



NSWRL

2021 COMMUNITY FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS COVID-19 HANDBOOK MODIFICATIONS



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Stay at home if you're sick



Wash your hands regularly and cover coughs and sneezes

Modifications to 2021 NSWRL Community Competitions as a result of COVID-19 impacts. The following document provides a summary of rule modifications to the 2021 Community Rugby League season as a result of the impacts of COVID-19.

These rule modifications supersede existing Rules and By-laws outlined in local Region/Districts Handbooks.

Note: Please be advised that these amendments have been implemented for the 2021 season only and should not form the basis of applications for dispensation to rules in future seasons.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT AND JUDICIARY PROCEDURES

In 2021, all Judiciary and Code of Conduct hearings will be held via video conferencing Meetings.

2. ABANDONED MATCHES – COVID 19

a. If a team is unable to fulfil its commitments due to impacts of restrictions or quarantine requirements relating to the COVID-19 virus, and those requirements result in a regular season match being abandoned, the result of the match will be determined a 0-0 draw. Medical proof or other evidence maybe requested by the NSWRL Competition Coordinator or Local League Administrator before final approval.

b. Where a match cannot be played in a certain Local Government Area (LGA) due to government restrictions or impacts of COVID 19, the NSWRL reserves the right to move the game to an alternate venue to allow the game to go ahead in accordance with the appropriate government regulations. Medical proof or other evidence maybe requested by the NSWRL Competition Coordinator or Local League Administrator before final approval. If an alternate venue cannot be found the result of the regular season match will be considered a 0-0 draw.

c. NSWRL reserves the right to make the ultimate determination on final competition ladder standings in relation to the ability of clubs to be able to compete in finals series matches, which includes reviewing the allocation and accumulation of competition points, the eligibility of teams to contest a finals series match in competitions impacted by COVID 19. Player and community safety, integrity of the competition and practicalities of a competition will be considered when determining final standings.

3. FIRST AID / TRAINERS

All trainers who enter the field of play, must not carry water-bottles or administer water to players during play. Drink breaks will be scheduled for quarter, half and three-quarter breaks. Drink breaks at quarter and three-quarter stoppage should take place on the field where play was ceased and coaches are NOT permitted to enter the field of play. These stoppages are for two minutes only.



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EQUIPMENT

FOOTBALLS: The home Club is responsible for providing the appropriately branded footballs for each game. The balls must be sanitised prior to and at the half time break of each game.

BENCHES: Clubs must comply with social distancing measures at all times whilst on the bench/sideline. The host Club is responsible for field set up to adhere to the government regulations regarding social distancing.

COVID_SAFE POSTERS: Clubs must display the NSW Government and/or the NSWRL issued COVID-Safe paraphernalia at all training sessions and home games.

ATTENDANCE CHECK-IN

The host Club must ensure they meet the government requirements of attendance tracking, which includes players, staff and spectators that attend the game venue. The NSWRL recommends registering as a COVID safe Club and accessing the NSW government QR codes that can be used by the Services NSW App.

COVID SAFE PLAN

All Clubs must complete a COVID safe plan for their training and playing purposes. Each 'venue' must have an individual plan. The NSWRL recommends using the NSW Government Plan template – this can be accessed via <https://www.nsw.gov.au/form/covid-safety-plan/community-sporting-competitions-and-full-training-activities>

Clubs must have a COVID Safe officer appointed. And have a hard copy of their COVID Safe plan on site at all times.

EDUCATION

All players/ officials must have completed the COVID-SAFE education and quiz before they recommence playing and/or training.