

NRL VICTORIA

2025 SCOPE OF SANCTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS POLICY



1. Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 This document outlines NRL Victoria's policy regarding the scope of sanctions and suspensions imposed under any of its Codes, Policies, rules and regulations relating to restriction on attendance and participation in Rugby League activities.
- 1.2 The purpose of the policy is to ensure consistency in the enforcement of any penalties and ensure clarity about what sanctioned/suspended participants are entitled or not entitled to do under these penalties.
- 1.3 Reciprocal arrangements with other sports are defined under NRL VIC's Sanctions and Suspensions in Other Sports Policy.

2. Definitions

'Playing Area' shall mean the area enclosed by the fence, or other such line of demarcation, which prevents the encroachment of spectators to the Playing Field at a Rugby League match.

'Match Day Venue' shall mean the venue being used to host a Rugby League match under the auspices of NRL Victoria. The boundary of the venue shall be defined by any feature, natural or otherwise, that is ordinarily accepted as the venue boundary containing all open areas, facilities, buildings and car parks used for the purpose of hosting a match.

'Rugby League Facility or Venue' shall mean any facility or venue that is used for any purpose by NRL Victoria and/or any of its affiliated Leagues or Clubs. This includes, but not limited to, activities such as matches, training, meetings, functions, or any social gathering. The boundary of the facility or venue shall be defined by any feature, natural or otherwise, that is ordinarily accepted as the facility or venue boundary containing all open areas, facilities, buildings and car parks used within or at the facility or venue.

3. Judiciary Sanctions and Suspensions

- 3.1 Penalties under NRL Victoria Judiciary Procedures and Penalties only apply to players dismissed from the Playing Area by the match referee.
- 3.2 A person sanctioned under NRL Victoria Judiciary Procedures and Penalties resulting in any length of match suspension shall observe the following:

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a) NOT PERMITTED

A sanctioned person is not permitted to enter the Playing Area of any NRL Victoria sanctioned match day until the suspension is served.

Sanction applies to any duty on match day, including, but not limited to coaching, sports trainer, water runner, team management, match refereeing or touch judging, or any other duties requiring access to Playing Area, irrespective if these duties are carried out in a different competition or for a different club.

b) PERMITTED

A sanctioned person is permitted to attend matches and carry out duties outside the Playing Area on match day, including access to club rooms. Playing Area access is only permitted for the purposes of assisting in setting up or packing down the field and only when Playing Area is clear of match participants.

Sanctions do not apply to any activity outside of match day and a sanctioned person is permitted to attend and participate in Rugby League training, functions or any other activity.

4. Sanctions and Suspension Under NRL Victoria Code of Conduct or Other NRL Victoria Policies, Rules and Regulations

4.1 A person sanctioned or suspended by NRL Victoria under its Code of Conduct or any other NRL Victoria Policy, Rules and Regulations will have the scope of their penalty relating to restriction of participation defined by the following. This does not preclude any other form of penalty being applied (such as fines, deregistration, cancellation of accreditation, etc.).

a) RESTRICTED ACCESS TO PLAYING AREA

A sanctioned person is permitted to enter the Playing Area of any NRL Victoria sanctioned match day with restrictions defined within notified sanction until the suspension is served.

b) NO ACCESS TO PLAYING AREA

A sanctioned person is not permitted to enter the Playing Area of any NRL Victoria sanctioned match day until the suspension is served.

Sanction applies to any duty on match day, including, but not limited to, coaching, sports trainer, water runner, team management, match refereeing or touch

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judging, or any other duties requiring access to Playing Area, irrespective if these duties are carried out in a different competition or for a different club.

A sanctioned person is permitted to participate or attend any other activity outside the Playing Area on match day, including training.

Sanction does not apply to non-match day.

c) NO ACCESS TO MATCH DAY VENUE

A sanctioned person is not permitted to access any NRL Victoria venue on match day.

This restriction applies to any defined boundary of the match day venue, including car parks within this boundary, which may be demarcated by a fence or where there is no fence, any other feature, natural or otherwise, which ordinarily would be accepted as the venue boundary.

A sanctioned person is permitted to participate or attend any other activity on a non-match day, including training.

d) NO ACCESS TO ANY RUGBY LEAGUE FACILITY OR VENUE

A sanctioned person is not permitted to enter any facility or venue of NRL Victoria or its affiliated members at any time.

This restriction includes, and is not limited to, a sanctioned person not being permitted to attend training, meetings, functions or any other activity of NRL Victoria or its affiliated members.

4.2 A person receiving a sanction by NRL Victoria shall be notified formally of their penalty, including restriction on participation based on 4.1.

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4.3 Application of penalty regarding restriction on participation shall use the following as a guide, which shall not be used to limit scope of penalty.

a) RESTRICTED ACCESS TO PLAYING AREA

To be applied at NRL Victoria's discretion.

b) NO ACCESS TO PLAYING AREA

To be applied for an infringement that occurs within the Playing Area.

c) NO ACCESS TO MATCH DAY VENUE

To be applied to any infringement outside of the Playing Area, regardless if that infringement occurred on a non-match day.

To be applied if the presence of a sanctioned person at a venue on match day is likely to cause intimidation of any other person, or is likely to cause detrimental damage to the game.

d) NO ACCESS TO ANY RUGBY LEAGUE FACILITY OR VENUE

To be applied for any infringement that involves physical contact, assault, threat of assault, harassment or bullying.

To be applied if the presence of a sanctioned person at any facility or venue is likely to cause intimidation of any other person, or perceived fear of assault (physical or otherwise) or is likely to cause detrimental damage to the game.

5. Appeal

5.1 Any sanctioned person shall be entitled to appeal severity of penalties in the process as prescribed within the relevant NRL Victoria Code, Policy, Rule, Regulation or Procedure under which that person has been sanctioned. This appeal process will be advised to the sanctioned person within the notification of penalty.