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1. Auckland Rugby League in c	onjunction with College Sport Auckland.
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## **BACKGROUND**

Auckland Rugby League is pleased to provide in association with College Sport Auckland (CSA), the 2024 1st XIII College Rugby League (CRL) competitions.

## **Grades in the College Rugby League Competition are:**

**Premier Boys** 

Open Girls

Senior A Boys

Boys U/15

Girls U/16 - 9 a-side

Girls U/16's format change was a decision made to enhance the playing experience of female participants in this age group, as well creating a strong foundation for colleges to build from.

With the continued support of CSA, and all participating schools our aim is to deliver a quality experience for all participants and to provide opportunities for all players under our mantra "Community and Competition".

Our strategic goal is to grow the Rugby League community by providing pathways and leadership that fosters lifelong involvement. Inspiring a legacy of growth, belonging and trust by connecting our communities through the love of the game

# 1.0 OBLIGATIONS OF AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE AND COLLEGE SPORT AUCKLAND





- 1.1 The ARL shall ensure all defined school competitions are managed in a professional manner
- **1.2** ARL will organise and provide ARL Association Referees
- **1.3** The ARL will facilitate school club links and support initiatives that help foster community support and awareness of rugby league
- **1.4** ARL will provide 2 match balls to the school prior to the start of the competition round. The balls are for match use only
- 1.5 All administrative requirements will be done by CSA
- **1.6** CSA will ensure all games have been allocated a suitable field and venue for schools.
- **1.7** CSA will ensure all players are registered and eligible to take the field.
- **1.8** All disputes or matters in respect to all rules, regulations, criterial, and operations of the premierships will be adjudicated and rules on by the CRL Appeals committee comprising of the ARL Head of Schools, the ARL Referee's Officer, and College Sport Auckland Manager
- 1.9 All players must be registered to sporty through Auckland Rugby League
- **1.10** Team cards and match sheets will be available to schools on both the Auckland Rugby League Website and College Sport Auckland website.

#### 2.0 OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL

- **2.1** The school agrees to abide by the CSA By-Laws, the International Rules of the game, all rules, regulations, and criteria
- **2.2** The school shall ensure they participate in their selected competition in a professional and sports-like manner and provide sound administration.
- **2.3** The school agrees to ensure a weekly team list is submitted to College Sport 2 days before their Wednesday fixture. The school also agrees to correctly complete match day team cards and return to CSA by 12pm Thursday.
- **2.4** The school agrees to complete player of the day points and return to ARL by 12pm the following day (These can be done through the QR code provided on the team cards)
- 2.5 The school team and players are to play in full school sport uniform for all games
- **2.6** The school is to deliver playing fields that are in quality condition including marked side-lines, side-line flags, post bolsters, side-lines roped off, table and chairs for Match Manager and team reserves.
- **2.7** The host school is to ensure it has effective crowd control and risk management plans to cater for player and spectator safety.





- **2.8** The host school is to provide "touch/side-line' volunteers for each home game.
- **2.9** The school is to manage match football and use for all games.
- **2.10** ALL participating schools must register their full squads into the Auckland Rugby League sporty system. https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/235530
- **2.11** Schools are required to provide their own match manager (Team manager) for all of their own teams allocated games.

#### **3.0 COMPETITION RULES**

NOTE: Premier/Senior A Boys and Girls and U/16's Boys grades will be playing full International rules (13 A-side), U/16 Girls will be full International Rules (9 a-side)

- 3.1 Full International Rules apply
- No shoulder charges permitted.
- 7 tackle rule for any kick that goes beyond the dead ball line (controlled tap restarts).
- 40/20 kicks will be allowed
- 2 points for a drop goal outside of the 40m line.
- No scrums if the ball goes outside of touch.
- **3.2** All players must be current students at a participating school. All schools must comply with CSA By-Laws.
- **3.3** All team player lists must be registered per CSA requirements online via **EnterNOW** no later than **11.59pm 6 May 2024.**

Premier team listrs must be submitted using Premiers Tab in EnterNOW by 11:59pm 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

**3.4** For defaults and rescheduling of games you must inform opposition, College Sport Auckland and the ARL. Please refer to the Defaults and Rescheduling Policy

https://collegesport.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Defaults-ReschedulingPolicy-Updated-Dec-2017.pdf

- **3.6** Mouth guards must always be worn. No mouth guard = No play. Referees will send a player off if he is not wearing his mouth guard and they cannot return to the game. If a player is sent off for no mouth guard, they may be replaced from the remaining listed reserves however this will count as 1 of your 8 allowable interchanges.
- **3.7** Team cards will be sent by ARL to all schools prior to competition starting. Team cards must be filled in correctly before each game and handed to the Match manager 20 minutes before kick-off (Opens Girls and Premier Boys grade only). Up to a maximum of 17 players per game is permitted



(13 on the field with 4 reserves. 16 Girls – 6 reserves). Any late jersey changes need to be changed on team card.

- **3.8** Team can use a maximum of 8 interchanges for Prem, Senior A, Opens Girls & 16 Boys Grades and unlimited interchanges for 16 Girls grade per game. The team manager must notify the Match Manager when an interchange is to take place prior to the interchange being made. Interchange cards will be supplied to team managers.
- **3.9** If a player is deemed concussed by an official or a coach that player is not to return to the field again. There will be no free interchange for a concussion or injury.
- **3.10** All CRL grade games will be played over 2 halves of 25 minutes with a 5-minute break at half-time.
- 3.11 Each team is required to supply a touch judge before the game kicks off as per clause 2.8.
- **3.12** If the sin bin is needed it will be for a max of 5 minutes and the Match Manager will be responsible for monitoring time. Time will only commence when the player is seated next to the Match Manager.
- **3.13** Game points will be allocated as follows:
- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss
- **3.14** If teams are on equal points at the conclusion of the grading or premiership rounds rankings will be determined firstly by:
- The team with the highest points for and against
- The team with the highest percentage differential points for and against.
- If the teams are still tied after the application of (a) & (b) above, then the team that has scored the most tries in round robin play shall be the higher ranked team.
- If the teams are still tied after the application of (a), (b) & (c) above, then the top qualifier shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- **3.15** For all semi-final matches that end in a draw in normal playing time, an extra 5 minutes each way will be played as golden point (first team to score points). The teams will toss a coin to see which end of the field a team will play as well as who restarts. An extra 2 interchanges will be given to both teams. If a game is still a draw at the end of the two 5-minute periods of extra time, the game will be awarded to the highest qualifying team at the conclusion of competition round play, except in the case of a Grand Final. The team who scores first in the grand final will be crowned the winner. In the case of no points being scored in the Grand Final, the game will be awarded to the highest qualifier.



**3.16** Team managers are responsible for submitting their team card to ARL at the conclusion of each game to Letitia Taylor

E: Letitia.T@aucklandleague.co.nz

**3.17** Match managers are provided for Premier Boys and Opens Girls Grades Only. All other grades must submit their respective team's card to College Sport (per clause 2.3)

#### **4.0 LIVE- STREAMING**

**4.1** College Rugby League Grand finals will be Live streamed pending permission from Schools.

#### **5.0 CLUB SCHOOL LINKS**

**5.1** The ARL will assist the school to align and link with local clubs and vice versa. The school – Club links are to provide mutual benefits to both parties such as shared training facilities, player recruitment, volunteer support, promotions or other. School – Club links can be multiple and by informal or formal arrangement. The school is to inform ARL of club links and the targeted mutual benefits to both parties.

## **6.0 SENDING - OFFENCES/CHARGE SUSPENSIONS**

**6.1** The offences/Charge suspensions applicable shall be as below:

OFFENCE/CHARGE	EARLY GUILTY PLEA Suspension Period	CONTESTED CHARGE Suspension Period
TRIPPING	1 week	Up to 2 weeks but not less than 1 week
KICKING	3 weeks	Up to 6 weeks but not less than 3 weeks
STRIKING	3 weeks	Up to 6 weeks but not less than 3 weeks
HEAD HIGH TACKLE	2 weeks	Up to 4 weeks but not less than 2 weeks
DANGEROUS THROW / TACKLE	3 weeks	Up to 6 weeks but not less than 3 weeks
HIP DROP	3 weeks	Up to 6 weeks but not less than 3 weeks
OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUE / LANGUAGE	2 weeks	Up to 4 weeks but not less than 2 weeks
RE-ENTERING FIELD OF PLAY	4 weeks	Up to 8 weeks but not less than 4 weeks
MANDATORY JUDICIAL ATTENDANCE		
CALLED-OFF GAME		At the discretion of the Judicial Committee
CITING		At the discretion of the Judicial Committee





NON-MANDATORY ORDERING-OFF OFFENCES	At the discretion of the Judicial Committee
PLAYERS ENTERING OR RE- ENTERING THE FIELD WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE REFEREE	At the discretion of the Judicial Committee
CONTRARY CONDUCT	At the discretion of the Judicial Committee
BRINGING THE GAME INTO	At the discretion of the Judicial
DISREPUTE	Committee
SIDE-LINE EVICTION	At the discretion of the Judicial
	Committee
SECOND OFFENCE OR MORE IN A	At the discretion of the Judicial
PLAYING SEASON	Committee

#### **7.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### 7.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

The purpose and scope are to review the competition and grow senior school participation. This will be undertaken through a consultative process by the College Rugby League advisory committee comprising of NZSSSC, CSA, ARL, and College representatives.

The Committees specific scope (but not limited to) is to: 1. Review current competition structure and recommend a new format to grow senior participation in high school/College (Year 11's, 12's and 13) 2. Review current formats and eligibility criteria's The Advisory Committee will comprise of:

- NZSSSC Board member Ngaire Ashmore
- College Sport Auckland Vicki Mailei and Hamish Muirhead
- Referee's development officer Joseph Green
- Auckland Rugby League Letitia Taylor

## SIGNED ON BEHALF OF AND AS A DULY AUTHORISED SIGNATORY OF THE SCHOOL

PRINT NAME:	SIGNATURE:
POSITION:	THE SCHOOL:



Name of alleged offender



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Full Details of alleged incident incident. Please in support.	nclude any photo or video evidence that will
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