



# D. ANNEXURE 1

## SARLSA RULES & REGULATIONS

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## A. GENERAL

Each Club, Province, Affiliate and Honorary Member shall comply with these Rules and any Regulations made under them.

Each Club, Province, Affiliate and Honorary Member shall use its best endeavours to ensure that any company and/or persons or other organizations which members of it are or affiliated to it, and their players, comply with these Rules.

## B. DEFINITIONS

The following words shall have the meanings set out below unless the contrary intention appears:-  
"Clearance" shall mean the consent of a Clearing Club to the registration of a player under whose system or registration a player is currently or was last registered as a player for a club.

"Club" shall mean a rugby league body or other organization which employs or otherwise engages rugby league players and is affiliated to South African Rugby League Sporting Association and/or to a regional association that is registered to South African Rugby League.

"New Club" shall mean a club indicating their intention to registrar with the South African Rugby League Sporting Association for the first time.

"Clearing Club" shall mean the club in respect of which a player is registered at the time when an application for a Clearance is made;

"Clearing Member" shall mean a Club and/or Province under whose system of registration a player is currently or was last registered and to whom an application for a Clearance has been made;

"SARLSA." shall mean the South African Rugby League Sporting Association.

"Residing" shall mean a club's home ground and where the majority percentage of players resides.



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## 1. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 1.1 Each Club and/or Province shall recognize and give effect to the systems of registration of players provided by the Rules or by-laws of the other Clubs and/or Provinces subject to any general or specific direction of South African Rugby League.
- 1.2 Where a player is currently or was last registered under the system of registration of another Club and/or Province no Club and/or Province shall permit a player to be registered as a player for a club under its control to take part in any match under its control without a Clearance from the Clearing Member.
- 1.3 The Clearing Member shall provide a Clearance on a due application being made unless under the system of registration of the Clearing Member a Club remains entitled to retain the registration of the player.
- 1.4 Where a player remains under contract with the Clearing Club, a Clearance may be given by the Clearing Member for such period of time and/or subject to such conditions as the Clearing Club may reasonably require having regard to the terms of the player's contract with the Clearing Club.
- 1.5 In the event of a Club which has sought a Clearance being dissatisfied with the refusal of such a Clearance or with the conditions upon which such Clearance has been provided upon the written request of the Club and/or Province which represents the applicant Club to the Chairman it shall be referred to the Executive Committee or a panel of 3 persons appointed by the Executive Committee to determine:-
  - 1.5.1 Whether a Clearance has wrongly been refused; or
  - 1.5.2 Whether a Clearance has been granted subject to conditions which are not reasonable having regard to the player's contract with the Clearing Club.

Upon the determination of the reference by the Executive Committee the Clearing Member shall provide such Clearance as shall be required by the Executive Committee for the purpose of giving effect to such determination.

For the purpose of giving effect to this Rule 2:

- 1.6 Except to the extent that such steps are in contravention of the laws in force in their respective countries, the Rules or by-laws of each Club and/or Province shall unless

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South African Rugby League Sporting Association otherwise directs contain provisions:

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- 1.7 prohibiting any Club from entering into a contract of employment with a player who is under a contract of employment with another Club without a clearance; and
- 1.8 prohibiting any Club from permitting a player in respect of whom a Clearance is required under Rule 2.3, but has not been obtained, to play any competitive game for that Club;
- 1.9 Except to the extent that such steps are in contravention of the laws in force in their respective countries, each Club and/or Province shall take such steps as it may be required by South African Rugby League Sporting Ass.to comply with this Rule 2 and to enforce the Rules referred to therein.
- 1.10 South African Rugby League Sporting Association shall have power to constitute and give effect to such system as it shall think fit for the transfer of the registration of players between Clubs and/or Provinces under their control (including Rules for the payment of fees as determined by South African Rugby League Sporting Association ) and to modify such system from time to provided that under no such system shall any club be obliged to release a player from a contract of service which is being and lawful in the jurisdiction in which such Club is situated.
- 1.11 If a player is transferred between clubs, whether in the same province or not, there will be a two-week cooling down period from date of registration before the player is legible to play for the new club in either the national club championship or any regional matches. However, the player is still eligible for the national team.
- 1.12 If a player joins a club, and he has not played for any representative club the same season, the players is immediatly eligible to play for the club in either the national club championship or any regional matches.
- 1.13 If a team cannot attend a scheduled match and notifies the opposition as such 48 hours (or more) before the match commences, and arranges an alternative date, time and/or venue, then no penalties shall be incurred by either team. However, if a team sends notice of cancellation less than 48 hours before the commencement of the match, or does not arrive for the match, then the defaulting team will lose 5 log points and the team that did arrive, and not get to play a match, will receive 5 log points.

## **2. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS. (NEW CLUBS)**

- 2.1 All clubs that indicates an intention of registering with South African Rugby League Sporting Association (SARLSA) must complete the prescribed SARLSA documentation for registering as a new club. The completed documentation must be submitted to the SARLSA Board for approval.
- 2.2 No new club may unreasonably be withheld to register as a new club if all necessary documentation has been completed and presented to the Board.



- 2.3 A new club may not consist of more than 30% of players registered with other existing SARLSA clubs. 70% of the new club must be new enlisted players. A club must consist of at least 15 players with a Club Chairman, a Coach and a suitable playing field.
- 2.4 A player is considered a new member if he has resigned from a SARLSA. Club in writhing, one year prior to his intention to registrar with a new club and has not played for any SARLSA club in that same year.
- 2.5 A new club will be considered as a new club as prescribed in (3.3) above or a club that was previously registered with SARLSA but has been dormant for more than two years.
- 2.6 All clubs will play in the Provincial structure where they are residing in and may not register in another Province.
- 2.7 In the case where a Province has only one team, the team may play in under the auspice of another Province until such time as the Province has two registered clubs.
- 2.8 All new clubs without any exceptions, will play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Competition (Cup challenge) during the first season where after they will be eligible to play under the Promotional / Relegation requirements to play in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Competition ( Rhino Cup Challenge ) as determent by their ranking / status.
- 2.9 All new registered club players will be eligible for nominations and selection to play in their Provincial Challenge.
- 2.10 The window for registering a new club will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July every year. If the fully completed documentation for intent to registrar a new club reaches the SARLSA Board after this date the new club will only be allowed to play in the next year's club and Provincial competition.
- 2.11 If a late application is received by the SARLSA Board and approved, the club will be allowed to play friendly games for that season.

### **3. CLUB CHAIRMAN JOB DESCRIPTION.**

- 3.1 If any Club Chairman registered with SARL fails to submit their signed Job Description to the Board of SARLSA before the commencement of the Rugby League season the club of which they are Chairman will not receive any points up until the SARLSA Board has received their signed Job Description.

### **4. AWARDING OF PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL COLORS**

- 4.1 A player is eligible to play a Provincial Match if:
  - 4.1.1 the player is registered to a club in the province,
  - 4.1.2 a player may be awarded Provincial Colours for the respective province if the player has competed in a provincial match, as approved by South African Rugby League Sporting Association, and played under the auspices of South African Rugby League Sporting Association.



- 4.1.3 a player is eligible to play for the National Team if:
- 4.1.3.1 the player is eligible according to the Rules & Regulations of the International Federation to play for the country;
  - 4.1.3.2 the player is a registered member of South African Rugby League Sporting Association and plays for a club in the domestic competition of that year.
- 4.2. A player may only be awarded his/her national colours if the player has represented South African Rugby League Sporting Association in a senior international match of tournament as approved by the IRL and run under the auspices of the IRL
- 4.3 A junior player may only be awarded national colours if the player has represented South African Rugby League Sporting Ass. at a World Championship of World Cup Game recognised as such by the Rugby League International Federation and played under the auspices of the IRL.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE**

- 5.1 A player is eligible to play an International Match for: -
- 5.1.1 The country in which he was born;
  - 5.1.2 The country which has been his principal place of residence for a period of three years up to the date of his selection;
  - 5.1.3 The country for which he last played representative International Rugby League football at any age level prior to the introduction of this Constitution;
  - 5.1.4 A country for which he has gained Senior International honours in any sport.
- 5.2 A player shall not be treated as having his principal residence in a country for the purpose of Rule 4.1(c) if at any time: -
- 5.2.1 He has been absent from that country for any continuous period of three months; or
  - 5.2.1 He has not been present in that country for nine months in any period of twelve months during the three years up to the date of his selection.
- 5.3 A player who is eligible to play for more than one country shall be entitled to elect for which country he wishes to play. When a player plays a Senior International Match for a country, he is deemed to have elected to play for that country. Subject to Rule 3.5, once an election is made the player may not play senior representative rugby league for any other country until the end of the next World Cup tournament, or the expiry of two years, whichever is earlier ("Election Period").



- 5.4 After the expiry of an Election Period, the player may elect to play for another country if he is eligible, but once he so elects (or is deemed to elect by playing in a Senior International Match) he may not play for another country until the expiry of another Election Period.
- 5.5 During an Election Period, a player may change from one country to another for which he is eligible pursuant to Rule 3.1, with the approval of South African Rugby League (but he may only change once in each Election Period).
- 5.6 In the event of the eligibility of a player to play for a country being uncertain or in dispute, upon the written request of any Club and/or Province to the Chairman it shall be referred to the Executive Committee or a panel of three persons appointed by the Executive Committee to be constituted for that purpose by South African Rugby League to determine the eligibility of such player.

## **6. AVAILABILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE**

- 6.1 Except as otherwise determined by the Board in respect of a particular match, tournament, Member, Affiliate, Honorary Member or player, a player who has been selected to play a Senior International Match approved as such by the Board for a country for which he is eligible (unless he shall make an election to play for another country in accordance with Rule 3.3):-
- 6.1.1 Must be made available by his club for all such matches for which he is selected and for training sessions where possible;
- 6.1.2 Shall not play for his club or any other team in the period of five days (including the day of the match) before any such match for which he has been selected;
- 6.1.3 shall not withdraw from a Match without the approval of South African Rugby League which has selected him for the match under the Rules and Regulations of South African Rugby League Sporting Association and the Rugby League International Federation: and
- 6.1.4 in the event of this withdrawing after selection shall not be permitted to play for his club or any other team in the period commencing five days prior to and ending five days after such match for which he has been selected.
- 6.2 The Rules and by-laws of each Member shall if South African Rugby League Sporting Association and the IRL so directs contain provisions requiring that all contracts between clubs and players shall give effect to this Rule.
- 6.3 For the purposes of these Rules and players' representative records and rugby league representative statistics generally, only IRL can approve matches between Members, Affiliates and/or Honorary Members as "Senior International Matches" and/or "Test Matches". Applications to The IRL for such approval must be made by the host Club





and/or Province prior to the playing of any matches for which “Senior International Match” or Test Match” status is sought.

## **7. LEVIES**

- 7.1 All National and International Matches and National and International Tournaments in which Clubs and/or Provinces and/or National Teams participate will be subject to a levy of ten (10) percent of Net Gate Receipts. Clubs and/or Provinces must complete a financial report, in the form required by the Board from time to time, within 30 days of the completion of an International Match or International Tournament and lodge it with the Secretary.
- 7.2 Sums payable by way of levy shall be paid to South African Rugby League Sporting Association not later than three calendar months after the match or that last game of the tour or tournament in respect of which the payment is due and within such period the clubs and/or province accounting to South African Rugby League Sporting Association shall deliver to South African Rugby League Sporting Association on account of all income subject to the levy.
- 7.3 Unless South African Rugby League Sporting Association otherwise determines, any sum payable by way of levy and not paid by the due date in accordance with Rule 6.2 shall carry interest at the rate of 10 per cent on the sum from time to time outstanding or at such other rate as may be determined by South African Rugby League Sporting Association from time to time for the purpose of this Rule
- 7.4 Any Club and/or Province failing to pay to South African Rugby League Sporting Association by the due date any sum payable by way of levy shall not be entitled to attend or vote at meetings of South African Rugby League Sporting Association while any sum payable by way of levy or interest thereon remains unpaid.
- 7.5 South African Rugby League Sporting Association may apply funds collected through the levy:
  - 7.5.1 For development grants to clubs and/or provinces or other bodies, for the encouragement or promotion of the Game or other purposes consistent with the objects of South African Rugby League Sporting Association;
  - 7.5.2 for the organization and promotion of International Matches
  - 7.5.3 For any other purpose consistent with the objects of South African Rugby League Sporting Association.

## **8. BROADCASTING AND SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS**

- 8.1 Unless the Members, Clubs and/or Provinces participating in a Provincial, National or International Match otherwise agree, all television, radio and other broadcasting rights, and all sponsorships rights for a Provincial, National, International Match or



Provincial, National or International Tournament (excluding the World Cup) shall be owned by South African Rugby League Sporting Association.

- 8.2 Unless the Members, Clubs and/or Provinces participating in an International Match otherwise agree, all television, radio and other broadcasting rights, and all sponsorship rights for the World Cup shall be owned by the host in conjunction with the International Federation.

## 9. RULES OF THE GAME

- 9.1 The Rules of the Game shall be the International Rules of the Game of Rugby League Football as modified and recognized from time to time by South African Rugby League Sporting Association in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 9.2 All Clubs and/or Provinces shall forthwith inform all referees, clubs and associations within their jurisdiction or control of all modifications of the Rules of the Game and shall require that the Rules so modified are applied to all matches played under their control.
- 9.3 South African Rugby League Sporting Association may authorize a Club and/or Province to introduce for experimental purposes such modifications of the Rules of the Game as it shall think fit but no club or province shall introduce any such experimental Rules without the prior approval of South African Rugby League Sporting Association.

## 10. MATCH OFFICIALS

Unless the clubs and/or provinces participating in a Provincial, National or International Match otherwise agree, Match Officials for said Matches at senior level shall be appointed by the Match Official Chairman from the members of the National Match Officials Panel. In the event of an International Match the match official needs to be appointed from the members of the International Referees Panel.

The payment of the fees and expenses of the referees and touch judges shall be the responsibility of the Club and/or Province which is the host Club and/or Province or South African Rugby League Sporting Association in the case of any tournaments organized by South African Rugby League Sporting Association and those costs are to be deducted as shared Match Costs. The scale of fees shall be determined by South African Rugby League Sporting Association from time to time.

## 11. DISCIPLINARY PANELS

- 11.1 In the case of International Matches and International Tournaments, the participating Members, Affiliates or Honorary Members shall establish a disciplinary panel for the match or tournament comprising representatives of the participating Members, Affiliates or Honorary Members. Unless otherwise agreed, the Chairman of the panel shall be nominated by the host Club and/or Province. Unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Committee, the remaining panel members shall not include the respective



team managers or other persons directly related to the management of the teams. The chairman or President of the host Club and/or Province may not be the Chairman or a member of a disciplinary panel. Disciplinary panels must be appointed and agreed at least 48 hours prior to each match.

- 11.2 In the case of Local or Provincial Matches, the disciplinary panel shall be appointed by South African Rugby League comprising members of clubs and/or provinces and a Provincial Chairman. The panel will consist of a member of the Executive Council that is not affiliated or involved with either of the two clubs in the incident as well as two other members of good standing with SARLSA, and that are impartial to any of the clubs involved.
- 11.2.1 The guilty team/club shall forfeit the game as if they have lost 36-0, and they will be docked 5 log points. The match will not be replayed.
- 11.2.2 If the panel finds that one or more of the club's players were guilty of repeatedly transgression the rules of the game and that said action was the cause of the match being cancelled, then:
- 11.2.3 The guilty team will receive a written warning from SARLSA and if a similar situation arises again where the club is found guilty of unlawful and unsportsmanlike behaviour, then the club will be sanctioned and will not be able to play in either a regional match, or any national club championship matches for that season.
- 11.2.4 If a team decides to leave the field of play while the game is still within time, and the reason found to not be in accordance with the findings of the above panel, then the team that has left the field of play will be considered to have forfeited the game as if they have lost 36-0 and will lose 5 log points.
- 11.3 In the case of National Matches, the disciplinary panel shall be appointed by South African Rugby League Sporting Association comprising Club and/or Provincial Chairmen and a member of the South African Rugby League Sporting Association National Board
- 11.4 A citation may be made to the disciplinary panel appointed in respect of a match by: -
- 11.4.1 A referee or any touch judge;
- 11.4.2 any Club and/or Province whose representative team played in the match giving rise to the citation;
- 11.4.3 the persons responsible for the organization of the tour or tournament.
- 11.5 It is not a prerequisite for a citation that the matter giving rise to it should have been the subject of any action during the match. The referee shall cite to the disciplinary panel appointed in respect of a match any player suspended or dismissed for a disciplinary reason during the match.



- 11.6 Any citation shall be made in writing to the disciplinary panel not later than: -
- 11.6.1 for referees and touch judges, 30 minutes after the completion of the match in respect of which the citation is made and shall describe briefly the alleged misconduct and approximately the time of the incident.
  - 11.6.2 for any other person entitled to make a citation 45 minutes after the completion of the match in respect of which the citation is made and shall describe briefly the alleged misconduct and approximately the time of the incident.
- 11.7 Any citation shall be heard as soon as possible by the disciplinary panel.
- 11.8 No player with knowledge that a citation has been made in respect of his alleged misconduct in respect of a match shall leave the country in which that match was played without the consent of the disciplinary panel prior to its hearing of the citation.
- 11.9 A player who has been cited to a disciplinary panel shall attend the hearing of the citation by such panel unless permitted by the panel not to attend.
- 11.10 A player who has been cited to attend before a disciplinary panel may be represented at the hearing of the citation by the representative of his choice whether or not the player also attends.
- 11.11 A disciplinary panel shall not proceed with the hearing of the citation unless satisfied that the player cited has been duly notified of the citation and of the time and place of the hearing.
- 11.12 A referee or touch judge who has cited a player to a disciplinary panel but who is not able to attend the hearing of the citation by such panel shall submit to the panel a full report in writing of the matter or matters giving rise to the citation. A referee who has not provided a written report shall attend the hearing if requested by the panel of the player cited.
- 11.13 Where a disciplinary panel is established with the approval of South African Rugby League Sporting Association for a match or tournament, unless other Rules of procedure are approved by South African Rugby League Sporting Association the following Rules 12.11 to 12.15 shall apply.
- 11.14 The disciplinary panel shall be entitled to consider:
- 11.14.1 The written report of the referee or any touch judge;
  - 11.14.2 Any videotape evidence submitted to it;
  - 11.14.3 The oral report or testimony of the referee or any touch judge or any other witness.
  - 11.14.4 All oral evidence shall be heard by the disciplinary panel in the presence of the player cited or his representative.



- 11.15 The disciplinary panel may, at its discretion, permit the player or his representative to ask questions of witnesses and shall permit the player or his representative to adduce such evidence as desired in the form of: -
- 11.15.1 Videotape evidence;
  - 11.15.2 The oral report or testimony of any witness;
  - 11.15.3 Written evidence of the player's character and disciplinary record.
- 11.16 A player who has been found guilty of misconduct by the disciplinary panel may be punished by a fine or suspension or both (the Penalty). In determining the punishment, the disciplinary panel may have regard to the disciplinary record of the player at club and international level and any other disciplinary action taken in respect of the misconduct by any other body.
- 11.17 A fine imposed by a disciplinary panel shall be of such sum or of such proportion of the player's match fees as the panel considers appropriate.
- 11.18 A suspension imposed by a disciplinary panel may be:
- 11.18.1 for such number of representative matches at the level or levels specified by the panel as the panel shall determine; or
  - 11.18.2 From all competitive rugby league matches or games for such period as the panel shall determine.
  - 11.18.3 Unless directed by the panel to commence on some other specified date any suspension shall run from the date of the panel's determination.
- 11.19 If, within 24 hours after the decision of a disciplinary panel, new evidence becomes available which the player:
- 11.19.1 Did not know before the conclusion of the hearing; and
  - 11.19.2 Which the player could not have discovered if, before the conclusion of the hearing, the player had made all investigations and inquiries which could have been made by the player,
  - 11.19.3 the player may, within the said 24 hours, make a written application to the Chairman or President of the host Club and/or Province (who may not be the Chairman or a member of the disciplinary panel) setting out the grounds for a review of the matter.
- 11.20 If the Chairman or President of the host Club and/or Province forms the opinion that there is new evidence constituting good grounds for review of the matter, the Chairman of the disciplinary panel must ensure that the disciplinary panel is requested to reconvene.



- 11.21 If the disciplinary panel is requested to reconvene to review a matter, it has an unfettered power to review the matter, and to:
- 11.21.1 Determine whether the misconduct is proven;
  - 11.21.2 Set aside the Penalty; and
  - 11.21.3 Impose another Penalty as it deems fit.
- 11.22 Unless and until any variation is made to the Penalty originally imposed, it will remain in force.

## 12 DOPING CONTROL

- 12.1 South African Rugby League Sporting Association subscribes to the Law on Doping and Substance Abuse as controlled and managed by the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport, which subscribes to the Rules & Regulations of the World Anti-Doping Association
- 12.2 South African Rugby League Sporting Association will publish (and may from time to time modify) Regulations governing doping control applicable to matches, tours and tournaments played at Senior international level and these Regulations shall be binding and of uniform interpretation for each Club and/or Province.
- 12.3 The Regulations to be published under Rule 10.1 shall deal with (inter alia):-
- 12.3.1 What constitutes an offence of doping?
  - 12.3.2 What testing (including pre-tour or pre-tournament testing) is to be undertaken?
  - 12.3.4 The way testing is to be undertaken;
  - 12.3.5 The disciplinary procedures to be followed in the case of an alleged offence of doping;
  - 12.3.6 The action to be taken (including the power to impose a fine or period of suspension or both and to order the payment of costs) in the event of an offence of doping being established.
- 12.4 The arrangements to be approved by South African Rugby League Sporting Association in respect of international matches, tours and tournaments under Article 3 and South African Rugby League Sporting Ass. arrangements for tournaments to be published under Rule 10.1 shall contain such provisions as shall be requisite for applying South African Rugby League Sporting Association doping control Regulations.

## 13. ENFORCEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

- 13.1 Where a player has been expelled, suspended or disqualified under the Rules or by-laws of any Club and/or Province or by a disciplinary panel under this Constitution such expulsion, suspensions or disqualifications shall be recognized and enforced by



all Clubs and/or Provinces with regard to the clubs and associations under their jurisdiction or control.

- 13.2 Where a player has been suspended under the Rules or by-laws of any Club and/or Province for a fixed period of time and has been selected as a representative player to take part in any tour or tournament the period of such tour or tournament shall be counted as part of the period of suspension and such period of suspension must be completed before the player takes part in any match in the tour or tournament.
- 13.3 Where a Clearance is provided by a Club and/or Province under Rule 2.3 the Club and/or Province providing such Clearance shall forward to the Club and/or Province under whose control the player is to play details of the player's disciplinary record.
- 13.4 Where a player, a club and or a Province, appeals to any decision made by the Board of the Provincial Province or by the Board of SARLSA (who ever made the decision) such player, club or Province will not be allowed to partake in any SARLSA sanctioned fixtures until such time as the appeal has been resolved.

#### **14 INTERNATIONAL TEAMS**

- 14.1 South African Rugby League Sporting Association shall be at liberty from time to time to recognize for the purpose of International Matches and International Tournaments teams representing countries or nations notwithstanding that no rugby league organization representing such country or nation is a Club and/or Province.
- 14.2 South African Rugby League Sporting Association may at any time require the representative organization of any country or nation recognised under Rule 15.1 to become an affiliate.

#### **15 LICENSING AND USE OF FEDERATION PROPERTY**

- 15.1 For the purpose of this Rule, Federation Property means all intellectual property and other rights arising in connection with Federation including South African Rugby League Sporting Association name, phrases, identity, get-up, logos, designs, symbols and trademarks owned by Federation.
- 15.2 South African Rugby League Sporting Association owns South African Rugby League Sporting Association Property and may exploit it as it sees fit.
- 15.3 South African Rugby League Sporting Association may grant a Club and/or Province the right to use South African Rugby League Sporting Association Property; on such terms and for such period as South African Rugby League Sporting Association determines.
- 15.4 South African Rugby League Sporting Association logo is an essential element of South African Rugby League Property. South African Rugby League Sporting Association has created a Federation logo.





- 15.5 Subject always to the approval of South African Rugby League Sporting Association a Club and/or Province shall have the right to use South African Rugby League Sporting Association logo, in a manner approved by South African Rugby League Sporting Association.
- 15.6 A Club and/or Province may use South African Rugby League Sporting Association logo on: -
- 15.6.1 Letterheads, business cards and other printed promotional material of the Club and/or Province;
  - 15.6.2 Signage used in and around the offices of the Club and/or Province;
  - 15.6.3 Apparel to be worn by employees of the Club and/or Province;
  - 15.6.4 Playing apparel, training apparel and travelling apparel of official members of the Club and/or Province and its representative teams;
  - 15.6.5 Playing apparel, training apparel and travelling apparel of official members of the Club and/or Province and its representative teams;
  - 15.6.6 Playing apparel, training apparel and travelling apparel of other competitors and teams approved in writing by South African Rugby League Sporting Association;
  - 15.6.7 Signage at grounds and associated media events to promote representative matches under the auspices of the Club and/or Province; and
  - 15.6.8 Any other use approved in writing by South African Rugby League Sporting Association.
- 15.7 A Club and/or Province shall not produce merchandise nor grant a license to any third party to produce merchandise which uses South African Rugby League Sporting Association Property unless such merchandising or licensing arrangements ("Licensing Program") including all products to be licensed ("Licensed Products") has been approved in writing by South African Rugby League Sporting Association.
- 15.8 The proceeds from the sale of all Licensed Products remain the property of the Club and/or Province provided that South African Rugby League Sporting Association shall receive a royalty fee to be agreed by South African Rugby League Sporting Association at the time of granting of approval by South African Rugby League Sporting Association.
- 15.9 A Club and/or Province which has obtained approval to license third parties to use South African Rugby League Property shall provide South African Rugby League Sporting Association with a report on its plans and proposals for its Licensing Program on a six-monthly basis detailing: -





- 15.9.1 The identity of any third party to be awarded a license (“Licensed Supplier”);
  - 15.9.2 The duration of the license;
  - 15.9.3 The proposed Licensed Products;
  - 15.9.4 The proposed distribution outlets;
  - 15.9.5 The proposed marketing/advertising campaigns in support of the Licensing Products;
  - 15.9.6 Samples of Licensed Products;
  - 15.9.7 Any other information requested by South African Rugby League Sporting Association.
- 15.10 Within 14 days of 31 December of each year each Club and/or Province shall provide South African Rugby League Sporting Association with financial details of its Licensing Program including gross sales and royalties earned from each Licensed Supplier.
- 15.11 South African Rugby League Sporting Association may instruct a Club and/or Province to terminate a license where in Board of the South African Rugby League Sporting Association opinion is:-
- 15.11.1 The Licensed Supplier fails to meet quality standards;
  - 15.11.2 The Licensed Product may bring South African Rugby League Sporting Association into disrepute.
  - 15.11.3 Any Club and/or Province which receives such instructions from South African Rugby League Sporting Association shall carry out such instructions without delay.
- 15.12 Rules & Regulations as pertaining to national club championships, regional match competitions and friendly matches. These rules will also apply for all international matches unless it is in contradiction to the RLIF International Rules & Regulations, in which case the latter shall have effect.

## **16. PROMOTION/RELEGATION**

Promotion/Relegation game(s) will be played within one week after the end of the league season in terms of the Rules and Regulations to the Constitution, as determined by the SARLSA Committee or delegated committee from time to time.

## **17. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS**

- 17.1 If a team withdraws from any fixture, the team will lose 5 (five) league point for each withdrawal as penalty on the log, irrespective of having earned any points for the particular fixture or not.



- 17.2 Should a team withdraw before a specific fixture-Under games played- 1 (one) indicating “played” & 1(one) indicating “Lost”
- 17.2.1 A 0-point “score for”- will be added on the withdrawn team’s log-allocation.
- 17.2.2 A 36-point-“score against”- will be added on the withdrawn team’s log-allocation.
- 17.2.3 A -5-point (minus five) “other”- will be added on the withdrawn team’s log-points as a final log point penalty
- 17.3 Should a team withdraw from a specific fixture; the opponents will be awarded:
- 17.3.1 Under games played- 1 (one) indicating “played” & 1(one) indicating “Won”
- 17.3.2 A 36-point “score for”- will be added on the “winner” team’s log-allocation.
- 17.3.3 A 0-point- “score against”- will be added on the “winner” team’s log-allocation.
- 17.3.4 A total of 5-point - “4“game log points” plus 1-“bonus point” will be indicated on the “winner” team’s log-allocation.
- 17.4 Withdrawal of teams (having more than one team in any competition) from the league and/or any specific fixture can only be made from the bottom.

## 18. POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

- 18.1 In terms of the conditions set out in the Regulations to the Constitution, that determines that all games must be played on the date, time and at the venue determined by the SARLSA Competition Committee or its authorised representative, any club or clubs that wish to move league fixtures for the season to an earlier date or later date, must send a written application to the SARLSA Competition Committee Chairman to change the appropriate fixture(s). Changes will only be allowed with the prior approval of the Competitions Committee Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy President.
- 18.2 Applications must be submitted at least five working days prior to the fixture(s) date but will not be postponed later than the next Tuesday after the original date. Should it be moved to an earlier date, the application must be submitted at least five working days before the earlier date planned for the specific fixture(s).

## 19. GRADING OF COMPETITIONS

- 19.1 Matches shall fall within the following categories
- 19.1.1 Inter-club match not for log points (friendly club match)



- 19.1.2 Inter-club matches for points
  - 19.1.3 Inter-provincial matches not for points (friendly provincial)
  - 19.1.4 Inter-provincial matches for points
  - 19.1.5 Representative matches not for points (friendly representative match)
  - 19.1.6 Representative matches for points
  - 19.1.7 International matches against representative sides
  - 19.1.8 International matches between non-RLIF Member nations (international friendly)
  - 19.1.9 International matches between RLIF and RLEF Member countries for ranking point
- 19.2 Teams cannot play matches against other teams in a lower or higher category. If no other option exists, the teams must contact the National Executive, who at their discretion can sanction such a match. However, in such an instance the match cannot be for points and will have to be a friendly match.

## **20. DRAW AT THE END OF LEAGUE COMPOTITION.**

The following apply to all cases where teams earn equal points on the log, to determine which team should enjoy preference in terms of semi-finals or any other matter that may affect the participation of teams in any league:

“If teams have equal league points, the difference in the match points, will be determined by calculating total match points for and points against a team to determine the place for the particular teams on the log. The team with the largest nett points difference, shall enjoy the higher position”.

## **21. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- 21.1 If a team or teams of a club play in the semi-final or final, only players that played at least one (1) match for the club in that season, may play in the final or semi-final. Junior players are excluded from this condition.
- 21.2 All players must be registered at the SARLSA club it is playing for

## **22. CANCELLATION**

- 22.1 Due to any reason:

Should any match be cancelled due to any reason, apart from those mentioned in E:2-3 of the general rules and in the absence of rules of the game, and there is no basis for the outcome and/or allocation of the match, the following shall apply



Should a match be cancelled before the starting time scheduled, the match shall be considered a draw and the teams shall share the league points, excluding bonus points. The same applies if matches are cancelled during the first half of the game.

Should a match be cancelled during half-time or at any time later than that, the score at the time will stand

22.2 Team not ready to start:

Should a match be cancelled because a team is not ready to start within 10 (ten) minutes of the scheduled time, or where a team does not comply with the Rules and Regulations of the game in terms of players and reserves that are qualified to play, the match will be awarded to the team that is ready to start the game or that complies with the requirements of Rule and Regulations of the game. The match may continue as a friendly match.

## 23. FIRST AID

23.1 The SARLSA official, or where matches are played at clubs, the club official responsible, must confirm compliance with all first-aid requirements before the start of any SARLSA matches.

23.2 The Match Official in charge of the match must make sure of compliance with this requirement before the start of the match.

## 24. PLAYER ADMINISTRATION

Before the start of any SARLSA league fixture, the team manager must hand over the team list to the referee. It must be fully completed, using the form prescribed by the SARLSA from time to time. A copy of the team list must also be handed to the team manager or coach of the opposing team. He must place this on record at his club, which must be submitted as proof in case of any objections. Only the official SARLSA team-list will be recognised.

On request by the referee or opposing team manager the other team manager must be able to provide player registration cards or other written proof of player registration. If documentation provided to the referee is not to his /her satisfaction the player must be replaced.

## 25. FIELD ADMINISTRATION

Clubs must make sure that playing fields must comply with the requirements in terms of technical aspects, as set out in the Rules of the game.

## 26. COMPLAINTS

26.1 Complaints must be reported in writing to the Match Commissioner of the SARLSA not later than 72 hours after the incident. Copies of the complaint must be sent to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee and the Chairperson of the region.



- 26.2 These rules will apply to all leagues under SARLSA jurisdiction, unless stated otherwise.
- 26.3 Rules not covered in this document will be governed by the Rules and Regulations as describe by the SARLSA.

## **27. FINANCIAL PENALTIES**

- 27.1 If a club fails to comply with any of its match fixtures, without prior notice to the SARLSA's Match Commissioner or his representative, at least three working days before the date scheduled for the fixture, the club will be liable for a fine, shown below, payable to SARLSA. Such amount will be paid to the disadvantaged club, after deduction of costs incurred by the SARLSA.
- 27.2 A basic fine of R200 per match not played, plus in case of home matches not played, an amount of 50c per km for four vehicles. The distance will be determined from the base of the disadvantaged club to the base of the transgressing club. This amount will be paid in full to the disadvantaged club, plus a once-off amount of R250 per event for costs incurred by the disadvantaged club to present the game(s).

Match day Guidelines for Teams participating in an international match, regional competitions and national club championships

## **28. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 28.1 In respect of any Club playing in any SARLSA competition, only players who are correctly registered and eligible to play for that Club under the Rules of the Competition in which that Club usually competes are eligible to play for that Club in a Quarter-Final, Semi-Final or Final-Competition.
- 28.2 Only Players on the Register of that Club through the SARLSA-process at the close of SARLSA business on the Monday immediately prior to the Quarter Finals of the Cup shall be eligible to play in any Quarter-Final, Semi-Final or Final-Match.

## **29. MATCH DAY**

- 29.1 Each team shall:
- 29.1.1 Ensure that only correctly registered officials or correctly registered players are permitted to sit in the bench area at Matches. The team sheet submitted at each match shall specify which of the officials on the bench is responsible for the conduct of that Club's personnel on the bench. In no event shall the number of officials on the bench at any time exceed 12 (including the four nominated substitute players) except that a Club's Head Coach may also occupy the bench;
  - 29.1.2 Ensure that, its officials and players on the bench remain seated at all times, with the exception of substitutes warming up and those entitled



to enter the field of play pursuant to other provisions of these Operational Rules;

29.1.3 Ensure that no person present on the bench shall step outside the technical area unless undertaking duties complying with the other provisions of these Operational Rules;

29.2 And any Club which fails to ensure that its officials comply with this Operational Rule, and any person who fails so to comply, shall be guilty of Misconduct

### **30. TEAM SHEETS**

30.1 Match Officials shall ensure that they receive a completed team sheet signed by a Club Official from each Club and shall forward the sheet to the Provincial Chairman immediately after the Match.

30.2 Match Officials shall obtain each Player's correct name from Club officials should it not appear on the team sheet. Club Officials shall provide this information. Match Officials shall notify the Provincial Chairman in writing if this procedure is not followed.

30.3 In all Matches, each Club shall provide the Match Officials, a top copy team sheet, accurate in every respect, not less than 1 hour before the published kick-off time,

30.4 A Club shall only be allowed to alter the sheet after the time of posting if a player subsequently becomes injured in the warm-up and it receives the Match Officials' prior consent. In such cases, it shall also notify the opposing Club (if appropriate) immediately. Only players who appear on the team sheet (as provided above) can take part in that League or Cup Match and Clubs are responsible for ensuring that players wear the number that corresponds exactly with that on the team sheet.

30.5 All personnel in the bench must be listed on the team sheet and the Match Officials shall ensure that only those personnel occupy the bench.

### **31. MATCH DURATION**

The duration of each Match shall be measured by the timekeeper(s) and shall be 80 minutes played in two equal halves with an interval of 5-10 minutes (or such other period as may be specified by the Match Official.

A match shall be deemed played after 30 minutes.

### **32. TIMEKEEPING**

32.1 For League final matches the SARLSA will provide an official timekeeper who will control the timekeeping function. Both clubs shall be entitled to have an official observer subject to there being sufficient space in the timekeeping position. Where space does not allow for two official observers priority will be given to the away team observer.



32.2 For matches in which a Club plays its first team the home team must provide a timekeeper who shall sound the hooter immediately when 40 minutes has elapsed in each half regardless of where the ball is and the away club shall be entitled to bring its own timekeeper to the game in which case they shall sit together. The Referee will acknowledge the sounding of the hooter and blow his whistle to end the game when the ball is next out of play or a tackle is affected.

### 33. NON-PLAYING OFFICIALS PERMITTED ON THE PITCH

33.1 The following technical staff will be allowed to be on the pitch during a match, but only if they wear the correctly described vests/shirts to clearly indicate their positions:

- 33.1.1 Head trainer (yellow top)
- 33.1.2 Physiotherapist (orange top)
- 33.1.3 Water Carrier (blue top)
- 33.1.4 Doctor/medic (red top)

### 34. INTERCHANGES

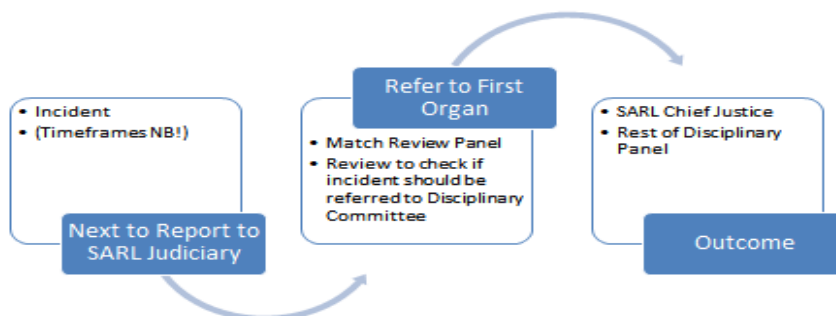
Substitutions shall be sanctioned by the Referee or by an official appointed to oversee the substitution process. The number of interchanges shall be as determined by the Rules of the Game as set forth by the RLIF at any given moment.

### 35. REGULATIONS

South African Rugby League Sporting Ass. may issue Regulations, to assist in the administration of the functions of South African Rugby League Sporting Association as and when the need arises.

1. This document and all the changes made thereto has been ratified at the SARLSA. AGM. 2020.

## Structure





Signed on the 7th of MARCH 2020 at the HPC Pretoria

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