# NSWRL Participation and Registration Policy

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## 1. PURPOSE

This policy is based in the Australian Rugby League registration policy with the following rules adopted by the NSWRL to facilitate the efficient and consistent registration of all Participants involved in Community Rugby League in the NSW and ACT.

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure:

a. Consistency and accuracy in the collection of participant data.
b. Compliance with state and national reporting requirements.
c. Improved communication between NSWRL, affiliated bodies, Clubs and Participants.
d. Delivery aligned to the national online registration system.
e. An efficient process to assist Club volunteers with registration timeframes.
f. Acceptance of all applicable Terms and Conditions for every registered Participant.

## 2. REGISTRATION PERIOD

A Participant must be registered on the National Online Registration Platform (subject to Club or competition availability):

a. Before participating in any training or matches.
b. Before **30 June** each Season for existing players.
c. At any time during the Season for players new to Rugby League.
d. Clubs and affiliated bodies may set earlier or additional deadlines with approval from the NSWRL.

## 3. DE-REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

A registered Participant may be de-registered if they:

a. Do not take part in any match or trial (pre-season or in-season).
b. Are convicted of a criminal offence that renders participation inappropriate.

## 4. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

All players must be registered before participating in any trial or competition match. Registration includes the acceptance of all applicable Terms.

### a. Returning Players

A player returning to the same Club must complete self-registration prior to 30 June.

### b. New Players

A new player may register at any time. Registration remains "pending" until:

i. They provide evidence of identity (birth certificate, current passport, or driver's licence).
ii. The Club verifies the identity and the system administrator approves the registration.

### c. Players Requiring Clearance

Players transferring from a previous Club must:

i. Provide their new Club with evidence of name and age.
ii. Accept all Terms via the link provided following clearance approval.

### d. Manual Registrations

Remote/regional areas may utilise manual processes, which must be entered into the registration system by the governing body within required timelines.

## 5. REGISTRATION OF COACHES & TEAM STAFF

Registration is mandatory for all coaches and team staff regardless of accreditation status.

a. Registration must be completed via self-registration.
b. Clubs must assign coaches and staff to appropriate teams.
c. Coaches or staff without current accreditation must complete the required course by **30 June**, or may face sanctions.
d. Adults (18+) working with children must provide a valid WWCC.
e. Adults (18+) must complete the **NRL Patrons of the Game Child Safety Module**.

## 6. REGISTRATION OF SAFETY PERSONNEL

All Safety Personnel (League Safe, First Responders, Sports Trainers) must be registered.

a. Accreditation must be completed prior to undertaking any on-field role.
b. Registration must occur via self-registration.
c. Adults (18+) in child-related environments must provide a valid WWCC
d. Adults (18+) must complete the Child Safety Module.

## 7. REGISTRATION OF MATCH OFFICIALS

Registration is mandatory for all match officials.

a. Accreditation must be current prior to registration or officiating.
b. Registration must be completed through self-registration.
c. Adults (18+) in child-related environments must provide a valid WWCC.
d. Adults (18+) must complete the Child Safety Module.

## 8. REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEERS

The registration of volunteers enables NSWRL to support, resource and recognise the volunteer workforce.

### a. Mandatory Registration (Office Bearers)

- President
- Vice President(s)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Registrar

### b. Recommended Registration

All other Club/League/Association volunteers.

### c.–e. Additional Requirements

• Registration via self-registration is preferred.
• Adults (18+) working with children must hold a valid WWCC and complete the Child Safety Module.

## 9. REFUSAL OF REGISTRATION

NSWRL is entitled to refuse any registration application in its absolute discretion. In the event of a refusal of a registration application, NSWRL is not obliged to provide reasons for its decision, and the decision is not reviewable.

## 10. REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION

NSWRL revoke any registration where an individual fails to meet requirements or engages in conduct inconsistent with the game's values.

### Grounds for revocation of registration

a. Breach of the NSWRL or National Code of Conduct.
b. Failure to uphold fair play principles.
c. Criminal misconduct.
d. Conduct deemed contrary to the best interests of the game.
e. Child safety breaches (per NSWRL Child Safeguarding Policy).
f. Matters arising under the Member Protection Policy (MPP).
g. Failure to meet compliance requirements.

### Notification

NSWRL or the relevant affiliate body will notify the individual in writing, including:

• Grounds for revocation or denial
• Effective date
• Appeals or review information if applicable

### Re-instatement

Following any revocation period, individuals must contact the governing body, provide evidence of corrective actions, and demonstrate compliance with game standards

## 11. CONFIDENTIALITY

All registration information—including revocation and appeals—will be treated confidentially in accordance with applicable Privacy Laws.

## 12. DISCLAIMER

NSWRL reserves the right to update this Policy to align with best practice, legal changes and operational requirements. Participants are responsible for familiarising themselves with the most current version.