



Canterbury Rugby League

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TO ALL CLUBS

CANTERBURY RUGBY LEAGUE SAFETY PLAN 2013

Canterbury Rugby League following the club workshop held 13 October 2012 has identified the need to put measures in place so that all people involved in our game can expect to be able to participate in a safe and healthy environment.

To that end Canterbury Rugby League and its Referees Association have come up with the following criteria that is expected to be adopted by all clubs to ensure we achieve the safe and healthy environment where Canterbury Rugby League appointed officials are operating.

All Home Games:

1. **Home** club to appoint a ground manager that will be the match official's first point of contact for any issues.
2. **Home** club is to provide **two (2) Fair Play Marshalls in identifiable vests**. A marshall is to be placed on each sideline to wander among the spectators to ensure no alcohol, drugs or offensive behaviour is being used.
3. Both teams substitute boxes are to be on the same side of the field either side of the half way line.
4. Field is to be roped fully to a minimum of 1m from the deadball line, 3m where possible and a minimum of 5m from the sideline as per attached field plan. It is understood by CRL that at some grounds the minimums will be difficult to achieve however the expectation is that those clubs will do their utmost to ensure that ropes are placed back as far a practically possible. Should this become an issue CRL will visit the ground with the club/s concerned to discuss solutions.
5. A designated alcohol area is established **no less than 20m away from the roped off area**. No alcohol is to be consumed outside of the designated area whilst the ground is being used to host Canterbury Rugby League controlled fixtures.
6. All grounds are drug free.
All sidelines are to be alcohol free.
7. Goalpost pads and flags are in place.
8. The ground manager and the match officials are to meet prior to kick off to ensure that all of the above criteria has been met and sign off on it.
9. Ground manager and match officials to meet at the end of the match to discuss any issues and sign off. Any issues are to be noted on the checklist for the attention of Canterbury Rugby League.
10. Should games be played at a neutral grounds Canterbury Rugby League advises as to who is responsible to ensuring criteria is met.
11. Team officials ie coaches, managers, trainers, subs to remain within the designated team area and not wander the sideline. Trainers to enter the field from and return directly to the designated area. **There is to be a maximum of 10 (including subs) in the designated area**. All team officials and substitutes are to wear a vest identifying them as eligible to be within the team designated area. Failure to wear the vest will result in that person being removed from the area.

Non Compliance:

Should clubs not comply with the safety plan the outcomes will be but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Clubs will be officially advised by Canterbury Rugby League of the breach and given the opportunity to rectify it before the next game scheduled at that clubs ground.
2. Should a second breach occur match officials will not be allocated to that clubs ground until such time that both Canterbury Rugby League and Canterbury Rugby League Referees are satisfied that the club has implemented measures to meet the criteria.
3. Should there be an incident of a significant nature match officials will not be allocated to the ground in question for the remainder of the season should it be the home clubs officials, players or supporters deemed to have been at fault.

Should it be deemed that it was the visiting team at fault that club/team will not be allocated match officials at any further home games meaning remaining games for that team will be away games.

4. Games will not commence at all and a result will not be recorded.
5. Games will be abandoned and a result will not be recorded.
6. Should a club/team find itself in a position that it can not have home games all games will be played away. Canterbury Rugby League will do its best around the scheduling of these games however clubs need to be aware that Canterbury Rugby League is limited in the amount of grounds available at any one time.

One of the objectives for Canterbury Rugby League in conjunction with the clubs, is to provide a safe, healthy and enjoyable experience for our community at all levels of the game. This safety plan is the first step towards what we believe is a brighter future for rugby league in Canterbury that in time we will all benefit from.

Further Information:

The Canterbury Rugby League referees have advised us of the following issues they face this year in light of a dramatic decline in their numbers following 2012.

1. There will not be appointed touch judges at any games until we reach semi-final and final stages. However the 40/20 rule will apply. The referee will be ultimately responsible for the final decision in the event of uncertainty.
2. There will be no match managers appointed to any premier games. This role is now the duty of the respective team managers.

Canterbury Rugby League recognise that this plan puts the responsibility of ensuring a safe, healthy and enjoyable experience of its members back on the clubs however expect the clubs will embrace this responsibility not only for the good of individual clubs but the game as a whole.

Rugby League is a community, family based sport. We all need to ensure it remains that way and doesn't become the domain of a drug and alcohol fuelled environment that people shy away from, including sponsors and funding partners.

Regards



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GENERAL MANAGER

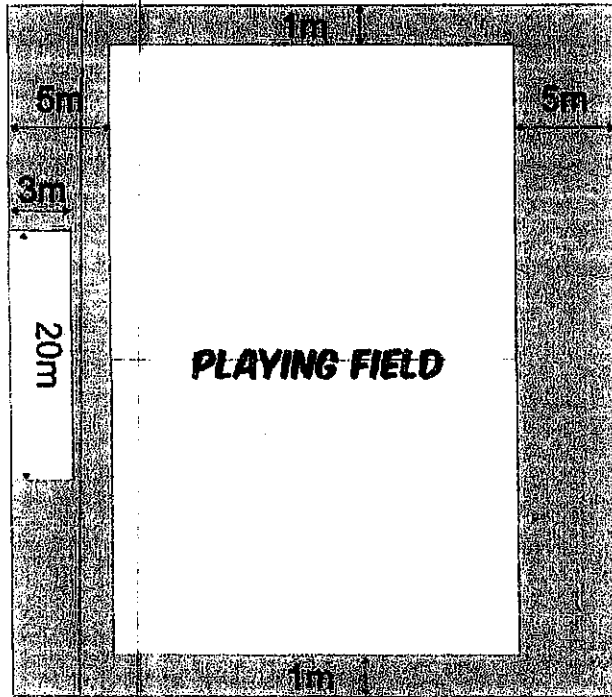
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*these are minimum requirements

***20m x 3m Players and officials zone**

(this must be roped off also and/or road cone with barriers, no gaps players will have to step over)



20m

*any direction 20m from the ropes

Alcohol Area