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Rugby League – Judiciary & Appeals

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES FOR CODE OF CONDUCT/RULE BREACHES BY PLAYERS, OFFICIALS & NON-OFFICIALS.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURE/PENALTIES

First Offence: (This Step may be skipped pending severity of alleged misconduct/incident)

- Warning Letter to offending person
- Warning Letter to offending Team Delegate

Second Offence:

- 2 Match suspensions of offending person.
- Final Warning letter to Team Delegate

Third Offence:

- The suspension of the offending person from attending future games at Pan Pacific Masters Tournament
- Team to lose 2 Competition points

NOTE: NO Player/Team Delegate/Team Official is to approach a referee directly after the game to challenge a decision. All disputes and enquiries are to be made with tournament control. Breaching this will result in an instant dismissal from the game.

JUDICIARY AND DISPUTES TRIBUNALS

Mudgeeraba Redbacks and Pan Pacific Masters Games are empowered to take disciplinary action or resolve disputes against its Sub-ordinates (any Club, Club member, player, official, referee or touch judge and any servant or employee of an Administration Unit).

Three Tribunals (consisting of not less than three (3) members) may be appointed to deal with all disciplinary matters. A summary of the role of each Tribunal is presented

- Judiciary Tribunal
- Disciplinary Tribunal

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- Disputes Tribunal

At a Tribunal hearing a person charged may be represented by one advocate and/or they may appear in person. The advocate cannot be a legally qualified person except if in its absolute discretion the Tribunal considers it appropriate (due to the seriousness of the charge, the charge's unusual nature or in the case of an appeal – an excessive suspension) to allow a legally qualified representative.

When a person charged fails to appear and no advocate is in attendance, the Tribunal may proceed with, or adjourn the hearing until the person appears. Of course, the person charged will be suspended from participating in the Tournament until the adjourned hearing is completed.

JUDICIARY TRIBUNAL

All “On-Field and Off-Field incidents” will be heard by a Judiciary Tribunal. These rules and guidelines are set out in the International Rugby League rules including Rule modifications made for the purpose of this masters tournament. Including:

Section 15 PLAYER'S MISCONDUCT 1.

(a) trips, kicks or strikes another player.

(b) when effecting or attempting to affect a tackle makes contact with head or neck of an opponent intentionally, recklessly or carelessly

(c) drops knees first on to an opponent who is on the ground

(d) Uses any dangerous throw when effecting a tackle

(e) Deliberately and continuously breaks the Law of the Game

(f) Uses offensive or obscene language

(g) Disputes a decision of the Referee or Touch Judge

(h) Re-enters the field of play without permission of the Referee or a Touch Judge having previously temporarily retired from the game

(i) Behaves in any way contrary to the true spirit of the game

(j) Deliberately obstructs an opponent who is not in possession

A player sent off is charged with player's misconduct and must appear before a Judiciary Tribunal. Written notice of the charge/s must be provided with not less than **two hours' notice** of the hearing to be given to the player. Particulars of the charge and breach must be included in such written notice.

DISPUTES TRIBUNAL

A Disputes Tribunal is formed to resolve a disagreement that may arise between Teams, teams and match officials or to dispute game results. The party raising any dispute must lodge a written “Notice of Dispute” to the Disputes Tribunal with 1 hour of the game competition. The Tribunal will then provide written advice to both parties detailing the nature and cause of the dispute, the scheduled hearing and the submissions that will be permitted. The Tribunal will endeavour to resolve the dispute by mediation. When this fails, the Tribunal will resolve the disagreement by imposing its ruling.

The Tribunal's decision in this case is binding on both parties. Both parties involved will be notified of dispute and asked to give evidence to prove/disprove statement given in Notice of Dispute.

IMPORTANT: IF THIS IS A GAME RESULT DISPUTE PLEASE DO NOT SIGN THE CARD. IF YOU SIGN THE GAME CARD WE WILL ASSUME YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THE RESULT AND NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

APPEALS

Appeals against any Tribunal decision must be made in writing and submitted within 2 Hours of the completion of tribunal. Judiciary Tribunal decisions can only be appealed when the player obtains new evidence as defined. Specific detail of the new evidence to be presented must be contained in the notice of appeal. A deposit fee of \$200 must accompany Appeal and if appeal is lost the \$200 is non-refundable.

SUSPENDED PLAYERS RIGHT OF APPEAL

A Suspended player will only have the right to appeal the decision of the judiciary under the following guidelines: Where the appeal is from a decision of a Judiciary Tribunal, the only ground upon which it may proceed are that:

The Player has obtained evidence: (i) Of which he did not know before the conclusion of the Judiciary Tribunal, and (ii) He could not have become aware before the conclusion of the Judiciary Tribunal hearing after having made all reasonable investigations and enquiries.

Forms will be released to Team Delegates within the managers pack along with a copy of this document to assist in any appeals process and judiciary hearing. Enquiries can also be made directly to Tournament convenors to discuss this document further if required.

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