



Code of Conduct

Players

- Be a good sport. Respect all good play whether from your team or the opposition and shake hands with and thank the opposition players and officials after the game – win, lose or draw.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Always respect the referee's decision.
- Never become involved in acts of foul play.
- Honor both the spirit and letter of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship; avoid gamesmanship and respect the traditions of the game.
- Never engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, sledging, obscene gestures, and offensive remarks, trash-talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other players, officials or supporters.
- Care for and respect the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.
- Safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances.
- Recognize that many officials, coaches and referees are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.
- Do not bet or otherwise financially speculate, directly or indirectly, on the outcome or any other aspect of a Rugby League match or competition in which you are involved.

Parent or Spectator

- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the referee's decisions – don't complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsportsmanlike language, harassment or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated.
- Encourage players to play by the rules and to respect opposition players and officials.
- Never ridicule or scorn a player for making a mistake – respect their efforts.
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages the players in the team you are supporting; do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- Remember that children participate in Rugby League for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other match day staff.
- Never arrive at a Junior League game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a Junior League game.

Misconduct

There are three levels of misconduct if any codes are broken consistently.

1st Offence - The player/parent will be told by the Coach/Executive concerning his behaviour and that it will not be tolerated.

2nd Offence - A letter will be sent about the consistent bad behaviour of the player/parent and suspension of one game has been given.

3rd Offence - A letter will be sent to the concerned parent/player asking to show cause why they should not be deregistered and suspended for the Season.

Any unlawful acts will not be tolerated. Unlawful acts such as violence, threat of violence or intimidation will be condemned and will result in either de-registration as a member, de-registration of a player, or both. All unlawful acts will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Complaints Process

Any parent or guardian, who wishes to make a complaint, should adhere to the following procedures:

1. Approach the Team Manager (in private) to arrange a time to speak to the Coach about any concerns. If during training or a game, this action should be taken at the conclusion of the event.
2. The Team Manager will let you know an appropriate time, and all discussions should be held in private, out of earshot of players and other parents.
3. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your discussions, please approach the Club President or Secretary. Dependent on the seriousness of your complaint the Committee may request it be submitted in writing. The Executive Committee will discuss complaints with all parties before taking any action deemed necessary and/or appropriate. Discipline will be at the discretion of the Executive.
4. Should you still not be satisfied, written complaints should then be forwarded to Gold Coast District JRL who will seek the advice of the Club Executive before acting.

The above "Complaints Process" is enclosed in this handbook so that all will be aware of the process.

Please remember, we are all approachable so don't let things get under your skin, talk to your team Manager or Coach and try to get things sorted as quickly as possible.

Please be advised that any person attempting to circumvent the above process, by going directly to the District body, will be diverted back to their respective Club by the District body to follow the appropriate procedures.

Social Media Policy

Coomera Cutters follow and are bound by the QRL social media policy.

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