



NSWRL

Junior Representative Competitions COVID-19 HANDBOOK MODIFICATIONS



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Modifications to the 2021 NSWRL Junior Representative Competitions Handbook (SG Ball, Laurie Daley, Harold Matthews, Andrew Johns and Tarsha Gale Cups) as a result of COVID-19 impacts

The following document provides a summary of all rule modifications to the 2021 Handbook as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 on the regular season.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND JUDICIARY PROCEDURES

In 2021, all Judiciary and Code of Conduct hearings will be held via video conferencing / zoom meetings. There will be no face to face sessions.
No spitting at any time. Players found to be ignoring this may receive a code of conduct breach.

FORFEITS AND CANCELLATIONS

If a team is required to undertake mandatory quarantining requirements in the event that a player or players from the team have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, and those requirements result in a forfeit, the result of the match will be considered a draw; and each team will be allocated 1 point and the average for and against for their previous matches played in the season. Adequate medical proof is required to be submitted to the NSWRL Competition Coordinator for approval.

Where a match can not be played in a certain Local Government Area (LGA) due to government restrictions, 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.

Where a match can not be played due to individual state government requiring COVID testing, and subsequent isolation until a negative result, that would therefore prohibit teams entering and exiting on the same day, the NSWRL reserves the right to move the game to an alternate venue.

Where a team is unable to continue in the competition due to COVID-19 outbreak, they will be removed from the competition and any team scheduled to play them for the remainder of the competition will be issued 2 points for the win, and allocated the average for and against for their previous matches played in the season.

MATCH DURATIONS

All matches will be played under the current durations:

SG Ball/ Laurie Daley Cup – 2 x 35min halves + 10-minute half time

Harold Matthews/ Andrew Johns/ Tarsha Gale – 2 x 30min halves + 10-minute half time

In addition, all games will have a 2-minute quarter time 'drinks break' (as there will be NO provision of trainers running water on the field).



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SCHEDULED GAME TIME

Where there are multiple games at a venue, there must be enough time allowed between games to sanitise both the team dressing sheds and the officials dressing sheds before the next group of players and officials can gain access to these

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 break times. During the quarter time and half time breaks, trainers may take water bottles onto the field. Each player must have an individual water bottle, labelled with their name. There is to be no sharing of water bottles.

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.