



NSW Rugby League

COVID-19 Media Policy

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The NSWRL is advising media of the following guidelines for its competitions to assist with the health and safety of players, club employees and officials, match officials, spectators, and members of the broadcast media and general media, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The guidelines follow health advice issued by the Federal Government and are designed to maintain a safe workplace and limit the spread of COVID-19.

It is important that any media covering NSWRL competitions adheres to these guidelines. Any breach could result in accreditation for the 2020 NSWRL season being suspended or revoked.

1. Physical distancing in broadcast areas/media boxes

- (a) All media covering NSWRL matches must maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres;
- (b) Floor space within media areas is to be marked to ensure the requisite 1.5 metre social distancing is maintained;
- (c) Each media organisation must nominate a representative who is responsible for maintaining COVID-19 safe protocols for their team, including determining the maximum numbers allowed inside a broadcast area/media box;
- (d) The maximum safe capacity cannot be exceeded for media areas.

2. Handwashing and hygiene

- (a) Media must have hand sanitiser in their media areas;
- (b) Media must be aware of limiting the spread of germs, including by not touching their face, sneezing into their elbow, and staying home if feeling sick;
- (c) Media must limit contact with others– no shaking hands or touching objects unless necessary.

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3. Cleaning

- (a) Media must ensure their work areas are cleaned with detergent or disinfectant before and after broadcast;
- (b) Media are responsible for maintaining their personal property in a hygienic manner with disinfectant or disinfectant wipes, including sunglasses, mobile phones and iPads, etc.

4. Match day attendance

- (a) Media accreditation will be managed by the NSWRL for all competitions and all media must register with the NSWRL when they attend a match;
- (b) Media must remain a minimum of 1.5 metres away from players, coaching staff and other club officials, match officials, and spectators;
- (c) Media will be accommodated in allocated media facilities at venues, away from players, coaching staff and other club officials.

5. Media access – match day and post-match

- (a) No media will be permitted inside the tunnel or dressing rooms;
- (b) Approved and accredited media can conduct post-match interviews in a Clean Zone area to be determined by the NSWRL but must remain 1.5 metres away from coaches and players;
- (c) All equipment used by media for interviews must be clean.

6. Print photographers

- (a) Only print photographers approved by the NSWRL will be permitted access to grounds to cover NSWRL competitions;
- (b) Photographers must keep their equipment clean and must keep a safe distance of 1.5 metres at all times from players, club employees and officials, match officials and spectators.

7. Monitor symptoms

- (a) Media representatives must stay home if they are sick, and if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 ask them to call the National Coronavirus hotline (1800 020 080);
- (b) Media representatives must report to their employer if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or have been tested for COVID-19.