

North Sydney District Junior Rugby League Football Inc.

1. The name of the association shall be North Sydney District Junior Rugby League Football Inc., hereinafter referred to as "the association".
2. The principal place of administration of the association shall be 12.20 Abbott Street, Cammeray.

Interpretation

3. (1) In these rules, except in so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires -
 - "ordinary member" means a member who is not a member of the Board of Management of the association, as referred to in rule 19;
 - "Junior League Administrator" means -
 - (a) the full time Administrator of the association;
 - (b) and the public officer of the association;
 - "special general meeting" means a special general meeting of the association other than an Annual General Meeting, as referred to in rule 41;
 - "the act" means the Associations' Incorporation Act, 1984;
 - "the regulation" means the Associations Incorporation Regulation, 1985;
 - "financial year" means the period commencing on 1st November in any year and ending on the 31st October in the following year;
 - "the District Club" means the North Sydney district Rugby League Football Club Limited;
 - "the League" means the new South Wales Rugby League Limited;
 - "the district" means the area from time-to-time defined by the League as the District Club's area.
- (2) In these rules -
 - (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty; and
 - (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

- (3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act, 1987, apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

Objects

4. The objects for which the association is formed are:-
- (a) under the direction and control of the District Club and Junior League Administrator to promote and conduct Junior Rugby League Football in the district;
 - (b) to assist the District Club in the advancement of its objects;
 - (c) to promote the welfare of and social interaction between Junior Rugby League Footballers;
 - (d) to affiliate with such other organisations as have objects substantially similar to or complimentary to those of the association;
 - (e) to establish support, maintain or aid in the establishment, support or maintenance of funds for purposes consistent with the principal objects of the association including funds for the benefit of injured Rugby League Footballers or for the purpose of insuring such footballers against injury;
 - (f) to employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries or other persons as the association deems expedient.

PART II MEMBERSHIP

5. The membership of the association shall be divided into voting members and non-voting members.
- (a) The voting members of the association shall be limited to the following persons and shall comprise the general committee of the association.
 - (i) members of the Board of Management;
 - (ii) life members;
 - (iii) district club representative;
 - (iv) referees' association representative;
 - (v) four representatives of each affiliated Junior Rugby League Football Club who shall be members of the association and shall be nominated by the affiliated club, which nomination may be changed from time to time by the affiliated club.

- (vi) one representative from the full time employed Development Staff from the North Sydney district Rugby League Football Club Ltd.
- (b) All members other than the voting members shall be non-voting members.
- (c) The life members of the association shall be such life members as have been admitted to life membership of the North Sydney District Junior Rugby Football League prior to incorporation and such additional life members as shall be appointed in accordance with these rules.

Membership Qualifications

6. A person is qualified to be a member of the association if, but only if:-
- (a) the person is a person referred to in Section 15 (a), (b) or (c) and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act: or
 - (b) life member; or
 - (c) District club representative as in Rule 5(a) (iii); or
 - (d) Referees' Association representative as in Rule 5(a)(iv); or
 - (e) one representative from the full time employed Development Staff from the North Sydney District Rugby League Football Club Ltd as in Rule 5(a) (vi)
 - (f) the person is a natural person who:-
 - (i) has been nominated for membership of the association as provided by rule 7; and
 - (ii) has been approved for membership of the association by the Board of Management of the association or is a person deemed to be so approved under these rules.

Nomination for Membership

- 7 (1) A nomination of a person for membership of the association with the exception of playing members and life members -
- (a) shall be made to the association in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules or in similar form; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the Junior League Administrator of the association.

- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the Junior League Administrator shall refer the nomination to the Board of Management which shall in its absolute discretion determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (3) Where the Board of Management determines to approve a nomination for membership, the Junior League Administrator shall, as soon as practicable after that determination, notify the nominee of that approval and request the nominee to pay within the period of 28 days after receipt by the nominee of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (4) The Junior League Administrator shall, on payment by the nominee of the amounts referred to in clause 7(3) within the period referred to in that clause, enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the association.
- (5) The registration of a player shall be in the form provided for in Appendix II to these rules or such form as the Board of Management shall prescribe from time to time.
- (6) The registration of a player shall be deemed to be an application for membership of the association and the Board of Management shall be deemed to have approved the application for membership provided that an application for registration as a player shall have no effect unless the appropriate registration fee is paid to the 30th of June in each year or upon registration after the 30th June in each year.
- (7) No person may join the association after the 30th of September in any one year.

Cessation of Membership

8. A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person:-
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) resigns that membership; or
 - (c) is expelled from the association.

Membership Entitlements

9. A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association -
- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon cessation of the person's membership.

Resignation of Membership

10. (1) A member of the association is not entitled to resign that membership except in accordance with this rule.
- (2) A member of the association who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the association in respect of the member's membership may resign from membership of the association by giving notice in writing to the Junior League Administrator, of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
- (3) Where a member of the association ceases to be a member pursuant to clause 10(2) and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the Junior League Administrator shall make any appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

Register of Members

11. (1) The Junior League Administrator shall establish and maintain a register of members of the association specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members shall be kept at the offices of the District Club and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association during normal working hours.

Life Membership

12. (a) The association may at the Annual General Meeting each year appoint not more than two life members in any one year.
- (b) Recommendations for life membership shall be made by the Board of Management to the Annual General Meeting and the Board of Management shall recommend no more than two members for life membership in any one year.
- (c) A member may not be recommended for life membership unless he/she has completed ten years active service as an official of the association. For the purposes of this paragraph, service with the

North Sydney District Junior Rugby Football League shall be deemed to be service with the association.

- (d) On election to life membership, the life member will be presented with suitable memento of his/her election and thereafter shall not be required to pay a membership fee.

Relations with the League and the District Club

13. The association and each of its members and affiliated associations acknowledge and agree that the association, its members and the affiliated associations and their members shall be subject to the ultimate control and direction of the District club and the League.

Affiliated Clubs

14. The affiliated clubs are and shall be:-

Asquith Rugby League Club Limited
 Berowra Junior Rugby League Football Club
 Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club - North Sydney
 Dural Dragons Junior Rugby League Football Club
 Hills Hawks Rugby League Club
 Hornsby Rugby League Football Club
 Lane Cove Junior Rugby League Football club
 Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Rugby League Club
 Pymble/Kissing Point Sports District Rugby League Football Club
 Chatswood- Willoughby Rugby League Football Club

and such further clubs as the Board of Management shall admit to affiliation and where an affiliate amalgamates or incorporates such association or corporation as shall result from the amalgamation or incorporation.

Fees, subscriptions, etc

15. A member of the association shall pay to the association an annual membership fee of \$2 or such greater amount as the Board of Management may from time to time determine:-
- (a) current members other than players, before 1st April in each year;
 - (b) new members as listed in article 7(b);
 - (c) in respect of a player as listed in article 7(6).

Members' Liabilities

17. (1) Where the Board of Management is of the opinion that a member of the association or an affiliated club:-
- (a) has seriously or persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules or any by-law be pursuant hereto; or

- (b) has seriously or persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the association,

the Board of Management may be resolution:-

- (c) expel the member or affiliated club from the association;
- (d) suspend the member from membership of the association for a specified period or suspend the affiliation of the affiliated club;
- (e) fine the member or the affiliated club;
- (f) impose such other penalty as the Board of Management considers appropriate.

Where the Board of Management resolves to discipline any affiliated club the following provisions shall apply to the affiliated club as if it was a member of the association.

- (2) A resolution of the Board of Management under clause 17(1(c), (d), (e), and (f)) is of no effect unless the Board of Management, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the member of a notice under clause 17(3(a), (b), (c), (d), (i), (ii)), confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.1)
- (3) Where the Board of Management passes a resolution under clause 17(1) and (b), the Junior League Administrator shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the member:-
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the Board of Management and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) stating that the member may address the Board of Management at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:-
 - (i) attend and speak at the meeting;
 - (ii) submit to the Board of Management at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.
- (4) At a meeting of the Board of Management held as referred to in Clause 3, the Board of Management shall:-
 - (a) give to the member an opportunity to make oral representations;

- (b) give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the Board of Management by the member at or prior; and
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (5) Where the Board of Management confirms a resolution under Clause 17(4), the Junior League Administrator shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing, inform the member of the fact and of the member's right of appeal pursuant to rule 18.
- (6) A resolution confirmed by the Board of Management under Clause 4 does not take effect:-
- (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise the right of appeal with that period; or
 - (b) where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the District Club confirms the resolution pursuant to rule 18.

Right of Appeal of Disciplines Member

18. (1) A member may appeal to the District Club against a resolution of the Board of Management which is confirmed under rule 17(4) within 7 days after notice of confirmation of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Junior League Administrator a written notice of appeal, together with such fee as shall be prescribed by the District Club.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notice from a member under clause 18(1) and such fee as may be payable to the District Club in respect of the appeal, the Junior League Administrator shall notify the District Club company Secretary who shall convene a meeting of the appeal tribunal appointed for that purpose to hear the appeal.

The decision of the District Club appeal tribunal shall be final and conclusive.

PART III - THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The following persons shall form the first Board of Management and shall remain in office until the Annual General Meeting during December, 1993 where members of the Board of management will be eligible for re-election and these current articles shall then take effect.

Malcolm Woodcock
 John Quinn
 Lynn Faulkner
 Peter Stanborough
 Jon Hunt

Wayne Lambkin
David Abel
David Bran
Barry Hanley
Gordon Thurgood
Tony Wise

Powers of the Board of Management

19. The board of the association shall be called the Board of Management and, subject to the Act, the Regulation and these rules and to any by-laws made under these rules and to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting:-
- (a) shall manage the affairs of the association;
 - (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by the general meeting of members of the association;
 - (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the Board of Management to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

Constitution and Membership

20. (1) The Board of Management shall consist of eleven (11) board members.
- The structure of the Board shall be:-
- (a) nine (9) board members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year;
 - (b) one (1) board member, known as the registrar, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year;
 - (d) one (1) board member to be the Junior League Administrator who will be appointed by the District Club from time to time.
21. (1) The President/Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the Board of Management at the conclusion of the AGM and shall hold office as chairman until the following AGM.
- (2) In the event of the chairman being unable to continue his position, the board shall nominate another chairman from the board who will hold that position until the next AGM.
 - (3) The deputy chairman shall be elected by the Board of Management at the conclusion of the AGM and shall hold office as deputy chairman until the following AGM.

- (4) The finance Controller of the Board shall be elected by the Board of Management at the conclusion of the AGM and shall hold office as Finance Controller until the following AGM.
- (5) In the event of the Finance Controller being unable to continue his position the Board shall nominate another Finance Controller from the Board who will hold that position until the next AGM.
- (6) Each member of the Board of Management shall, subject to these rules, be elected and hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.
- (7) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board of Management, except for the position of Junior League Administrator, and the two appointed members, the Board of Management may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the following Annual General Meeting next following the date of appointment.

Election of Members

22. (1) Nominations of candidates for election to positions on the Board of Management with the exception of Junior League Administrator and two appointees.
 - (a) shall be made in writing, signed by one voting member of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which must be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and
 - (b) ceases to be a member of the association;
 - (c) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (New South Wales) Code;
 - (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the Junior League Administrator;
 - (e) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health; or
 - (f) is absent without the consent of the Board of Management committee from two consecutive meetings or is absent without consent for three meetings in any year;
 - (g) where a casual vacancy occurs as Clause 23 in between the date of one Annual General Meeting and the date of the next, the Board of Management may appoint a Member to fill the casual vacancy without calling a general meeting of the Association and such appointee shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

Removal of Member

24. (1) The Board of Management may be resolution remove any member of the Board of Management or any sub-committee from office before the expiration of the member's term of office and may be resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) Where a member of the Board of Management or sub-committees whom a proposed resolution referred to in clause 24(1) relates makes representations in writing to the Junior League Administrator or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the committee, Junior League Administrator or the President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the committee or, if they are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

Meetings

25. (1) The Board of Management shall hold meetings monthly at such place and time as the Board of Management may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the Board of Management may be convened by the President or by any member of the Board of Management.
- (3) Written notice of meetings of the Board of Management shall be given by the Junior League Administrator or each member of the Board of Management at least 48 hours (or such other period as may in any particular case be agreed upon by a majority of members of the Board of Management) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.

Quorum

26. (1) The quorum for meetings of the association and its committees shall be as follows:-
- (a) the Board of Management - 7 members;
 - (b) the general committee meeting - 11 voting members;
 - (c) sub-committees - 3 members.
- (2) No business shall be transacted by any meeting unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting stands adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week or such other time as shall be nominated by the chairman.
- (3) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved provided that in the case of general meetings the quorum

for an adjourned meeting shall be the number of voting members present.

- (4) At a meeting of the Board of Management or the general committee.
 - (a) the chairman or, in the chairman's absence, the deputy chairman shall preside; or
 - (b) if the chairman and the deputy chairman are absent or unwilling to act such one of the remaining members of the Board of Management as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting shall preside.

Delegation

27. (1) The Board of Management may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the association as the Board of Management thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the Board of Management as are specified in the instrument, other than:-
 - (2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time-to-time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
 - (3) A delegation under this section may be made subject to such conditions or limitation as to the exercise of any function the subject thereof, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
 - (4) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
 - (5) The Board of Management may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.
 - (6) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

Voting and Decisions

28. (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the Board of Management or of any sub-committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote, but in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

- (3) Subject to rule 28(1), the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) Any act or thing or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

Finance

29. (1) The financial Controller of the association must ensure that:-
- (a) all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made.
 - (b) the affiliated clubs of the association are in a secure financial position.
 - (c) the affiliated clubs of the association present quarterly sets of accounts (or as the Board of Management requests) for inspection.
- (2) The Junior League Administrator is to ensure that the correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association including full details of the receipts and expenditure of the association.
- (3) The Financial Controller with the assistance of the Junior League Administrator will be responsible for presenting to the Board of Management monthly financial accounts of the association.
- (4) The bank account of the association shall be in the name of the association and the Chairman, Deputy chairman, Financial controller and the Junior League Administrator shall be signatories to the account provided that any cheque or negotiable instrument shall be signed by any two of those people.

Administration Committee

30. (1) There shall be a committee known as the Administration Committee which shall consist of:-
- (a) members of the Board of Management;
 - (b) representative members, one being nominated by each of the affiliated clubs from time-to-time;
 - (c) referees' delegate nominated by the Referees Association;
 - (d) District Club delegate nominated by the District Club;

(e) the Administration Committee shall meet every five weeks or determined by the Administration Committee;

(f) one District Club Development Staff member.

31. (1) In addition to the Administration Committee there shall be the following sub-committees:

the Judiciary Committee;
 the Registrations Committee;
 the Grounds and Competition Committee;
 the Disputes Protest and Conduct Committee;
 the Referees' Appointments Board;
 the Promotions and Social Committee; and
 the Bear Flags Committee

(2) The sub-committees shall comprise such number of elected and co-opted members and be chaired by such persons as are specified herein or as the Board of Management shall from time-to-time determine.

(3) The sub-committees listed in rule 31(1) shall report to the Board of Management on a monthly basis.

Judiciary Committee

32. (1) The Judiciary Committee (the judiciary) shall consist of an independent chairman, appointed by the Board of Management, a nominee of the referees association, being a non-active referee and one other person nominated by the Board of Management.

(2) The judiciary shall investigate and determine all allegations of misconduct and/or breaches of the rules by players sent from the field of play during the progress of a match and such allegations of misconduct and/or breaches of the rules by players as are referred to it by the Board of Management. The decisions of the judiciary shall, subject to the right of appeal to the District Club be final and conclusive.

(3) The judiciary shall furnish a written report to the Board of Management in respect of each of its determinations.

(4) A player who has been disqualified, suspended and/or fined by the judiciary shall be entitled to appeal to the District Club, through the Junior League Administrator of the association, if, and only if:-

(a) he has the permission of the club to appeal;

(b) he desires to produce on appeal evidence of which he did not know before the completion of the hearing before the judiciary and of which he could not have become aware if he had before the conclusion of the hearing before that committee made all investigations and inquiries that could have been made by him; and

- (c) he lodges with the Junior League Administrator of the association within seven days of the conclusion of the hearing before the judiciary a statement in writing of that evidence together with such fee as may be set by the District Club. Where that evidence relates to a person who is proposed to be called on the appeal that person shall in that statement state in writing that in so far as the statement relates to him it is true and correct.
- (5) In dealing with any appeal from a decision of the judiciary, the District Club appeal tribunal may either quash or uphold that decision or vary the penalty imposed by the judiciary.

Registration Committee

33. (1) The registrar shall be the chairman of the Registration Committee.
- (2) The Registration Committee shall assist the registrar and the Junior League Administrator in maintaining the register of all players and in checking the qualification, identity and entitlement of every player to play in the Junior Rugby League Competition in which the player participates.
- (3) Every member of the committee is hereby empowered to make inquiries into the identity and qualifications of any player to require any player to provide a specimen signature in his presence and to check the veracity of all information disclosed on the player's registration.
- (4) Any inconsistency discovered by the Registration Committee shall be referred to the Board of Management.
- (5) The Registration Committee shall consist of three members other than the Chairman and the three persons shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.

Grounds & Competition Committee

34. (1) The Junior League Administrator shall be responsible for the draw and shall allocate competition fixtures to such grounds as he in his absolute discretion shall determine.
- (2) The Junior League Administrator shall be the Chairman of the Grounds Committee which shall comprise of four members other than the Chairman and the four people shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Disputes Protests and Conduct Committee

35. (1) The disputes Protests and Conduct Committee shall consist of the Chairman, who shall be any one of the Board of Management plus two other members of the Board of Management. The composition

of the committee may be varied from time-to-time depending on the availability of Board of Management members.

- (2) The committee shall investigate disputes, protests and complaints of misconduct other than those falling within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary and shall furnish a report and recommendation to the Board of Management.

Referees' Appointments Board

36. A Referees' Appointment Board shall be appointed by the Board of Management and shall comprise such number of certificated referees and be subject to such conditions as the Board of Management shall from time-to-time determine. The Chairman will be appointed by the Board of Management.

Promotions and Social Committee

37. The Promotions and Social Committee shall consist of five members other than the Chairman and the five people shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year.

PART IV - GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual General Meetings - Holding of

38. (1) The Annual General Meeting of the association shall, subject to the Act to rule 35, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the Board of Management thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, the business of an Annual General Meeting shall be:-
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting.
 - (b) to receive from the Board of Management reports upon activities of the association during the last preceding financial year;
 - (c) to elect members of the Board of Management; and
 - (d) to elect members of the various sub-committees;
 - (e) to receive and consider the financial statement which is required to be submitted to members pursuant to section 26(6) of the Act.
- (3) An Annual General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.

Special General Meetings - Calling of

40. (1) The Board of Management may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (2) The Board of Management shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 15 noting members convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:-
- (a) shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
 - (b) shall be signed by the members making the requisition;
 - (c) shall be lodged with the Junior League Administrator; and
 - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the Board of Management fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within one month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the Junior League Administrator, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in clause 40(4) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee and any member who thereby incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any expense so incurred.

Notice of General Meetings or Special General Meetings

41. (1) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the Junior League Administrator shall, at least 28 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each voting member at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the Junior League Administrator shall, at least 28 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each voting member in the manner provided in clause 1 specifying, in addition to the matter required under clause 1, the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

- (3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to rule 39(2).
- (4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Junior League Administrator who shall include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.
- (5) Non voting members may attend any general meeting of the association and may with the leave of the chair address the meeting but are not entitled to notice of the meeting.

Adjournment

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- (1) The chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time-to-time and place-to-place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
 - (2) Where a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the Junior League Administrator shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the adjourned meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
 - (3) Except as provided in clauses 42 (1) and 42 (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

Making of decisions

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- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the association, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
 - (2) At a general meeting of the association, a poll may be demanded by the chairman or by not less than three voting members present in person at the meeting.
 - (3) Where the poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll shall be taken:-

- (a) immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the chairman of the meeting or to the question of an adjournment; or
- (b) in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairman directs

and the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.

Special Resolutions

44. A resolution of the association is a special resolution if:-

- (a) it is passed by a majority which comprises *not less than three-quarters of such members of the association as, being entitled under these rules so to do, vote in person at a general meeting* of which not less than 28 days; written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in accordance with these rules; or
- (b) where it is made to appear to the commission that it is not possible or practicable for the resolution to be passed in the manner specified in paragraph (a) - the resolution is passed in a manner specified by the commission.

Voting

45. (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the association each voting member has one vote only.
- (2) All votes shall be given personally.
- (3) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A voting member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member to the association and/or in the case of representatives or affiliated associations the affiliation fee has been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance

46. (1) The association shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to section 44 of the Act.

- (2) In addition to the insurance required under clause 1, the association may effect and maintain other insurance.

Funds - Source

47. (1) The funds of the association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in administration meetings, such other sources as the committee determines.
- (2) All money received by the association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank account.
- (3) The association shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

Funds - Management

48. (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meetings, the funds of the association shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as the committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills or exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two of the following; Junior League Administrator, President, Financial Controller or Deputy Chairman.

Alteration of objects and rules

49. The statement of objects and these rules may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a special resolution of the association.

By-Laws

50. The Board of Management shall have the power to make by-laws not inconsistent with these rules governing:-
- (a) the conduct and discipline of its members;
- (b) the running of the junior rugby league competition;
- (c) the conduct and discipline of affiliated organisations and members thereof; and
- (d) such other matters as the Board of Management deems expedient.

Common Seal

51. (1) The common seal of the association shall be kept in the custody of the Junior League Administrator.

- (2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Board of Management and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Board of Management or of one member of the Board of Management and of the public officer or Junior League Administrator.

Custody of Books, etc.

52. Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the public officer shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the association.

Inspection of Books, etc.

53. The records, books and other documents of the association shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by the voting members of the association during normal business hours.

Service of Notices

54. (1) For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members.
- (2) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

Surplus Property

55. (1) Prior to its winding up, the association shall pass a special resolution nominating an incorporated association as the association in which is to vest its surplus property pursuant to section 53 (2) of the Act in the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of the association .
- (2) The incorporated association so nominated shall be one which fulfils the requirements specified in section 53 (2) (a) - (c) of the Act.

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

BY LAWS and COMPETITION RULES

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1.0 Interpretation and Amendment

- 1.1 These by-laws shall be read in conjunction with the rules of the association and in the event of any inconsistency the rules of the association shall prevail.
- 1.2 Unless exceptional circumstances arise which necessitate a change, these by-laws shall not be amended during the currency of a football season but amendments to the by-laws shall be considered and if the Board of Management thinks fit passed in the period from October to December in any year.
- 1.3 The Board of Management shall give the affiliated clubs reasonable notice of any change in the competition by-laws.

2.0 Members Only

- 2.1 Every player, coach, manager, trainer or official of any team must be a member of the association and no affiliated association shall appoint to such a position a person who has not been admitted to membership of the association.
- 2.2 In addition to the foregoing every coach of a team entered in a competition conducted by the association must have obtained or be in the process of obtaining the relevant coaching accreditation.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of the home club to have a person with acceptable sports trainers credentials (as set forth by the NSWRL) in attendance for all games. The home club must supply a properly maintained first aid kit and stretcher (refer to 6.19). Failure to do so could render the home club liable to a penalty to be determined by the Board.
- 2.4 All clubs and their members must abide by the Child Protection Act.
- 2.5 All clubs, officials, players and spectators must abide by the codes of conduct as set forth by the NSDJRL. Failure to abide by the codes of conduct could render the offender/s liable to disciplinary action as determined by the Board.

3.0 Competition Qualifications

- 3.1 The grades in which junior rugby league football competitions are to be conducted and the qualifications for each grade shall be set by the Board of Management and shall be notified to each affiliated club on or before the 1st day of January in every year.
- 3.2 In default of notification the grades and qualifications shall remain unchanged. Present grades and qualifications are as follows:-

A Grade	any age	U/13 years at 1st January
A Reserve	any age	U/12 years at 1st January
	U/19 years at 1st January	U/11 years at 1st January
	U/17 years at 1st January	U/10 years at 1st January
	U/16 years at 1st January	U/9 years at 1st January
	U/15 years at 1 st January	U/8 years at 1st January
	U/14 years at 1 st January	U/7 years at 1st January
		U/6 years at 1st January

3.3 Any club having more than one team in any age group, other than A Grade and A Reserve which have special rules, may interchange players as determined by the Board prior to the 2004 season.

3.4 Qualifications for Jersey Flegg Cup, S.G. Ball Cup and Harold Mathews Cup representative teams shall be determined by the League.

4.0 Applications to Enter Competition

4.1 Every affiliated association wishing to enter a team or teams in any competition conducted by the association shall make application in such form and by such date as the Junior League Administrator shall determine.

4.2 To enter a new club or reform a previous club in the North Sydney Junior League an application must be submitted that states that the following requirements will be abided by.

- a) The Clubs Financial Statements must be presented every four months, until the Junior League is satisfied with the Clubs financial stability. From then on every twelve months or as requested by the Junior League.
- b) The Clubs Executive and contact addresses must be submitted to the Junior League Board before the start of the season or at a date set down by the Board.
- c) All coaches and trainers of the sides must have the respective qualifications as set down by NSW Rugby League.
- d) The Clubs Constitution must be submitted before any team plays under the Club name.
- e) The clubs proposed name, colours and logo must be submitted to the Junior League Board and ratified by the Board.
- f) The oval on which the Club intends to play its competition matches and training sessions.
- g) An intention to incorporate the Club.

- h) All coaches, managers and officials of the Club must become members of the North Sydney District Junior Rugby Football League Inc.
- I) All members must abide by the North Sydney Junior League Constitution.

4.3 Before any team can be nominated to enter into the competition a minimum number of player registrations for each side shall be as follows:-

- 5 players for mini (7,8 and 9 years)
- 7 players for mod (10 & 11 years)
- 9 players for mod (12 years)
- 9 players for international

5.0 The Draw

- 5.1 The method of running the competitions including the finals format (whether four team or five team semi-finals) shall be determined by the Junior League Administrator and ratified by the Board of management immediately after the close of entries and affiliated associations shall be notified of any changes prior to the first competition round.
- 5.2 Semi-finals, finals and grand finals are to be conducted for all ages under 9 to A Grade.
- 5.3 A non-competitive format to be conducted for U/6, U/7 and U/8 age groups.
- 5.4 After the close of entries the Junior League Administrator shall decide the draw for each competition and the venue and time of play for each match and the decision of the Junior League Administrator shall be final.

6.0 Control of Fixtures

- 6.1 Each home club shall nominate a ground manager who will be responsible for the conduct of fixtures at the respective ground. The name of the ground manager must be supplied to the Junior League Administrator prior to each fixture.
- 6.2 Subject to any overriding decision by the local council that controls the ground or by the Junior League Administrator or his delegate any decision as to whether a ground is fit for play shall be made by the ground manager in consultation with the referee and shall be final.

- 6.3 Every member of the association present at a match shall be under the control of and shall obey any reasonable direction of the ground manager or any other person authorised by him to assist in the running of the fixture, or the referee.
- 6.4 Where the association requires a playing field to be roped off from spectator areas it shall be the joint responsibility of the affiliated clubs playing in the last fixture to remove the ropes or the designated home club whichever is applicable.
- 6.5 No person other than the persons herein authorised shall enter upon the playing area or where the ground is roped off without the permission of the ground manager.
- 6.6 The coach, the manager, the trainer, the reserves and the first aid attendants are hereby authorised to remain within the fence or roped off area provided they obey the reasonable directions of the ground manager. The rules and the policies of the North Sydney Junior League are to be adopted. These players and officials are to remain seated where possible.
- 6.7 The coaches of U/7 and U/6 grades are allowed to coach their teams on the playing field. The coach is at all time subject to the referee's jurisdiction while on the playing field. He is to coach from behind all his players. In the U/8's coaches may coach from behind their team for the first 7 games of the season. Coaches of other grades shall not enter the playing field while their matches are in progress.
- 6.8 Persons other than the players allowed on the playing field shall wear clothing not likely to be confused with the uniform of either team and such persons shall not take any goods likely to constitute a hazard to the players upon the playing field. These persons are to wear a distinctive top or bib as approved by the Board of Management. The ground manager can approve a top on the day if circumstances require.
- 6.9 It shall be the responsibility of the home club to provide a table suitable for signing on and use by the timekeepers, together with a suitable timing and sounding device. A timekeeper is required from each of the opposing clubs and shall remain in view of the referee throughout the game, preferably near the halfway line. At the end of the game the timekeepers are to sign the signing-on forms in case of subsequent dispute.
- 6.10 Reserves must report to the timekeepers before they take the field for the first time in the match. The timekeepers shall record on the signing-on form the use of the replacements(s) and the replacements not used in the match.

- 6.11 Any player called upon to sign the signing-on form by the ground manager, the Junior League Administrator, the registrar, or a member of the Registration Committee shall forthwith do so in his usual signature.
- 6.12 Signing-on forms and identification cards shall be left at the signing-on table for the duration of the game after which identification cards shall be returned to the respective team managers.
- 6.13 At the completion of the game both team managers must verify the score and sign both teams signing-on forms and check that all players have been recorded. The ground manager shall ensure that the correct scores are recorded so that the scores can be rung through to the JL Administrator or his delegate by 6.00 pm on the day of play. Copy of signing-on forms are then to be handed to the referees adviser or senior referee on the ground who shall be responsible for ensuring that they are delivered to the Junior League Administrator by the nominated time on the Tuesday following the game. Failure to comply could result in a penalty to the home club as determined by the board.
- 6.14 A team intending to forfeit a match shall notify the Junior League Administrator by 9pm on the Thursday prior to the match. Failure to do so renders the team liable to a penalty as the Board of Management shall decide, and the referee's and touch judges' payments for the fixture will be charged to the club whose team forfeits the match.
- 6.15 Where a team forfeits, the match shall count as a match played, and be declared in favour of the team forfeited to. Any team receiving a match by forfeit may submit a signature sheet for checking within seven (7) days after receiving such a forfeit.
- 6.16 Any team that has forfeited twice in succession or three (3) times in all, may be eliminated from the competition but only by a decision of the Board of Management.
- 6.17 A bye shall count as a win but will not be classified as a match played.
- 6.18 Where touch judges are not appointed or the appointed touch judges are not present at a fixture the ground manager or the referee may appoint a person to act as touch judge. Such person may not enter the field of play to report players and the decision of such person may be overruled by the referee.
- 6.19 A properly equipped medical kit and stretcher must be present at all grounds. Failure to comply could result in a penalty to the Ground Managers home Club as determined by the board.

7.0 Referee

- 7.1 The Referee's Appointment Board and in default the Junior League Administrator shall appoint a referee and linesmen for every game. Referees may not vary the match to which they are allocated and shall if they are in default forfeit the refereeing fees for the match.
- 7.2 If a referee so appointed is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time fixed to commence, then a referee may be appointed by a committee comprised of the ground manager, one official from each of the opposing clubs in conjunction with the senior referee on that day.

8.0 Duration of Play

- 8.1 Every match shall be played in equal divisions of time, injury time where applicable excepted, which shall not exceed the maximum time of play specified for the respective grades.

Maximum playing times are as follows:-

A Grade	thirty five (35) minutes per half
A Reserve	thirty (30) minutes per half
U/19 years	thirty (30) minutes per half
U/17 years	thirty (30) minutes per half
U/16 years	thirty (30) minutes per half
U/15 years	thirty (30) minutes per half
U/14 years	twenty five (25) minutes per half
U/13 years	twenty five (25) minutes per half
U/12 years	twenty five (25) minutes per half
U/11 years	twenty (20) minutes per half
U/10 years	twenty (20) minutes per half
U/9 years	three periods of ten (10) minutes
U/8 years	three periods of ten (10) minutes
U/7 years	three periods of ten (10) minutes
U/6 years	three periods of ten (10) minutes

- 8.2 There shall be an interval of not less than five (5) minutes between halves/divisions in all games, except as provided.
- 8.3 Time off for injuries shall not be allowed in matches except for A Grade and all grades for semis, finals and grand finals.
- 8.4 As far as possible, all games are to commence at the scheduled starting time. Any team not ready to commence a match within fifteen (15) minutes of the appointed time shall be deemed to have forfeited.
- 8.5 Where a team does not have the minimum number of players required to start a game, or for any other legitimate reason that is agreed to by both team coaches, a club may seek a postponement of starting times or a reduction in playing time.

8.6 The ground manager may at his discretion delay the starting time (subject to By-Law 8.4), by reducing playing time by a maximum of 5 minutes overall in Mini and Mod grades and 15 minutes overall in other grades, or increase or reduce the intervals, providing in all cases that there shall be no variations of the conditions of play unless the opposing clubs are notified before the commencement of the game. In all cases, any time deducted from playing time shall be apportioned equally to both halves/all periods of play. All A Grade games shall be played in full.

9.0 Registration

- 9.1 Every player must be registered with the association before they will be eligible to play in any competition conducted by the association.
- 9.2 Registration shall be in the form prescribed by the association and shall be ineffective until the player's identification card has been approved by the Registration Committee and the player's identification card has been stamped with the registration stamp. At the start of the season a player may be registered but his card not stamped for the first 2 games of the season. The player's name must be recorded on the sign on sheet as being unstamped. A new player must have a photo and a copy of his proof of birth (if applicable) with his card.
- 9.3 A player shall sign his identification card and application to be registered in ink in such manner as is required and shall upon demand by the registrar, Junior League Administrator or an official of the Registration committee provide a specimen of his signature.
- 9.4 Upon first registering and thereafter upon demand by the registrar or a member of the Registration Committee, players shall produce to the Registration Committee one passport photo of themselves and evidence of their age in the form of an original birth certificate or passport or such other evidence (if applicable) as shall satisfy the Registration Committee.
- 9.5 It shall be an offence to provide false information when making an application for registration.
- 9.6 All players must be registered prior to the commencement of the third last round of their respective grade.
- 9.7 No player may register with and play for more than one club in the same season except as provided.
- 9.8 A player may play in a higher grade than his registered grade and return to his registered grade at any time, including semi-finals, finals and grand finals. A player may not play in a grade lower than his

registered grade. Special rules apply to A and A Reserve grade competitions.

- 9.9 Every player shall prior to playing in a competition match produce his identification card to the signing-on table and no player shall take the field unless he has complied with this provision.
- 9.10 No player may play in semi-finals, finals or grand finals until the Registration Committee has approved their qualifications.
- 9.11 Loss of identification cards, where any cost is involved in replacement, shall be the cost of the club involved.
- 9.12 Photo's for identification and master cards are to be renewed every three years (4), or as required by the Board of Management, registrar or registrar's delegate.
- 9.13 In the event of any dispute, the duly stamped identification cards will be recognised.

10.0 Clearances

- 10.1 All players who wish to transfer to another club require a clearance as per the rules of the NSWRL. The table below shows the procedure to be followed for clearances. Persons specified in Column 1 shall not be eligible to take part in any Junior Rugby League competition conducted by the association until they obtain a clearance from the persons or association specified in Column 2 and lodge the clearance with the Registration Committee.

Column 1

Column 2

* Players transferring from clubs within the district.	The secretary of the first club to the Junior League Administrator.
* Players from any other district other than North Sydney.	Through the NSW Rugby League and the District Club and the Junior League
* Players transferring to another district.	The secretary of his current club to the Junior League Administrator then to the District Club.
North Sydney grade players	The secretary of the District Club

* A Clearance is required for all players who have played international rugby league (13 years and above) who wish to transfer to another

rugby league club. Clearances are required as per the NSWRL policy. A letter of clearance is required for all players 12 years of age and younger.

- 10.2 A player who has registered with one affiliated club but not played in a competition match may be cleared to play with another club in the same season. Once he has played in a competition match, a clearance will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, that the Board of Management shall determine. This rule will apply to all grades.
- 10.3 A maximum of 3 players only be allowed a clearance from one team from a club in the North Sydney Junior League to play in a team from another club within the North Sydney Junior League. This rule will apply to North Sydney teams playing in combined or joint competitions.
A player may make representation to the Board of Management of the Junior League for consideration to waiver this rule. The Board will have the right to consider each case or hand it on to a sub committee from the Board for a decision. Consideration may be given to players who are requesting a clearance to return to a previous club and any other special circumstances as the Board will determine.
This rule will apply to players from club's or teams which have abandoned either before or during the season.
- 10.4 Where a team within a club disbands at any time during the season the members of that team may seek permission through the Board of Management to re-register with another club. Such permission shall not be granted, however, if the club can accommodate the players in a team appropriate to them. Permission will be conditional on the Boards consideration of by law 10.3.
- 10.5 No clearances will be allowed after the 30th June in any season unless clearly initiated before and in transit at that date. This closing date shall not apply to North Sydney grade players being released to junior clubs or to junior players returning to the junior league competition after having been called up to grade. These latter situations are covered by by-laws 11.2 and 11.4 respectively.
- 10.6 As per the NSWRL rules clearances may not be refused for players that owe registration money. Players that have club property or owe for other items may be declared as defaulters prior to the season commencing and their clearances may be refused.

11.0 Ineligible Disqualified and Suspended Players

- 11.1 Any player who plays whilst disqualified or who plays in a team in which he is not entitled to play or who plays whilst ineligible shall be liable to suspension.

- 11.2 Any team playing an ineligible, unqualified or suspended player shall be liable to such penalty as the Board of Management determines and shall lose the competition points for every game in which the player played whilst ineligible, unqualified or suspended.
- 11.3 Any player graded with the District Club at the commencement of the season will be ineligible for the junior league competition unless he registers with the junior league before the closing date for registrations.
- 11.4 Any graded player returning to the junior league competition will be ineligible for the finals competition unless he has played in the three junior competition matches before the finals competition.

12.0 Number of Players

- 12.1 The number of players per side and the number of reserves who may be used as replacements throughout a match shall conform with the rules of the game.
- 12.2 In grades played under international rules (U/13 upwards) 7 fresh reserves are allowed with unlimited replacements.
- 12.3 If a team plays with more than the permitted number of players, the referee shall disallow all points scored while the team was in breach of this by-law and shall order the removal of the extra player(s) from the field.

Where points scored are disallowed under this by-law, the timekeepers and the two captains or in the case of Saturday competitions (U/9 to U/13 games) the coaches or managers are to be advised to that effect before play is resumed.

- 12.4 For local purposes only, the minimum number of players per side shall be as follows:-

Mini	-	7,8 and 9 years	5 players
Mod	-	10 and 11 years	6 players
Mod	-	12 years	7 players
International			7 players

13.0 Referees Decisions

- 13.1 The rules of the game and the football for use in the game shall confirm with the specifications of the League.
- 13.2 Subject to these rules and the following provisions, the referee shall be the final arbiter of fact and of the rules.

- 13.3 A decision of a referee in respect of the rules of the game may be challenged by the captain of a team on the field of play, either at the time of the incident or at the completion of the game. In the case of Saturday competitions (U/7 to U/14) any such challenge should be made by the coach or manager or by a senior club official at the end of a period of play or at the conclusion of the game. Failure to formally challenge a decision in this manner may negate any subsequent appeal against the decision.
- 13.4 Any appeal by a club against a decision of a referee shall be in writing specifying the grounds of the appeal and shall be lodged with the Junior League Administrator of the association no later than 7.30pm on the Monday following the match and shall be accompanied by such fee as shall be set by the Board of Management.
- 13.5 The Junior League Administrator of the association shall forward a copy of the statement of appeal to the referee and shall convene a meeting of the Disputes Protests and Conduct Committee which shall adjudicate in the matter and report back to the Board of Management which may in its absolute discretion:-

dismiss the appeal;

find in favour of the appellant but confirm the match result; or

vary the match result in such manner as they think fit; or

order the match replayed.

14.0 Suspension of Players

- 14.1 Where a player is sent off other than for a period of temporary suspension, he must leave the field immediately and change from his playing attire.
- 14.2 Immediately upon completion of the game, the referee shall provide a written copy of the charge to the team manager who will supply the player's name and identification card.
- 14.3 The referee shall advise brief details to the Junior League Administrator of the association on the night of the match.
- 14.4 The referee shall forward a report in the form prescribed together with the player's identification card and any report(s) of the touch judges, to reach the chairman of the Judiciary Committee by 7.30pm on the Monday night following the match.
- 14.5 Where a player is sent off on the report of a touch judge, the touch judge shall also make a report in such form as is prescribed.

- 14.6 Except for players in the U/6 to U/12 grades, a player sent off shall be suspended from playing, pending the decision of the Judiciary Committee or the Board of Management.
- 14.7 Players sent off in the U/13 and U/14 grade will have their send off report appraised by the Judiciary Manager, President and JL Administrator or his delegate. After review this panel may refer the matter to the judiciary or may decide to counsel the player before his next match and may ask 1 or two members of the board to attend to this if they are unavailable themselves.
- 14.8 The Judiciary Committee will meet during the week after the weekend fixture. The Junior League Administrator or the Judiciary Manager of the association will advise all parties of the time and venue for the hearing.
- 14.9 Judiciary hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines issued by the League. The decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be final subject to any right of appeal - see By-Law 14.10.
- 14.10 There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Judiciary Committee Except in the case of genuine new evidence in accordance with Rule 33(4) or where it can be shown that there were procedural deficiencies in the first hearing that may have prejudiced the outcome.
- 14.11 Any appeal should be made in writing in accordance with Rule 32(4)(c) of the constitution and shall be accompanied by such fee as shall be prescribed by the District Club.
- 14.12 The statement of appeal shall be vetted by an appeal tribunal appointed by the District Club which may at its discretion convene a formal hearing, or dismiss the appeal. Where an appeal is heard and upheld, the appeal tribunal may quash or vary the Judiciary Committee decision as it sees fit and in all cases its decision shall be final. The appeal body will also determine whether the appeal fee is to be forfeited or refunded.
- 14.13 No club may appeal on behalf of a player.
- 14.14 Any referee or official of the association may lodge with the Junior League Administrator of the association a complaint of misconduct on the part of players or officials whether during the progress of a match or otherwise, and whether or not any player has been ordered from the field of play.
- 14.15 The Junior League Administrator shall submit the matter to the Board of Management which may in its discretion decide to take no action or

to refer the matter to the Judiciary Committee or the Disputes Protests and Conduct Committee as it sees fit.

15.0 Temporary Suspensions

- 15.1 Temporary suspension shall be of ten (10) minutes duration only and shall commence when the player has left the field of play.
- 15.2 When the referee signals that a player has been temporarily suspended for ten (10) minutes, the timekeeper will confirm the suspension by returning the referee's signal.
- 15.3 A player or players dismissed from the field of play for a period of temporary suspension must proceed directly to the official timekeepers of the match and stay with the timekeepers for the period of temporary suspension.
- 15.4 The timekeepers will advise the player at the completion of his temporary suspension, and the player will then proceed to the touch judge. The touch judge will allow the player to enter the field.
- 15.5 Timekeepers are required to record on the back of the team signing-on form the player's number and the time during the match that the player was dismissed and the time during the match when the player's temporary suspension was completed and sign the back of the form.
- 15.6 A player's period of temporary suspension will carry on if the game goes into extra time.

16.0 Club Championship

- 16.1 The senior club championship will be decided by the combination of a club's competition points in grades U/15 to A grade and the club's team nomination points (10 per team that completes the season). The winning club will be presented with a suitable trophy.
- 16.2 A similar award will be made to the club that accumulates the most points in aggregate during competition games for junior grades, U/9 to U/14 combined with team nomination points for all teams U/6 to U/14's (10 points per team)
- 16.3 Competition points shall be awarded as follows:- two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw.
- 16.4 Where a club participates in another District competition (not a joint competition with the North Sydney Junior League) where there is a North Sydney Competition in place, competition points shall not be eligible for club championship points.

17.0 Club Uniforms

- 17.1 Each affiliated club shall subject to the approval of the Board of management register with the Junior League Administrator of the association a uniform of distinctive design, colour and logo which shall be the club's uniform.
- 17.2 A club shall not field a player unless the player is properly attired in the club's uniform. A penalty may be imposed for breaches of this by-law.
- 17.3 No club shall be allowed to wear the colours of the District Club (red and black)
- 17.4 All sponsorship on playing uniforms and ground signage must be approved by the Board of the North Sydney Junior League

18.0 Local Rules pertaining to grounds

- 18.1 The following rule shall apply only to matches played on Primrose Park, Tunks Park, Waverton Park and Dural and Howson Ovals.
- 18.2 Teams awarded penalty kicks shall not kick into touch on the canal side of Primrose 1 and 2, the eastern side of Tunks, the harbour side of Waverton park or the western sides of Dural or Howson Ovals. Instead they may elect to advance 10 metres and recommence play with a tap kick. All other options allowed under the rules of the game are also available.

19.0 Players Eligible for Finals

- 19.1 All players must play three (3) competition matches with their respective clubs before being eligible to play in semi-finals, finals and grand finals.
- 19.2 Additional provisions apply in respect of the A Reserve competition - refer to by-law 21.

20.0 Finals Competition

- 20.1 For and against points will decide positions in semi-finals with the exception of the last semi-final position being decided by a play-off or play-offs between teams on equal competition points. In the event of a draw in a play-off, an extra ten (10) minutes each way will be played (U/12 and lower grades five (5) minutes each way). Should the teams still be level after extra time a further period of extra time will be played, where the first team to score points shall be declared the winner. Play-offs or the replay of any such match will not count as competition matches for the purposes of qualification of players for semi-finals, finals or grand finals.

20.2 When a draw takes place in any semi-final, final or grand final, an extra ten (10) minutes each will be played (U/12 and lower grades five (5) minutes each way). Should the teams still be level after extra time a further period of extra time will be played, where the first team to score points shall be declared the winner.

21.0 A Grade and A Reserve Rules These rules only apply when the North Sydney Junior League have these two grades.

- 21.1 Clubs may nominate both grades or enter one team only.
- 21.2 Where a club nominates only one team, the Board of Management will allocate the team to either the A Grade or the A Reserve competition.
- 21.3 Any club fielding a team in the A reserve competition for two (2) consecutive years without fielding an A Grade team during those two (2) consecutive years will be automatically eligible to be promoted to the A Grade competition in the third year, at the Board of Management's discretion.
- 21.4 Any club, after competing in A Grade only in the previous season may make application to be included in the A Reserve competition for the coming season. Such application to be in writing setting out the reasons for such application and be handed to the Board of Management prior to the Annual General Meeting of the association each year.
- 21.5 The decision of the Board of Management in relation to 21(2), 21(3) and 21(4) will be final.
- 21.6 Clubs having both A Grade and A Reserve teams will wherever possible and practical play at the same ground.
- 21.7 The rule that a maximum of four (4) replacement players with unlimited inter change may be used in the course of a game shall apply, In A Grade, up to four (4) fresh players may be used, otherwise replacements for A Grade shall be players who have participated in the A Reserve or lower grade match that day. Replacements for A Reserve may all be fresh players. In A reserve only up to six replacement players may be used with unlimited interchange. Special provisions apply for the finals series of matches - refer to By-Law 21.11.
- 21.8 Where a club has no A Reserve team, or on a day when the A Reserve has a bye, none of the replacements for A Grade would have to play in a lower grade. This situation will apply also where the A Grade is playing a club with no A Reserve, and the A Reserve another club.

- 21.9 Where a club has participated in an A Reserve game and forfeits the A Grade, no competition points will be awarded to them for a win or draw in the A Reserve and all players concerned will be credited with having played an A Grade game. A cash penalty in accordance with By-Law 6.16 shall also apply.
- 21.10 Every competition round, play-offs for semi-finals, minor semi-finals, major semi-finals, finals and grand finals shall each be deemed a separate series of matches.
- 21.11 The qualifications of players for the finals series of matches shall be determined at the conclusion of the A and A Reserve competitions and shall not be affected by subsequent matches including play-offs or the replay of such matches.
- 21.12 To be eligible for A Reserve a player must have played three of his last five competition matches in that grade or a lower grade. For this purpose part games *as a replacement* in A Grade shall count as a game played in the A Reserve grade and not in A Grade.
- 21.13 Where both the A Grade and A Reserve teams of any club are competing in the same series of finals matches, players shall be eligible to play in either grade. Once the A Grade side is eliminated or where it is not playing in the same series of matches then eligibility qualifications for the A Reserve side shall apply.
- 21.14 In the finals series of matches four (4) players may be replaced during the course of an A Grade game and four (4) players in the course of an A Reserve game by players who have the necessary qualifications for the relevant grade irrespective of whether those players have played in an earlier match on that day or not.
- 21.15 Each club with teams competing in A Grade and A Reserve semi-finals shall lodge with the association a list of the names of players which it considers eligible to play in each of those grades, immediately following the conclusion of the last competition round.
- 21.16 The association will check the qualifications of players and advise the clubs of their eligibility. Any player whose qualifications have not been endorsed by the association will be ineligible to take part in the finals series of matches.