in a one match suspension. For "A Player" this charge will see a one match suspension with a further 95 points carry-over. The carry-over points will remain on a player's record for 12 calendar months.

In the event of a player being found not guilty of an original charge and found guilty of a greater of lesser charge, he may be penalised accordingly.

Suspensions are to be for a period of number of matches up to and including midnight of a certain specified date. Selection in other grades in this time not permissible.

In the event of extra end of season matches, the Judiciary has the option to use as a measure of suspension a number of matches. In the event of these matches or suspension being incomplete the date of completion of the suspension in the next season will be advised by the League.

The League Executive members may advise the Judiciary Officer to view or review an incident that occurred during a match within 7 days after match being completed.

## **29. LIFE SUSPENSION**

Definition of Life "Life Suspension means exactly that. In some instances a Judiciary may add a proviso that the suspended person may seek after ten years and opportunity to have the suspension lifted. Such opportunity will be decided upon by the relevant Division's Board. All records of this type of Suspension from Local Leagues must be forwarded to the Division's Office for record purposes."

## **30. AFFILIATION/ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- (a) All clubs shall pay an affiliation fee to the league within 14 days of the Leagues Annual General Meeting. The fees are to be set by the League annually.
- (b) 2012 affiliation fee levy is \$110 per season per team payable to Gold Coast Rugby League. The levy payable to Gold Coast Rugby League Inc is \$750 per season, spread over three equal payments as invoiced.
- (c) Clubs to confirm number of teams competing and what grades by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## **31. MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Each club is to be represented by Club Chairman or Club Delegate. Failure to attend meetings clubs will incur an automatic \$100 fine.

As of 2012, each club must have a Representative attend. Clubs are advised that either the Club President/C.E.O. or a Senior Committee person should be in attendance.