

Touchline Manager Touchline Policy

Responsible to: The Club Committee.

- Main Purpose of the Role: The Touchline Manager is responsible for upholding the Code of Conduct at Club games and working with the Match Official to ensure that the game runs smoothly and can be enjoyed by all.

Duties: Monitor the Touchline for signs of potential incidents.

- Act as a point of contact for the Referee.
- Observe and analyse any incident and where possible nip inappropriate behaviour in the bud before problems escalate.
- Discreetly and swiftly isolate a problem and remind spectators of their responsibilities.
- Follow the Code of Conduct and Constitution at all times and ensure that other member's do the same.

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
- Remember that children participate in Rugby League for their own enjoyment, not yours!
- Understand that sport is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of a game.
- Condemn all violent or illegal acts, whether they are by players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Respect the match official's decisions - don't complain or argue about decisions during or after a game.
- Behave! Unsporting language, harassment or aggressive behaviour 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.
- Participate in positive cheering that encourages all the players in the team; do not engage in any jeering that taunts or intimidates opponents, their fans or officials.
- At all times, follow the directions of the Ground Manager and/or other match day staff.
- Never arrive at a game under the influence of alcohol, never bring alcohol to a game, and only drink alcohol, if it is available at the ground, in the designated licensed area.

Sanctions

Note - Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, parents/carers of players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators.

1 No person/s attending a match shall:

- Use offensive or obscene language to any player, coach, referee, touch judge, official or other spectator;
- Enter the Field of Play during the course of a match without the prior approval of the Touchline Manager appointed by the home club and/or league;
- Dispute the decision of a match official either during or after a match;
- Assault or act with aggression to any person/s;
- Behave in a way contrary to this Code of Conduct and/or the spirit of the game;
- Behave in a way which disturbs the enjoyment of the match by any other person/s, or brings discredit to the home club and/or league and/or the game of rugby league;
- Act in such a way as to exhibit intolerance towards individuals or groups, due to their gender, age, race, disability, religion, faith, sexual orientation or any other visible or non-visible difference, either by language or other conduct, to any other person/s;
- Refuse to accept the reasonable direction of the Touchline Manager, official of the home club and/or league, or official of the team/club which that person/s is supporting;

2 Persons contravening Rule 1

- May be reported by the Touchline Manager to the Team Manager or other official of the team, which that person/s is supporting. Where a team does not have a Team Manager present, a request or direction from the Touchline Manager to any official of the team or team's club shall for the purpose of this Code be regarded as a direction to the Team Manager.

3 The Touchline Manager and/or Team Manager must

- Advise the offending person/s of the relevant breach of the Code. The Touchline Manager must note the details of their report to the Team Manager on the reverse of the Official Team Sheet.

4 In the event that

- The inappropriate conduct continues, the Touchline Manager and/or Team Manager may request the offender/s to immediately leave the ground. This should also be noted on the Official Team Sheet.

5 In the event

- The person/s refuses to obey the direction of the Touchline Manager and/or Team Manager, the Touchline Manager may direct the referee to terminate the match. In the event that the match is so terminated, the league's committee may, at its absolute discretion award the competition points to the non-offending team, or declare that neither side shall be awarded competition points for that match.

6 Clubs which

- Do not exercise control over their players, parents/carers of players, coaches, officials or spectators may be called upon by the league to accept responsibility for their actions and penalties based on the following guidelines may apply (in addition to penalties which may be imposed by the league's management).