



**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT JUNIOR
RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INC.**

BY-LAWS AND COMPETITION RULES

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**BY LAWS AND COMPETITION RULES
OF THE PARRAMATTA DISTRICT
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
INCORPORATED**

1. DISTRICT CLUB POWERS

- (a) The affiliation of every junior team and club that has been a member of the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated shall be subject to such conditions as the District Club may impose with the sanction of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (b) The District Club may cancel the affiliation of any affiliate Junior League or Junior Club or team, if it fails to observe or comply with any of the rules, constitutions, by-laws or any rules of the District Club or any of the conditions that may be imposed upon it by the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (c) The District Club and/or the New South Wales Rugby League Limited may disqualify any player refusing to play with the District Club when called upon to do so, provided however, that when any player of a club affiliated with the Junior League is called upon to play with the District Club, the player shall not be required to pay any annual subscription of such club.
- (d) The District Club shall have the right to call upon any player of any club affiliated to the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated to play for the District Club.
- (e) The representative uniform of the Junior League shall be that of the District Club and no affiliated club shall use that designated design or colour.
- (f) The Junior League is empowered to formulate competition, domestic rules and by-laws, provided that same have been approved by the District Club and do not conflict with the constitution of the Parramatta District Rugby League Club Limited and the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (g) Any affiliated club, or member thereof, shall be guilty of an offence against these by-laws and/or the constitution of the Junior League if the affiliated club or any member thereof shall allow any member or team under suspension, disqualification or being unregistered to take part in any competition match.
- (h) The District Club may, upon receipt of an application from the Board of Management of the Junior League under Section 29 (b) & (c) of the constitution, grant approval for the reducing of the statutory fourteen (14) days notice under Section 29 (e) (2) to seventy two (72) hours notice should they consider said application of a sufficiently serious nature to warrant the application.

2. CONDITIONS GOVERNING ALL REPRESENTATIVE COMPETITIONS

- (a) All representative competitions shall be as set down by the Committee of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (b) A player, if available and if selected, must represent the District in which he/she is playing junior league or, in the case of a player who plays rugby league in a school competition only, the District within whose boundaries

his/her school is located. A junior representative player must be registered with a junior league club or be a player for a school within the District he/she represents in a recognised rugby league competition. If a player plays both school and club football he/she shall make himself available for the District in which the junior league club, with whom he/she is a registered player, is located.

- (c) A player who has played Grade football in any season may not play junior representative football in that season, but if released by the District Club, may return to the junior rugby league club with which he/she was previously registered. A player in this category, not previously registered with a junior rugby league club, may play in any District.
- (d) Players selected in junior representative teams in any season must, at the conclusion of the representative season, return to and fulfil their commitments with their junior club until the end of that season, unless registered by the District Club.
- (e) A player may be registered as a junior player in only one District at any one time.

3. ENTRIES

- (a) Entries for the different competitions shall be made in writing to the Executive Officer of the Junior League, accompanied by the fee fixed by the Junior League. All entries shall close on a date fixed by the Board of Management.
- (b) All matches shall be arranged by the Executive Officer of Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated.
- (c) Club Secretaries, when nominating teams, are to state names and grades of all players in the team, with division preferences and reason for same. For teams to be accepted for entry and grading, each team must have the following minimum number of players:-
 - i.) U/12 to A Grade - thirteen (13)
 - ii.) U/9 to U/11 - eleven (11)
 - iii.) U/6 to U/8 - eight (8)
- (d) Elevation and relegation of Semi-final and bottom of the Competition teams shall be at the discretion of the Junior League Grading Committee.
- (e) All clubs shall be given the opportunity to nominate for 1st division.

4. COMPETITIONS

- (a) The Junior League may conduct competitions for all age groups and the method of conducting the competitions must be approved by the District Club.
- (b) All age groups are determined by the age of the player as at the 31st December of the year of competition. i.e. If a player turns 12 between 1st January and 31st December in the year of competition, the player will play in the Under 12 competition.
- (c) If a club forfeits to another club, the match shall count as a match played and be declared in favour of the club

forfeited to.

- (d) (i) Any team that has forfeited twice (2) in succession or has forfeited three (3) times in all may be eliminated from the Competition at the discretion of the Board of Management.
- (ii) Any team who forfeits the last Competition game may be eliminated from the Competition at the discretion of the Board of Management and shall be fined as per Section 21 (i) (v).
- (e) A bye shall count as a win but not as a match played.
- (f) In all competitions there should be not less than six (6) teams unless, however, nominated teams vary so much in ability that to grade them together would prove harmful to the competition and the fostering and propagation of the game of Rugby League Football. Each team shall meet every other team at least once and only one match shall be played of a weekend with the exception of washed out matches. Where the number of teams in the competition prevents the entire competition being played excluding the 1st round, because of the time factor, then the remainder of the competition shall be scheduled prior to the commencement of the competition.
- (g) Average points for and against for the round in question are to be awarded to any team which receives a forfeit.

5. REFEREE'S DECISION

- (a) An appeal from a decision of a Referee on the matter of law shall be dismissed if the captain of the appellant club shall have failed to challenge such a decision on the field of play during the game and prior to the conclusion of the game.
- (b) In the case of an appeal against a decision of a Referee, or in the case of a protest on the grounds of incompetence or misconduct of a Referee, a written statement definitively submitting the points on which the appeal or protest is founded, and the Law or Laws under which it is laid, must be in the hands of the Executive Officer of the Junior League not later than 6.00 pm on the third day following the match and a copy of such statement shall, within the same time, be furnished by the club appealing or protesting to the Secretary of the opposing club and the Secretary of the Referees Association.

6. PLAYING IN A HIGHER GRADE

- (a) Junior players who play two matches in a higher grade junior competition may play in a lower grade without obtaining a permit. In "A", "A Res.", "B" and/or "C" grade(s) any players, who have taken part in more than two matches of a higher grade in the present season shall not, without the sanction of the Board of Management, play in a lower grade if three (3) out of their last (5) games have been played in a higher grade. Permits shall not be granted under this rule on or after the third last match of the last round.
- (b) Where a club has more than one team in any age group, the players must stay in their nominated division, except in A grade, where free movement from 1st to 2nd Division is allowed, provided that for semi-finals, finals & grand finals, clause 23 (m) shall apply. Provided that where a first division team has a bye, the 2nd division team of the same club may not use players who played in the 1st Division side in the prior round.
- (c) Players from a lower division shall not be compelled to

play in a higher division of another club if such club shall have a team of the same division as that from which the player transferred.

- (d) District Club players shall not be permitted under any circumstances to return to junior football after the District Club has finished its competition, when such players have played in two of the last competition matches including semi-finals and finals.

7. RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) Provided junior players obtain a clearance from their previous District Club through the relevant Junior League and Club, they are free to transfer to another junior club without a residential qualifying period.
- (b) District Clubs will not refuse a clearance to a junior player unless that player is indebted to a junior club or Junior League or has failed to fulfil a contractual obligation to the District club, Junior League or Junior League Club.
- (c) (i) The current boundaries for District Clubs will remain. Junior League Clubs must play in the Junior League competition in the District in which they are located, for which purpose the address of a Junior League Club shall be that of its home ground.
- (ii) If a Club from outside the district is sanctioned by the New South Wales Rugby League Limited to enter a team or teams in the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Inc. competition, they may be permitted to play home games at a ground outside the Parramatta District boundaries, provided such permission is granted by the Board of Management of Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Inc.
- (d) No player shall in any one season represent more than one club in the same competition, except in the following circumstances:-
 - (i) Members of clubs who have withdrawn from the competition will be permitted to make application for re-registration, provided that the player has been de-registered. Re-registration of a de-registered player will not be considered without a relevant covering letter from the Club Secretary on an official club letterhead.
 - (ii) Members of clubs still engaged in competition who desire to re-register must submit with their application, written consent to transfer from their original club and also have the written permission for re-registration from the club with whom they desire to re-register.
- (e) Players shall not be qualified to play with any club if their entrance fee be totally or partially unpaid.
- (f) A player may be registered as a Junior League player in only one (1) District at any time.

8. QUALIFICATIONS OF JUNIOR PLAYERS TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY

If a player of any club affiliated to a Branch League takes up residence within the boundaries of the Metropolitan District Clubs and shall produce a clearance through his/her Group headquarters from the Secretary of his/her club, stating that he/she is no longer a playing member of such club, such player may play with a club representing the District in which he/she resides, providing that the application is made in person and receives the District Club's sanction in writing.

9. POWER TO ANNUL

The Board of management shall have the power to annul a match and order it to be re-played on the grounds of incompetency or misconduct of the Referee following an investigation by the Board of Management.

10. ROUGH PLAY

The Referee or any Officer of the Junior League shall within 72 hours of the completion of the match, report to the Executive Officer of the Junior League any instance of rough or foul play or any instances of misconduct during the progress of a match, whether such misconduct shall have led to a player being ordered off the field or not.

11. PLAYERS UNDER SUSPENSION

Any club playing an unregistered, unqualified or suspended player shall lose the match or matches in which that player took part and shall be rendered liable to disqualification and /or a fine in accordance with Clause 21 (k). Any team in contravention of this Clause, at the discretion of the Executive Officer and/or Qualifications Committee, WILL lose the competition points and the match(es) & competition points shall be awarded to the opposing team(s).

12. PLAYERS' ADDRESSES

Each Secretary of every affiliated junior club shall forward a list of names and addresses from time to time of the financial members of such club to the Executive Officer of the Junior League for registration.

All players must be registered under this rule prior to taking part in any competition match and any club playing an unregistered player shall lose the match in which such player took part. The Executive Officer of the Junior League must be notified within fourteen (14) days of the change of address of any registered player and the date of such change.

13. CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH FOR VISITS TO COUNTRY CENTRES AS LAID DOWN BY THE NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED

The undermentioned conditions governing tours to Country centres by District Club teams and for Junior League teams from the Metropolitan area have been laid down by the New South Wales Rugby League Limited. These conditions must be rigidly observed otherwise permission to tour will be withheld in the case of future applications by offending teams.

- (a) All applications to visit Country centres must be made to the New South Wales Rugby League Limited in writing.
- (b) Applications from Junior Leagues or junior teams must be supported by a covering letter from their District Club. Mere endorsement of Junior League correspondence is not acceptable to the Country Committee of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (c) Applications for permission to visit Country centres must be lodged for consideration by the New South Wales Rugby League Limited not later than the Monday night prior to the week-end for which the visit is applied.
- (d) A written report must be submitted to the New South Wales Rugby League Limited covering the tour immediately the club returns to Sydney.
- (e) References covering the conduct of the tourists must be

presented to the New South Wales Rugby League Limited from the hotel and/or boarding house proprietors with whom the party accommodated whilst on tour. These references are to be attached to the tour report so that all documents relating to the tour reach the New South Wales Rugby League Limited simultaneously.

- (f) When teams travel to Country centres for one day visits, which do not involve overnight accommodation, they are required to submit a reference in relation to their conduct from the Secretary of the club which they have visited in lieu of the reference required in clause 13 (e).
- (g) It has been decided that all visits by Metropolitan teams to Country centres must have the approval of the local Group prior to such visits being made. It is the responsibility of the local Group or teams to secure their Group's approval, but Metropolitan teams must satisfy themselves that approval has been obtained before the trip is made.
- (h) Any club affiliated with the Junior League shall not play in a match or matches, either at home or away, in opposition to a match or matches under the control of the Junior League, such as senior semi-finals and finals.

14. COMPETITION RULES AND BY-LAWS, GENERAL CONDITIONS COVERING THE COMPETITION

- (a) Conditions covering all competitions shall be determined by the Junior League subject to approval by the District Club.
- (b) Any club playing a player who exceeds the age limit in any grade shall lose the match or matches in which such player takes part and shall be fined in accordance with Clause 21 (f).
- (c) (i) In all competition grades from Under 6 to Under 17, Birth Certificates and/or Passports **MUST** be produced at the time of **NEW** registration.
(ii) In all other competition grades, players **MUST** produce Proof of Age Card and/or Photo I.D, Passport, Driver's Licence which **MUST** be produced at time of registration.
(iii) A record of them shall be taken by the Club's Liaison Officer and they shall be handed back to the Player or his Club Secretary.
(iv) To participate in any trial matches, players who have not previously registered with the club for which they wish to trial, or who are not transferring from another member club in the P.D.J.R.L.F.C. Inc, must provide Photo I.D and proof of age, before taking part in these trials. The Photo I.D may be an original of a Passport, Proof of Age Card, Driver's Licence or any Educational Institution's Student card (which must contain a photo). Details of this identification are to be noted on the Sign-On Sheet for the match(es) in which the player(s) participate. If proof of age is not on the form of Photo ID supplied, an original of a Birth certificate is also required.
(v) Clubs who use players who have not previously registered with the club for which they are competing, who have not been transferred from another member club in the P.D.J.R.L.F.C. Inc, who do not provide the Photo I.D and proof of Age as listed in (iv) above or who use overage players in trials shall be subject to fines as per Clause 21 (f)
- (d) In the case of protests in connection with age, it shall be

necessary for the player or players protested on to produce their birth certificate and/or passport.

- (e) Baptism certificates and photocopies of birth Certificates are not acceptable for registration.
- (f) (i) During the current season of the Junior League players from a lower group may move up to a higher age group of equal or higher divisional status without restriction on numbers. However, except as in Clauses (f) (iii) & (iv), no player is permitted to play in a team more than two (2) years above his/her own age group. The movement of players to a higher age group but lower divisional status is NOT permitted
(ii) To partake in matches in the competition play-offs for semi-finals, finals and grand finals, all players must have played in at least three (3) competition matches with their respective teams during the current season of this Junior League.
(iii) To play in any combined Age Group competition (which must be for consecutive Age Groups) e.g. Under 17/18, players must attain during the current year, an Age which is no more than 2 years below that of the lower age group for that competition
(iv) To play in any "A" grade match conducted, organised or sanctioned by the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated a player must have attained the age of 17 prior to the match being played.
- (g) No team shall be eliminated from any semi-final by a points for and against system. The method of determining semi-finals shall be in accordance with Clause 23 (h) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), & (v).
- (h) Saturday competitions shall be played by Under 8's to Under 17's. A Grade & C Grade shall play on Sunday, unless changes are authorised by the Executive Officer..
- (i) Under 6's & 7's shall play a round robin series with no semi-finals, finals or grand finals to be played. The Board of Management shall decide the maximum number of matches to be played and this series shall be used as a guide to gradings as Under 8's the following year.
- (j) All matches U/6's to U/15's shall be played under the "Safeplay Code".
- (k) The Club Championship Trophy will be based on ALL competition points gained by teams in the CLUB in the Under 8 through to "A" Grade competitions, modified by the application of Divisional Loadings together with Bonus Points awarded for performances in the Finals Series. These Divisional Loadings and Bonus points may be modified by the Junior League Board of Management, however such modifications must be made prior to the completion of Round 5 of the competition and notified to all clubs at that time.
- (l) The Junior Incentive Shield will be based on ALL competition points gained by teams in the CLUB in the Under 13 through to Under 17 competitions, modified by the application of Divisional Loadings together with Bonus Points awarded for performances in the Finals Series These Divisional Loadings and Bonus points may be modified by the Junior League Board of Management, however such modifications must be made prior to the completion of Round 5 of the competition and notified to all clubs at that time.
- (m) The Modified Football Incentive Shield will be based on ALL competition points gained by teams in the CLUB in

the Under 8 through to Under 12 competitions, modified by the application of Divisional Loadings together with Bonus Points awarded for performances in the Finals . These Divisional Loadings and Bonus points may be modified by the Junior League Board of Management, however such modifications must be made prior to the completion of Round 5 of the competition and notified to all clubs at that time.

- (n) No player or official who has been suspended or placed on a good behaviour bond shall be eligible to receive any award of the Junior League in that current year.
- (o) No player participating in any competition of the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated shall receive remuneration for playing or training in excess of the amount determined by the Board of Management of Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club incorporated for that season – nor guaranteed sign-on fees by Sponsorships, Club Committees or supporters.
- (p) Any player(s), coaching staff, managers, trainers, club Executive or any club official found guilty of breaching player payments as stated in By-Law 14 (n) may be suspended for a period of five (5) years.
- (q) Any club found guilty may have all points deducted for all teams fielded by the offending club and may be fined in accordance with Clause 21 (l).
- (r) No player or official smelling of alcohol will be permitted to enter the playing area.
- (s) All players in Mini-League (U/6's to U/8's) must wear football boots with rubber studs only. Boots may have moulded soles or rubber screw-in studs. Nylon or aluminium studs are not permitted.
- (t) New South Wales Rugby League Limited sanctioned kicking tees should be used in **ALL** matches conducted by the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Incorporated. Kicking tees which are made of Non-Rigid material may be used. Kicking tees are to be taken on to and removed from the field by trainers **ONLY**. Tees may be used for kick-offs, conversions or penalties. Players and ballboys are **NOT** permitted to remove the tees.
- (u) Players up to the age of ten (10) years may wear sports shoes or similar (without studs) in trials **ONLY**.
- (v) No person shall take any Electronic recording device and/or Camera inside the playing area without the express permission of the Executive Officer.
- (w) ALL persons within the playing area for any Competition match **MUST** be registered with the Junior League, with the exception of Match Referees, Touch Judges, Timekeepers, qualified First-Aid Officers and Ground Managers

15. REGISTRATIONS

- (a) All players, coaches, trainers and managers must be registered before taking part in any competition match. All players must have attained the age of four (4) years before being allowed to register or take part in any trial or competition match.
- (b) (i) All registration forms **MUST** be filled-in using a blue or black ball point pen, **NOT** felt tip, roller or pencil. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian for all players under 18 years of age. In the case of senior players and officials, they must sign the form where allocated. All

forms must be signed by the Club Secretary or Registrar before being sighted by a Junior League Official. All new registrations must be accompanied by an original Birth Certificate or extract (not a photocopy) or a passport.

(ii) New registration photos **MUST** be taken within four (4) years.

(c) Any persons signing Junior League registration forms are subject to disqualification if particulars contained therein are found to be incorrect.

(d) Players & Team Officials who cannot fulfil these requirements **MUST** make personal application to the Executive Officer, who may register said Player(s) & Team Official(s) in the appropriate manner.

(e) The players in each team will be listed on an original sheet issued by the junior League. Only the players listed on this sheet, whose photo ID cards will be included in the folder may play in the match. The only exception would be players allowed under Clauses 14 (f) (i) & (ii).

(f) No team in a lower division shall be allowed more than two (2) players previously graded in a higher division except with the approval of the Qualifications Committee, who after due consideration of the best interests of the players and teams involved, may increase the allowed number of higher graded players.

(g) (i) Except as provided in (g) (ii) no team of an affiliated Club shall initially register more than twenty three (23) players in C grade and Under 17's, twenty (20) players in Under 12's to Under 16's, eighteen (18) in Under 9's to Under 11's and fifteen (15) in Under 6's to Under 8's. If players are injured during the season, additional players can be added to their player register (still with the maximum players as listed) provided those players no longer required are **DEREGISTERED**, and these additional players are authorised with the approval of the Junior League through the Qualifications Committee.

(ii) If a team of an affiliated club has five (5) or more players selected in a District Representative Team, then the affiliated club may, for that team, register three (3) additional players, in which case the three (3) additional players shall be registered within seven (7) days of the selection of the representative team and before the next official match.

(iii) Representative players in Harold Matthews and S.G. Ball must register with a Junior Club in the Parramatta District prior to the commencement of the representative team's competition. When representative players return to the Junior League, they must return to the club with which they registered at the start of the season.

(iv) A representative player who was not registered with an affiliated club in the previous season, may only register with an affiliated club which has less than FOUR (4) representative players in that age group, unless the Executive Officer in conjunction with the Board of Management advises otherwise.

(v) All development squad players may register with the Junior Club from which they were selected to the squad (i.e. the Club they were registered with in the previous season).

(vi) At the completion of the Summer Coaching School, all players must register with the Club with which they were registered in the previous season.

(h) Prior to the commencement of the season, once players registration forms are signed, and those forms are duly

stamped by the designated Official of the Junior League, then those players are duly bound to that club with which they had registered, unless application is made to the Qualifications Committee of the Junior League and such players are cleared to another club, which they must nominate.

(i) All players and team officials **MUST** pay an annual registration fee to their club prior to being registered..

(j) (i) **ALL** player registrations will cease on 30th June in each year.

(ii) **ALL** players must be registered by June 30th in each year except in the case of a District Club player not cleared by June 30th, or where a player has been called up to the District Club, in which case the Board of Management may authorise the registration of another player for the club concerned

(k) **ALL** registered "A" & "C" Grade players' registration cards will be withheld by the Junior League until individual clubs pay the fee required for Sports Injury Insurance cover unless the Executive Officer in conjunction with the Board of Management advises otherwise.

(l) All registrations must be lodged with the Junior League Executive Officer.

(m) The Junior League is empowered to impose registration fees, such revenue to be used in the interests of the game.

16. PLAYER'S SIGN ON SHEETS

(a) (i) These sheets are to be signed before the commencement of each match in the playing area or as may be directed by the Board of Management, under the supervision of a member of the Board of Management/Advisory Committee, who has been appointed for this purpose, or officials of the opposing team.

(ii) All thirteen (13) players from Under 13 to "A" Grade in International and in Under 12 Mod League Football, who are initially taking the field for a team are to be listed one after the other on the sign-on sheet consecutively, **irrespective** of whatever number they are wearing on their jersey. Where a player's number and the number against his name on the sheet are different, the sheet is to be amended to agree with the number on the player's jersey.

(iii) The listed thirteen (13) players per team and **ONLY THESE** players may be signed on by the Team Managers before the commencement of the match. Reserve players, up to a maximum of seven (7), must be listed on the sign on sheet prior to the commencement of the game, but may **NOT** be signed on by Team Managers. No more than seven (7) reserves will be allowed inside the playing area. **ANY RESERVES TAKING THE FIELD MUST SIGN ON PERSONALLY JUST PRIOR TO TAKING THEIR PLACE IN THE GAME.**

(iv) In Under 9 to Under 11 Mod League Football, all eleven (11) players who are initially taking the field for a team are to be listed one after the other on the sign-on sheet consecutively, **irrespective** of whatever number they are wearing on their jersey. Where a player's number and the number against his name on the sheet are different, the sheet is to be amended to agree with the number on the player's jersey.

(v) In Under 6 to Under 8 Mini League Football, all eight (8) players who are initially taking the field for a team are to be listed one after the other on the sign-on sheet consecutively, **irrespective** of whatever number they are wearing on their jersey up. Where a player's number and the number against his name on the sheet are different, the sheet is to be amended to agree with the number on the player's jersey.

(vi) The players still need to be sighted prior to the game, against their photograph on the registration cards

- (b) If the sign-on sheets are not correctly completed and forwarded by the home team Secretary for receipt by the Executive Officer of the Junior League within seventy two hours of the completion of the match played, by personal delivery or by registered mail, a fine in accordance with Clause 21 (c) will be imposed.
- (c) In the case of an appeal or protest arising, the original Junior League registration card and the players' sign-on sheet only, will be recognised. All appeals from the decisions of the Qualifications Committee shall be heard by the Parramatta District Appeals Committee.
- (d) Where it is suspected that unqualified players are being played and clubs are not protesting and Junior League officials are not taking action, the Parramatta District Club or the New South Wales Rugby League Limited shall take such steps as they deem necessary to exclude such unqualified players from playing and shall impose such penalties as they deem desirable on all or any parties concerned.
- (e) For all matches arranged by the Junior League each club shall appoint a team manager or managers who shall sign the sign-on sheet and shall add the words "Team Manager" after his/her signature. Such Manager shall be in charge of his/her team and shall remain in charge of the team until the completion of the match and an extra ten minutes thereafter. It is the responsibility of the team manager to check the registration cards of the opposing team as they sign on.
- (f) Registration cards must be left at the official table at each ground for the duration of the match, including those of the coach, manager and trainer/s.

17. TIMES OF PLAY

- (a) Matches shall commence at such times and be played at such grounds as directed by the Executive Officer, unless otherwise directed by the District Club, and any club not prepared to commence a match within fifteen (15) minutes of the time directed shall be deemed to have forfeited unless satisfactory reasons for the delay are given to the Board of Management. No deferment of matches shall be allowed unless agreed to by the clubs concerned and sanctioned by the Executive Officer. No deferments will be given because of representative commitments unless approved by the Board of Management.
- (b) Each match, with the exception of mini football, shall be played in two divisions of time, as determined by the Board of Management, each division of not less than fifteen (15) minutes or more than forty (40) minutes, with an interval of not more than ten (10) minutes. In the event of any alteration in the playing time, the club must

be informed prior to the start of the match and the game must be played in two equal divisions. Mini football shall be played over three ten (10) minute periods with a three minute break between periods.

- (c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, in all games from Under 6 to Under 17, a match shall be terminated immediately, when the points difference is in excess of fifty (50) points. In "A" or "C" Grade the match shall be terminated immediately when the points difference is in excess of sixty (60) points. There will be no questions or debate entered into, and the club representatives on the table (timekeepers) will notify the referee that the game is to be terminated.

18. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- (a) In the event of any team playing more than the prescribed number of players it shall be the duty of the opposing captain or duty Ground Manager to draw the Referee's attention to the fact. The Referee shall then call time-out until the extra player or players have been removed from the field of play. ALL points scored by the offending team whilst the extra player or players has/have been on the field of play shall be disallowed. Should the extra player or players fail to remove themselves from the field of play immediately, the Referee shall award the match to the opposing team. The incident shall be reported by the Ground Manager and Referee to the Executive Officer to determine further action.
- (b) If a team begins the match with less than the prescribed number of players it may fill the vacant place or places at any time during the game, but if it shall begin the game with the prescribed number of players, substitutes may only be introduced to take the place of a player or players leaving the field, as per replacement rules.
- (c) The minimum number of players required for a match to commence are:-
 - (i) Under 6's to Under 8's six (6) players
 - (ii) Under 9's to Under 11's eight (8) players
 - (iii) Under 12's eleven (11) players
 - (iv) Under 13's to A grade nine (9) playersIf during a game the number of players becomes less than the minimum number as listed, whether through injuries, dismissals or sin-binning, the Referee must immediately stop the match, provided that the rules pertaining to Mini & Mod League matches are observed.

19. PERMITS

- (a) GRADED & REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS
Any player who has been graded and/or is a Representative player must first obtain a permit/clearance from the District Club before he will be allowed to play in any grade. The Junior League Executive Officer must be notified in writing of such permit.
- (b) TRIALS
 - (i) ALL clubs are required to notify the Junior League Executive Officer in writing of ALL trials being held, in which their teams are participating seven (7) days prior to the trial.
 - (ii) Clubs wishing to participate in trials against teams from outside the Parramatta District (irrespective of where the trials are to be played) MUST obtain permission from the Executive Officer of Parramatta Junior Rugby League before playing these trials.

- (iii) Clubs wishing to participate in trials prior to the date determined by the Parramatta Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated as being the official commencement date for trials in that year **MUST** obtain permission from the Executive Officer of Parramatta Junior Rugby League prior to confirming these trials with the opposing clubs.
- (iv) In ALL TRIAL MATCHES, both within and outside the Parramatta District, Sign-on sheets must be used correctly, as in Competition Matches
- (v) Any Player/Team Official under suspension, may **NOT** participate in trial matches i.e. cannot have any involvement in trial matches

20. PLAYERS' UNIFORM

- (a) Players must appear in proper uniform which shall consist of a uniquely numbered jersey with sleeves, shorts and whole hose (socks) all of which shall be of the approved club design in the club's registered colours (as approved by the Board of Management of Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated), boots or shoes (which must not have spikes or studs or anything else which in the opinion of the Referee could be considered dangerous).
- (b) Players may **NOT** wear any un-numbered jersey or jerseys turned inside out.
- (c) Players will **NOT** be allowed to wear jewellery or beads in plaited hair.
- (d) Jerseys worn by players in Under 6's to Under 17's may not bear advertisement and/or sponsorship pertaining to alcohol products as defined by the New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (e) The Referee shall report any infringement of these rules to the Board of Management of Parramatta Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated.

21. FINES

Fines may be levied on clubs for the following offences:

- (a) Withdrawal of teams after gradings are completed---
 - (i) Within first five matches \$150.00
 - (ii) Between 5th & 8th matches \$75.00
 - (iii) After 8th match \$40.00
- (b) Non attendance at Junior League meetings ---
 - \$50.00 per meeting.
- (c) Team sign on sheets not submitted to Junior League Executive Officer or appointed Liaison Officer within seventy two (72) hours --- \$30.00 per sheet.
- (d) Failure to phone results through by 6.00 p.m. on the day of the match -- \$40.00 per match.
- (e) Failure to lodge compulsory Government Sporting insurance with Junior League Treasurer by the required date-- \$100.00 per team.
- (f) Deliberately playing over-age player or players — \$1000.00 per player plus loss of points for each match played. This fine shall also apply to Trial matches.
- (g) Failure to return Premiership trophies to Junior League Executive officer by 1st July --- \$100.00 per trophy.
- (h)
 - (i) Clubs found guilty of not checking registration cards prior to the commencement of matches or allowing players to play without registration cards -- \$250.00 each club involved.
 - (ii) Clubs failing to notify the Junior League Executive Officer within 14 days, of unqualified player(s) taking

part in a Junior League match:

- \$250 per player per match.
- (i) Clubs forfeiting matches (including trial matches arranged through the Junior League) –
 - (i) Notification to Executive Officer no less than ten (10) days in advance – \$50.00
 - (ii) Notification to Executive Officer by 6.00 p.m. Wednesday prior to the match -- \$75.00
 - (iii) Notification to Executive Officer by 6.00 p.m. Friday prior to the match -- \$150.00
 - (iv) Later or no notification to Executive Officer – \$300.00
- (v) Any team who forfeits the last competition game waives the right to compete in ALL Finals series games, at the discretion of the Board of Management and a fine of: \$500.00
- (j) Allowing a player to play without proper clearance –
 - Loss of points & \$1000.00 for each match played.
- (k) Allowing an unregistered, unqualified, suspended or disqualified player to play – loss of points & \$1000.00 for each match played.
- (l) Breach of player payments – loss of all competition points for all teams fielded by the offending club and a fine of \$5000.00
- (m) Any club whose teams are found to sing corrupt versions of victory songs which are degrading to the opposition or use foul or abusive language will be fined as follows:
 - (i) First offence - U/6 to U/15 -- \$250.00
 - U/16 to C Grade -- \$350.00
 - A Grade -- \$500.00
 - (ii) Second Offence -- Loss of points and/or suspension from the competition.
- (n) A subsequent offence by a trainer after having received a warning letter, in accordance with Clause 23 (u) (vi):
 - (i) First subsequent offence - \$50.00
 - (ii) Second subsequent offence - \$100.00
 - (iii) Third subsequent offence - \$200.00 and de-registration of the trainer.
- (o) Failure by a Club to notify the Judiciary Chairman by 3.00 pm on the day of the hearing, that a player is unable to attend the hearing as required: - \$100.00.
- (p) Failure to pay any Insurance to the Junior League or Referee's fees to the Parramatta District Referees Association within twenty one (21) days, after having received a request from the Junior League Executive Officer, for such payment to be made: \$100.00 and elimination of all teams of the offending Club from semi-finals and play-offs.
- (q) Failure to register a coach, manager and at least one (1) trainer for each team and/or failure to provide registration cards for the above officials at the official table, for all games in which the team is competing in the Junior League competition: \$100.00 per official.
- (r) Failure of a Club Secretary to notify ALL Team Officials, of his/her Club, of Rules, Resolutions and/or instructions received in memos issued by the Executive Officer of Parramatta District Junior rugby League Club incorporated within seven (7) days of issue of same.
 - (i) First Offence.....Warning letter
 - (ii) Second offence.....\$ 50.00
 - (iii) Third offence.....\$200.00

- (iv) Fourth offence.....\$500.00.
- (s) Failure of a Club Secretary to return his/her Club's registration cards to the Junior League Executive Officer by 30th September of the current year..... \$100 per team.
- (t) Failure of a club to respond to and/or act on correspondence or a directive received from the Junior League with fourteen (14) days of the receipt of said correspondence or directive:-
 - (i) First Offence.....\$50.00
 - (ii) Second Offence in the same calendar year... \$100.00
 - (iii) Subsequent Offence in the same calendar year..... A Penalty as determined by the Board of Management.
- (u) Non Display of "NO ALCOHOL" sign at grounds during competition games and trials. ---- \$500.00
- (v) The above fines may be waived or reduced upon written request from the Secretary of a Club, at the discretion of the Executive Officer in consultation with the Board of Management.

22. OFFENDING PLAYERS

- (i) Referees shall obtain the name of any offending player(s) from the captain of the team and failure of the captain to supply each player's correct name shall be deemed to be misconduct for which the captain shall be reported to the Executive Officer of the Junior League.
- (ii) Referees shall obtain the name of any offending Club Official from the Club Secretary and/or a Team Official and failure of that name to be supplied shall be deemed misconduct for which the Club concerned shall be reported to the Executive officer of the Junior League.

23. COMPETITION RULES

- (a) TIMES OF PLAY
 - (i) Under 6, 7, & 8 3 x 10 minute periods – 3 minute breaks.
 - (ii) Under 9, 10 & 11 2 halves of 20 minutes each - 5 minute break.
 - (iii) Under 12 to 15 2 halves of 25 minutes each - 5minute break.
 - (iv) Under 16, 17 & 19 2 halves of 30 minutes each - 10 minute break.
 - (v) B & A Res. & A Grade 2nd & lower Divisions 2 halves of 35 minutes each - 10 minute break.
 - (vi) A Grade except 2nd & lower Divisions. 2 halves of 40 minutes each - 10minute break.
- (vii) Time-off is to be taken, if signalled by the Referee in all matches.
- (viii) If a drawn game in play-offs, semi-finals, finals or grand finals extra time will be:-
 - Under 9's to Under 15's - 5 minutes each way
 - Under 16's to A Grade - 10 minutes each way.
 The game will be terminated when the FIRST POINT is scored within the extra time period and the team scoring that point will be declared the winner.
- (ix) If a match is still drawn after extra time in play-offs, semi-finals or finals, it shall be replayed as directed by the Junior League Executive Officer.
- (x) If a grand final is still a draw after extra time has

been played both teams shall be declared Joint Premiers for that season.

- (b) All grades shall have no weight limits and shall be in the following age groups:-
 - Open age, Under 21, 19, 17,16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 & 6
- (c) SIZE OF FOOTBALLS
 - (i) Under 6, 7 & 8 Mini ball
 - (ii) Under 9, 10, 11 & 12 Mod ball
 - (iii) Under 13 and above Senior ball
- (d) In all grades from Under 6's to "A" Grade kicks for conversion of tries MUST be taken.
- (e) No players shall be granted a clearance or transfer from one club to another after playing in one or more matches unless the team becomes defunct or the players have been de-registered by their clubs, then only by the approval of the Qualifications Committee, ratified by the Board of Management.
- (f) (i) In ALL competition matches, each club shall appoint competent persons, who shall be at least 18 years of age, to act as Touch Judge and Time-keeper, except where Referees Association shall appoint Touch Judges in Under 16 to A Grade. These persons should be made known to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game. Time-keepers are to be together throughout the match at the official table.
 - (ii) The host club is to provide the table, hooter or bell, timing equipment, three (3) footballs of the correct size and the Referee's Dismissal book.
 - (iii) The home club must make available a stretcher, which must be placed near the official table.
- (f) (i) No games are to be arranged during the season that would interfere with the competition draw.
 - (ii) In the event of games being called off after the wet weather weekend allocated by the Executive Officer, these games shall not be rescheduled even if they have a bearing on the semi-finals, except where a round is partially played and the remaining unplayed games from that round in any particular grade or division do have a bearing on the semi-finals or playoffs.
- (g) All competition semi-finals are to be played as:- **ONE** plays **TWO** and **THREE** plays **FOUR** . The winner of **ONE** and **TWO** proceeds to the grand final; the loser of **ONE** and **TWO** plays the winner of **THREE** and **FOUR** in the final; the loser of **THREE** and **FOUR** is eliminated. The winner of the final plays the winner of **ONE** and **TWO** in the grand final.
- (h) (i) If at the completion of the competition rounds two or more teams are equal in competition points, then, for the purpose of determining the placement of teams for the semi-final series, the teams will be ranked in order according to the difference between the number of points scored by a team and the number of points scored against it during the competition rounds, with the team with the greater difference being ranked ahead of the team with the lesser number. In the event of the difference being equal, then the relative positions will be determined by ascertaining the relationship between points scored for and against as a percentage, with the team with the higher percentage being ranked ahead of the team with the lower percentage.
 - (ii) If before or after the application of the above

procedure two or more teams are equal in competition points for fourth position, then those teams shall take part in a play-off or a series of play-offs to determine the team to take part in the final series as previously established.

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

MATCH A Team 2 v Team 3

MATCH B Team 1 v winner of **MATCH A**

And the winner of **MATCH B** shall take fourth position.

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

MATCH A Team 1 v Team 3

MATCH B Team 2 v Team 4

MATCH C Winner of **A** v winner of **B**

and the winner of **MATCH C** shall take fourth position.

(v) If more than four teams tie for fourth position, the Board of Management shall determine the method of play-offs.

(vi) Dates, venues and times for play-off are to be arranged by the Junior League Executive Officer.

(i) The Secretary of each club is responsible to notify their allocated member of the Results Committee of the results of Saturday matches by 6.00 p.m. on Saturday evening and all Sunday results to Executive Officer of the Junior League by 6.00 p.m. Sunday evening.

(j) (i) In International Rules games, Clubs will **ONLY** be allowed to sign on up to thirteen (13) players before the match. No players name will be allowed to be crossed out or deleted after the sign on sheet has been signed.

(ii) Reserve players **MUST** sign on before taking the field of play.

(iii) **ALL** replacements must enter the field of play, only after reporting to the Official Table and nominating the player they are replacing. Once a player has done this, he/she must enter the field of play in the next break in play.

(k) (i) **ONE (1)** Coach per team is allowed on the field of play, for all matches in Under 6's & 7's. Coaches are **NOT** allowed on the field of play in Under 8 competition matches

(ii) In all matches from Under 8's to A grade, **ONE (1)** Coach per team is allowed to sit on the sideline with their reserve players, but are not permitted to instruct or yell at players on the field of play. Any contravention of this rule will result in coaches being asked to remove themselves outside the fenced or roped area of the playing arena and the coach may have his/her registration card confiscated by the match Referee or Junior League official.

(iv) In ALL matches from under 6 to "A" Grade, a try shall be worth four (4) points.

(l) (i) In all matches in Under 12 to A Grade competitions, clubs shall be allowed to use up to twenty (20) players.

(ii) In all competition matches for Under 12 to A grade, the starting thirteen (13) players' names **MUST** be on the sign-on sheet thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the match. The reserve players' names, up to a maximum of seven (7), **MUST** be added to the sign-on sheet prior to the commencement of the match and replaced players as well as blood bin

replacements, **MUST** come from the reserves named on the sheet.

(iii) Except where Clause 17 (c) has been applied, in Under 12 Mod football each player as listed on the sign-on sheet, up to a maximum of twenty (20), **MUST** play a minimum of one half, twenty-five (25) minutes, unless prevented by injury, **BEFORE** said player can be replaced. Players who have been replaced, except if they have been replaced through injury, may be used as further replacements provided they are replacing a player who has played the required minimum of twenty-five (25) minutes.

(iv) Except where Clause 17 (c) has been applied, in Under 9 to Under 11 Mod football each player as listed on the sign-on sheet, up to a maximum of eighteen (18), **MUST** play a minimum of one half, twenty (20) minutes, unless prevented by injury, **BEFORE** said player can be replaced. Players who have been replaced, except if they have been replaced through injury, may be used as further replacements provided they are replacing a player who has played the required minimum of twenty (20) minutes.

(v) Except where Clause 17 (c) has been applied, in Mini football (U/6's to U/8's) each player as listed on the sign-on sheet, up to a maximum of fifteen (15), **MUST** play a minimum of one period, ten (10) minutes, unless prevented by injury, **BEFORE** said player can be replaced. Players who have been replaced, except if they have been replaced through injury, may be used as further replacements provided they are replacing a player who has played the required minimum ten (10) minute period.

(m) (i) To be eligible to play in 2nd Division A Grade, A Res., B Grade and C Grade semi-finals players must have played three (3) of their last five (5) matches in that grade.

(ii) Where a team and an immediate subordinate team of the same club, i.e. 1st Division "A" grade, 2nd Division "A" grade, "A" Reserve Grade and/or "C" grade, are competing in the same week of the Finals series, a player will be eligible to play in the grade immediately subordinate to that in which the player would otherwise be eligible to play in accordance with these rules.

(iii) A player returning from injury, who does not meet this qualification, may, provided that player has qualified as per Clause 14 (f), apply to the Junior League, in writing, for permission to play in the respective grade. Such application must be made by the player and be accompanied by medical certificates to support such application. Any application of this nature must be in the hands of the Junior League Executive Officer seven (7) days prior to the match in which the player desires to play.

(n) A junior player who plays three or more matches in a higher age group cannot play in a lower age group in the same year. Except if, players play in their own age group and are then called up to a higher age group in the same weekend, the players may play providing Clauses 14 (f) (i) and 25 (h) are not contravened. The match played in the lower age group only shall count.

(o) It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to check the opposing players' cards as they sign on. The Team

Manager must also check the registration cards of the Coach, Manager and Trainer(s) of the opposing team. Clubs failing to observe this rule shall be dealt with in accordance with Clause 21 (h).

- (p) All trophies won in the previous season are to be returned to the club's Liaison Officer or Junior League Executive Officer by 1st June each Year. Clubs failing to observe this rule shall be dealt with in accordance with Clause 21 (g).
- (q) All clubs hosting semi-finals, finals and grand finals at their grounds must supply three (3) regulation footballs of each code for the use in such games. Participating clubs in such games should not use footballs supplied by competing clubs.
- (r) Players who have been ordered off the field of play shall immediately leave the playing area and resume their ordinary attire. Players dismissed from the field may not participate in any further matches on that day and must appear at the next meeting of the judiciary Committee. Player failing to appear at the next meeting of the Judiciary Committee following their dismissal shall be suspended until they appear.
- (s) Any player sent to the "sin bin" must sit in the seats provided in an area nominated adjacent to the official table.
- (t) (i) The Team Manager shall sign the sign-on sheet on behalf of the players in all age groups.
(ii) **All** Team Managers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (u) (i) Each team may have a maximum of three (3) trainers inside the playing area during matches (ALL grades U/6 – A Grade.) Trainers **MUST** be registered and be at least 18 years of age, unless appropriately qualified.
(ii) One (1) trainer may enter the field to:
 - (a) Treat an injured, or obviously distressed player.
 - (b) Convey the Coach's message to individual player(s).
 - (c) Arrange the interchange of players. (No interchange is permitted at scrums or drop-outs).
 - (d) Take water to players.
 - (e) Deliver and retrieve kicking tees.A second trainer may:
 - (f) Enter the field of play when the Referee signals time -off or after a try is scored.
 - (g) Enter the field of play if a second player is injured or to assist the first trainer with an injured player.
 - (h) Assist with an interchange, but cannot enter the field of play.
 - (i) Under extreme weather conditions, with prior agreement of the opposition, take water to players.
 - (j) A third trainer generally looks after players on the bench and keeps the water bottles filled, and may also supply water to a goal kicker after a try is scored and may also deliver and retrieve kicking tees.
- (iii) (a) Trainers must **NOT** act with aggression towards, or abuse/question a player, Referee, spectator or unofficial Touch Judge.
(b) Trainers must **NOT** enter the field of play if a melee breaks out.
(c) A trainer must **NOT** remain on the field when

a specific task has been completed.

(d) Except in the case of injury, a trainer may only enter the field of play when his/her team is in possession.

- (iv) (a) Trainers **MUST** wear appropriately coloured Trainer's vests or polo shirts, appropriately worded, **Home Trainer** and **Away Trainer**, as directed by the Executive Officer, with **NO** Sponsorship allowed thereon.
(b) Trainers are **NOT** permitted to carry and/or take any electronic communication device, whether hand-held or headsets, onto the field of play under any circumstances.
- (v) **ALL** unqualified trainers **MUST** be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Only trainers with qualifications recognised by:-
Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated.
Parramatta District Rugby League Club Limited.
Parramatta District Rugby League Club Limited - Coaching & Development Dept.
Board of Management Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Club Incorporated.
New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
may be less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- (vi) Except as indicated in Clause (u) (ii) above, only **ONE** trainer is allowed on the field at any one time.
- (vii) Referees have the power to caution or remove a trainer who is acting contrary to the rules.
- (viii) Any breach of the above rules may result in confiscation of the trainer's registration card by the match Referee or Junior League Official.
- (ix) Any trainer who transgresses against or fails to conform with Clause 23 (u) (ii), (iii) or (iv) will be formally warned by letter for the first offence. Any subsequent offence(s) by this trainer will incur a fine or fines, which will be payable by the trainer's Club, in accordance with Clause 21 (n).
- (v) (i) **NO** match will be permitted to start at any time, without a qualified First-Aider in attendance and immediately available to render assistance as required. First Aiders must wear the regulation vests supplied.
(ii) Clubs hosting semi-finals, finals and grand finals must also supply a qualified First-Aider.
- (w) (i) **ALL** clubs must appoint a Ground Manager at **ALL** home games. Ground Managers **MUST** wear the regulation vest as supplied by the Junior League
(ii) Clubs hosting semi-finals, finals and grand finals **MUST** supply a Ground Manager and all necessary equipment for all games.
- (x) Once any coach, manager, trainer or team official leaves the confines of the playing area whilst a game is in progress he/she must remain outside the playing area for the duration of the match.

24. RULES RELATING TO JUDICIARY

- (a) The Judiciary Committee shall be elected each year and shall comprise a Chairman, who shall be the Judiciary Chairperson from the Board Of Management and two (2)

Advisory Committee members of the Junior League as per Section 30 of the Constitution.

- (b) Should the Chairman of Judiciary be unable to chair any meeting of the Committee, he/she shall notify the Executive Officer who shall co-opt a member of the Board of Management to act as Chairman.
- (c) The Chairman can co-opt any member of the Board of Management or Advisory Committee to act as a member in the absence of an elected member.
- (d) The Judiciary shall operate under the “rules Relating to Judiciary Hearings” as approved by the Board of Management.
- (e) The venue and times for Judiciary meetings shall be determined at the start of each competitive season.
- (f) Players and Referees who are unable to attend a meeting of the Judiciary Committee must advise the Chairman by 3.00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- (g) Players not attending a meeting of the Judiciary Committee as required, shall be suspended until such time as they appear at a subsequent Judiciary Committee meeting.
- (h) (i) All players may take with them, as a representative, their Club Secretary, or their nominee, when attending meetings of the Judiciary Committee. Such representatives shall be allowed to assist with the presentation of material to such hearings in conjunction with the player. The same rights shall apply to the Referees Association. A player wishing to submit video evidence must advise the Judiciary Chairman of such intention by no later than 12.00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
(ii) Legal representatives or Advocates are not permitted to appear before this committee, unless in exceptional circumstances, and only where leave to appear has been granted by the Committee Chairperson.
- (i) The Chairman of Judiciary shall be responsible for recording all relevant details of meetings of the Judiciary Committee.
- (j) All players to appear before the Judiciary Committee **MUST** have their registration card with them when they come to the meeting, If they appear without their registration card, their case will not be heard and the player is suspended until he appears at a subsequent Judiciary hearing.
- (k) It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary to collect a player’s card from the Junior League Executive Officer once the player’s suspension is completed.
- (l) An appeal from a decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be heard and determined by the District Club’s Appeal Committee. Any appeal must be lodged within seven (7) days of the hearing and must be lodged by the player. A club cannot appeal on behalf of a player.
- (m) **ALL** players sent off in trial games **MUST** appear before the Judiciary. If they are playing in an out of district trial and are sent off, then they are required to appear before the Judiciary of the district in which they were sent off. Any out of district club failing to enforce the appearance of a player sent off in this district will not be permitted to trial in the district in subsequent years.
- (n) Any biting or gouging allegations must be reported to the Referee immediately. The Referee will call in the Touch Judge (if official) and both captains and the player claiming to have been bitten or gouged, will be asked by

the Referee if he/she wants the matter reported. If the player says yes, then the matter is to go to the Judiciary Committee (International Teams). If the player alleging the attack has a change of heart, he/she must inform the Referee prior to the conclusion of the game. After the match is not acceptable. Both players will have to appear before the Judiciary at their next meeting. Failure to appear by either player will see that player suspended until he/she appears. The Referee will also attend after submitting a written report. In the case of players 12 years and under, reports will be required from each club involved and the Referee. They must be forwarded to the Executive Officer and a decision as to a hearing or other action, will be determined.

- (o) The Judiciary Committee has the discretion to Stand Down a player who appears before them and requests an adjournment and **who by requesting the adjournment** agrees to stand down, until the matter is resolved.

(25) TRANSFERS – UNDER 6’s TO A GRADE

- (a) (i) All players wishing to transfer from one club to another within the Parramatta District Junior League must complete a transfer form. These forms must be returned to the Junior League Executive Officer within seventy two (72) hours of their receipt by the Secretary of the Club the player is leaving.
(ii). If a Club has objections to the transfer, it must still be forwarded within the prescribed time, unsigned, accompanied by a letter detailing the grounds for declining the transfer.
(iii) Any transfer in conflict with the Junior League rules **MUST** be referred to the Qualifications Committee for consideration and approval. All other transfers may be approved by the Qualifications Chairperson and/or the Executive officer.
(iv) Applications for transfers by Players Under 6 years to Under 15 years must have an endorsement by their parent or guardian.
(v) The Junior League will not process transfers prior to 1st February in each year. Clubs need not respond to transfer applications or other club requests prior to that date.
(vi) ALL transfers will cease on 30th June in each year.
(vii) Players “sitting out the season” or “Transferring out of the District” will gain no advantage with existing transfer rules.
(viii) All players including Summer Coaching School, Development Squads and Representative Squads must use the “Player Transfer Request Form”.
- (b) A player’s transfer will be considered completed when the following conditions are in place:-
 - (i) The approved transfer application has been completed to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer.
 - (ii) ALL completed Transfer Forms shall bear the Club Stamp of the Club releasing the player and must be accompanied by a \$5.00 transfer fee.
 - (iii) The transfer has been approved by the Qualifications Committee and the Executive Officer.
 - (iv) A player will be officially attached to his/her new club from the date the transfer application was approved by the Qualifications Committee. Any move by the player to another club will have to go through the full transfer process again. Players must also comply with conditions

- as set out in Clause 7 (d).
- (c) The Qualifications Committee will meet weekly to consider transfers.
- (i) Only applications that are in accordance with the rules will be considered. I.e. The correct form must be used.
- (ii) Application forms received after 6.00p.m. on Monday of each week will be retained until the following week.
- (iii) Following weekly Qualifications Committee meetings, Club Secretaries shall make enquiries from the Junior League Executive Officer to ascertain the results of various applications, which will be confirmed in writing.
- (iv) Any appeal submissions must be in writing, accompanied by the appeal fee, and lodged with the Executive Officer within seven (7) days of the Qualifications meeting.
- (v) All appeals will be heard by the Parramatta District Appeals Committee. The time and date of the appeal will be notified by the Executive Officer.
- (vi) The player(s) will not be permitted to play in competition matches until the appeal has been heard and determined.
- (d) Clearances in/Out of District:
- (i) Should a player of any age desire to transfer OUT of the Parramatta District a "Clearance Certificate" should be completed and handed to the Secretary of his/her club.
- (ii) Should a player of any age desire to transfer IN to the Parramatta Junior League, a "Clearance Certificate" should be completed and forwarded to the Secretary of his/her previous club.
- (iii) Clearances for all players Under 13 and above MUST be approved by New South Wales Rugby League Limited.
- (iv) ALL clearances into/out of Parramatta District Junior League will cease on 30th June in each year.
- (e) Movement of Players: Delay in Registering Players.
- If any club becomes aware that players from one of the club's teams have refrained from registering because of encouragement from another club to transfer, and further, because of that situation there is a real possibility that the club will be unable to nominate or field a team in that age group, that club may, if it has the evidence to support a complaint, contact the Executive Officer and report the facts. The matter will be investigated by the Board of Management and appropriate action taken.
- (f) If any Club official (Secretary/Registrar) unreasonably delays processing a transfer, the matter should be reported to the Board of Management for attention and appropriate action.
- (g) Defaulters:
- A club may refuse a transfer if a player is financially encumbered to that club or has not returned property owned by that club. However the club cannot list a player as a defaulter after the 30 June in any year for registration fees owing for that current year.
- (i) Once a club lists a player as a defaulter, that player cannot be registered with **ANY** club.
- (ii) If a club plays a player who has been listed as a defaulter, that club faces the possibility of losing points and/or being fined in accordance with Clause 22 (j).
- (iii) A default can only be lifted against a player by notification, in writing, to the Junior League Executive Officer. **OR**
- (iv) Once a club plays a player who has been listed as a defaulter by that Club, the default will no longer be recognised.
- (v) The Junior League will call for a list of defaulters each year.
- (h) Representative Squads, Development Squads & Summer Coaching School.
- For the purpose of these rules:-
- (i) A representative player will be a player selected in final squads of representative teams that are selected to represent the Parramatta District.
- (ii) A Development Squad player will be a player who has been selected and named in Junior Development Squads.
- (iii) A Summer Coaching School player will be a player who has been selected and named in the Summer Coaching School.
- Transfer of players selected in these squads are as per rules set down by the Parramatta District Rugby League Club Limited.**
- (A) Representative players, **(S.G.Ball)** who wish to transfer to another club or wish to register with a club, may only do so if the club they are joining has less than **FOUR** representative players, unless the Executive Officer in conjunction with the Board of Management advises otherwise.
- (B) Representative players **(Harold Matthews)** who wish to transfer to another club or register with a club, may only do so if the club they are joining has less than **FIVE** representative players, unless the Executive Officer in conjunction with the Board of Management advises otherwise
- (C) A Development Squad player who wishes to transfer to another club, may only to transfer to a club which has less than **FIVE** Development Squad players, unless the Executive Officer in conjunction with the Board of Management advises otherwise.
- (D) If a Summer Coaching School player is a member of a team which does not re-form in the following season, that player may only transfer to a club which has less than **SIX** Summer Coaching School players, unless the Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Board of Management advises otherwise.
- (E) If a Representative, Development Squad or Summer Coaching School player transfers or registers with a club which has been promoted one or more divisions from the previous season, the number of Representative, Development Squad or Summer Coaching School players allowed for the promoted team is two more than the prescribed quota.
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| i.e Representative players | (from 4 to 6) |
| Development Squad Players | (from 5 to 7) |
| Summer Coaching School Players | (from 6 to 8) |
- (i) Playing with more than one club in the same season:
A player cannot represent more than one club in the same season unless:-
- (i) A club has withdrawn a team from the competition.
- (ii) The player has been de-registered by his/her club.

Each player wishing to re-register with another club **MUST** complete a transfer form.

(j) General Rules.

(i) In Under 6's to Under 17's not more than three (3) players shall be allowed to transfer within the Parramatta District from one Club team to another club team in the same age group in the same year.

(ii) In "A" & "C" Grades no more than five (5) players from one Club team may transfer to another Club team in the same year. Additional player transfers may only be approved by the Junior League Board of Management.

(iii) A player cannot be compelled to play in a higher division or age group and accordingly the Qualifications Committee may, on reasonable grounds, refuse a transfer to an age group above that in which he/she would normally be qualified to play.

(iii) When an affiliated team has more than one (1) team in any age group, of which there is more than one division, a player may not transfer within divisions in the same age group, unless a club, because of the Junior League rules, withdraws a team from the competition.

Should that happen, players may transfer to another club in accordance with the Junior League rules or remain with the same club and play in a team in a higher division (i.e. players can go up but not down).

(iv) Where a club has two or more teams in the same age group, players are not permitted to move between these teams, once they have been graded, unless approval is granted by the Qualifications Committee. **NO** approval for such movements will be permitted after 30th June in each year.

(v) **For players who compete in the Under 6 to Under 17 competitions:** If a player has been granted a Clearance from Parramatta District to another district to play Rugby League and subsequently requests a clearance back to Parramatta District within three (3) years, he **MUST** return to the club from which he was cleared. If the player requests a Transfer to another Club in the Parramatta District then he **MUST** follow normal Transfer procedures.

(k) Requests for exceptions in regard to the conditions covering Transfers and Clearances, which are set out in clause 25, **must** be submitted in writing by a Club Secretary to the Junior League Executive Officer, for referral to the Qualifications Committee, which shall have discretionary power to allow or deny such request.

(26) GRADINGS & RE-GRADINGS.

(a) Only the names of players registered for that year will be allowed to be placed on the nomination sheets for that year. The minimum numbers of players (as per Clause 3 (c) must be registered by the closing date for team entries for the competition. Team entries without the required minimum number of registered players may not be accepted by the Gradings Committee.

(b) In the interests of player safety, team nominations containing players competing in an age group greater than two (2) years more than the age they attain in that year, may not be accepted by the Gradings Committee. Where such nominations are accepted by the Gradings Committee, any player who is playing two (2) years or more above his age, must be cleared by the Qualifications Committee.

(c) All players registered after gradings have been completed, and whose names do not appear on the original nomination sheets, **MUST** be cleared to play by the Qualifications Committee.

(d) **ALL** re-grading of players will cease on 30th June of each year.

(e) Re-grading of teams may take place at the discretion of the Board of Management.

(f) Groupings of player in Under 6's & Under 7's may be made at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

(27) CODE OF CONDUCT – PLAYERS, OFFICIALS & SPECTATORS

(1) JUNIOR LEAGUE AUTHORITY.

1.1 All persons attending matches controlled by the Junior League do so with the permission and licence of the Junior League and not otherwise.

1.2 Members of the Board of Management and/or Advisory Committee in conjunction with a Club official may Stand Down a Player and/or Official of a Club for unsavoury conduct immediately after having notified said Player, Official and Ground Manager of such action and that Junior League Official **MUST** submit a report within forty eight (48) hours to the Junior League Executive Officer. The offending Player/Official is so Stood Down until he appears before a "Code of Conduct Committee within seven (7) days, and the Player's/Official's Registration card is to be taken by the reporting Junior League official

(2) DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CODE.

At the time of registration or at some other time, **ALL** players and carers of players, coaches, trainers and other persons are to be handed a copy of this Code.

(3) ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CODE.

All such players' carers, coaches, trainers and other persons **MUST** agree to be bound by this Code prior to acceptance of registration of their child or themselves.

(4) MISCONDUCT DEFINED.

No person attending a match controlled by the Junior League shall:-

(a) Use offensive or obscene language to any player, referee, Touch Judge, official or other spectator.

(b) Enter the field of play during the course of a match without prior approval of the Ground Manager appointed by the Junior League.

(c) Dispute the decision of a Referee or Touch Judge.

(d) Assault, intimidate or act with aggression to any other person.

(e) Behave in any way contrary to the spirit of the game.

(f) Behave in any way that disturbs the enjoyment of the match by any other person or brings discredit to the Junior League.

(g) Act in such a way as to exhibit racial intolerance by language or conduct to any other person.

(h) Refuse to accept the reasonable direction of the Ground Manager, Official of the Junior League or of the Club which that person is supporting.

(i) (a) (i) Sell or consume alcohol at any game, inclusive of trials and competition games, within the grounds and dressing sheds, whilst U/6's –“A” Grade are participating. This includes individuals with personal supplies.

(ii) Sell or consume alcohol at any training venue, inclusive of trials and competition games, whilst U/6's –U/17's are participating. This includes individuals with personal supplies.

(iii) The Ground Manager, Home Club Executive Member and or Junior League Official are empowered to stop the game if a person(s) refuse to remove alcohol from the ground.

(iv) Any Club selling alcohol in contravention of sub-clauses (i) & (ii) above will be dealt with in accordance with Clause 27 Section 8 and may have penalties imposed as detailed in 8.1, 8.2 or 8.3. of this Section.

(v) Any Club failing to display the approved “NO ALCOHOL” signs during trials and competition matches may be fined in accordance with Clause 21 (u).

(b) ALL glass containers, including bottles are prohibited from being carried or brought into any grounds, whether trials, competition games or training venues within the Parramatta DJRLC district

(j) Smoke cigarettes or a pipe inside the playing area (inside the fenced or roped off area) or dressing rooms at any ground within the boundaries of the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League Incorporated, whilst players are preparing for or taking part in, training and/or games.

(k) Any player removing his/her playing uniform whilst still in the playing area may be cited to appear before the Code of Conduct Committee.

(5) GROUND MANAGER ACTION.

5.1 Any person/s contravening Section 4 of this Code may be reported by the Ground Manager to the Manager of the team which that person/s obviously supports.

5.2 Upon receiving a report from the Ground Manager, the Team Manager must draw the attention of the offending person/s to this Code.

5.3 The Ground Manager must note on the back of the team sign-on sheet, the time and nature of such report to the Team Manager.

5.4. In the event that the offending person does not desist from the offending conduct, such person will be asked by the Ground Manager to leave the ground immediately.

5.5. The request to leave the ground and the time thereof must be noted by the Ground Manager on the back of the team sign-on sheet.

5.6 In the event a person refuses to obey the direction of the Ground Manager he/she may direct the referee to terminate the match.

5.7 In the event the match is so terminated, the relevant facts will be reported to the Junior League, which may at

its absolute discretion, against which there will be no appeal, award points for the match to the team other than that which the offender is supporting, or declare that neither side will receive any points for the match.

5.8 In the event the Ground Manager cannot identify a particular person who is contravening Section 4 or more than one person obviously associated with a team is contravening or has contravened Section 4, the Ground Manager may report that behaviour to the Manager of the team which that person or persons are supporting.

5.8.1 Upon receiving a report from the Ground Manager, the Team Manager must draw the attention of this code to the supporters of that team.

5.8.2 The Ground Manager must note on the back of the team sheet the time and nature of such report to the Team Manager.

5.8.3 In the event that the offending person or persons do not desist from the offending conduct, the Ground Manager may direct the Team Manager to request the offending person or persons to leave the ground.

5.8.4 The request to leave the ground and the time thereof must be noted by the Ground Manager on the back of the team sheet.

5.8.5 If the offending person or persons do not leave the ground, or if the Team Manager does not follow a direction made by a Ground Manager under this Clause 5.8 the Ground Manager may direct the Referee to terminate the game and Section 5.7 will apply.

(6) CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES.

Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their members, players, parents of players and the spectators who support them.

(7) DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If deemed appropriate, charges of misconduct as defined under Section 4 of this Code may be made against Clubs or individuals. In such cases formal hearings will be held by the Code of Conduct Committee to determine the guilt or otherwise of the charged parties. The principles of natural justice require that an accused person be given a fair hearing. However, this does not extend to the right to have legal representation at these hearings.

(8) PENALTIES – CLUBS / INDIVIDUALS

Clubs which do not exercise control over their members, parents of players or spectators may be called upon by the Junior League to accept responsibility for such offence and the following penalties will apply. These penalties may also apply to the offender:-

8.1 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE:-

8.1.1 A fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and/or

8.1.2 Loss of competition points and/or

8.1.3 Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

8.2 FOR A SECOND OFFENCE

8.2.1 A fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) and/or

- 8.2.2** Loss of competition points and/or
- 8.2.3** Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

8.3 FOR A THIRD OFFENCE

- 8.3.1** A fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) and/or
- 8.3.2** Loss of competition points and/or
- 8.3.3** Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

8.4 NON ATTENDANCE TO CODE OF CONDUCT HEARING WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION

Where the individual player, spectator or official fails to attend a designated hearing set by the “Code of Conduct Chairperson”, the following penalties may also apply to the Offender & Club:

- 8.4.1** The individual may be suspended from any further competition match, participation or attending any game as a player, spectator or official until a new hearing date has been rescheduled.
- 8.4.2** In the case of a Club Official who fails to attend as representative of the Club he/she represents at the designated hearing date set by the “Code of Conduct Chairperson”, a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) will be applied to the Club.

(9) CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Abuse of Referees, Touch judges or Officials of the Junior League may result in the registration of the child, whose carers so offended, being cancelled.

(10) TEAM MANAGEMENT

Where a team does not have a Team Manager at the ground, any request or direction made by a Ground Manager to any official of that team or official of that team’s Club, shall be regarded as a direction to the Team Manager for the purposes of this Code.

(11) HEARINGS

11.1 Persons requested to appear before a hearing of a Code of Conduct Committee as a result of action(s) contrary to Clause 27 of these By-Laws, may take witnesses to the hearing, provided that notification of such attendees is made to the Committee Chairperson at least twenty four (24) hours prior to the hearing.

11.2 Legal representatives or Advocates are **NOT** permitted to appear before the Code of Conduct Committee, unless in exceptional circumstances and only where leave has been granted by the Committee Chairperson.

11.3 Players and Referees and/or Officials who are unable to attend a hearing of the Code of Conduct Committee **MUST** advise the Chairperson no later than 4.00pm on the day of the hearing.

11.4 Players and/or Officials not attending a Code of Conduct Committee hearing, as was requested, shall be

stood down until such time as they appear at a subsequent Code of Conduct Committee hearing.

11.5 ALL Players/Officials to appear before a Code of Conduct Committee hearing **MUST** have their Registration Card with them when they come to the hearing.

11.6 The Code of Conduct Committee has the discretion to Stand Down any player, official or spectator who appears before them and requests an adjournment and who, by requesting the adjournment, agrees to stand down until the matter is resolved.

