



QRL Disciplinary Review Guide

Preamble:

This reference guide focuses on 3 main areas involved with the game of rugby league:

1. Leaguesafe and Sports Trainers
2. Coaches
3. Spectators / Others

This guide references 3 levels of consequence:

- Low Range (Abusive)
- Medium Range (Threatening)
- High Range (Physical or Violent)

Remember this is only a Reference Guide to assist our Tribunal members and to let the rugby league community know the consequences and the parameters for inappropriate behaviour in our great game.



LOW RANGE (Abusive): 1-8 weeks suspension from participating in the game.

WHO	ACTION	EXAMPLES
Coach	<p>Verbally abuses match officials, players, spectator, or other coaching staff including trainers.</p> <p>Plays bogus players and /or unregistered players.</p> <p>Makes physical contact with players that is non-threatening and/or not considered to be inflaming a situation such as physically restraining a junior player that poses a risk to themselves or others.</p>	<p>Coach who verbally abused a match official after a game in a non-threatening way was given a 3 week suspension from participating in the game i.e., Cannot play, coach, or hold any official role in the game for a period of 3 weeks but can attend games.</p> <p>Coach who verbally abused another coach during and after a game was given a 1 year suspended sentence from coaching in the game i.e. He was allowed to continue coaching but had a suspended sentence that would be activated if he acted inappropriately in any way during that year.</p> <p>Coach who played an unregistered player had his club fined and they lost their competition points despite winning the match and was suspended from coaching for 6 weeks.</p> <p>Coach who stood in the road of players during an altercation after the game and made contact with an opposition player was suspended for 6 weeks.</p>
Leaguesafe / Trainer	<p>Verbally abuses match officials, players, spectators, or other coaching staff including trainers.</p> <p>Makes physical contact with players that is non-threatening and/or not considered to be inflaming a situation such as physically restraining a junior player that poses a risk to themselves and others.</p>	<p>Leaguesafe trainer made non-threatening contact with a player in a melee and received an official warning and a fine on his club.</p> <p>Sports Trainer had a verbal altercation with another Leaguesafe officer was suspended from participating in the game for 6 weeks with a year's suspended sentence also provided.</p> <p>Leaguesafe trainer who verbally abused a referee was suspended from participating in the game for 4 weeks.</p>
Spectators (defined as any individual attending a venue of regardless of position held) Includes others such as Club or League Office Bearers and/or Committee Members	<p>Verbally abuses match officials, players, spectators, or other coaching staff including trainers.</p> <p>Makes physical contact with players that is non-threatening and/or not considered inflaming a situation such as physically restraining a junior player that poses a risk to themselves and others.</p> <p>*Includes such things as drunken behaviour and obscene language use.</p>	<p>Disorderly conduct by a club official at a junior league game (verbal altercation with another club official) – 4 weeks suspension from participating officially in the game.</p> <p>Disorderly conduct by a club official at a junior league game (verbal altercation with another club official) – 6 weeks suspension from participating officially in the game.</p> <p>Spectator who yelled obscene and derogatory remarks towards a match official was excluded from attending rugby league for 8 weeks.</p>



MEDIUM RANGE (Threatening): Penalties vary from 2 month suspension/exclusion to 2 years, applied only to the Region where the incident occurs.

WHO	ACTION	EXAMPLES
Coach	Threatens match officials, players, spectators, or other staff with physical violence. Play bogus players or unregistered players knowingly and not an isolated case.	Coach was charged with bringing the game into disrepute for going to the Referees room after the game to threaten the referee and was suspended from participating in the game for a period of 9 months i.e., He was not allowed to have any active involvement in the game for 9 months. Coach who threatened and intimidated a coach at the conclusion of a match was suspended for a period of 1 year but can attend games. Coach who played a bogus player in a senior game was given 1 year suspension from participating in the game i.e., Cannot play, coach, or hold any official role in the game for a period of 1 year but can attend games.
Leaguesafe / Trainer	Threatens match officials, players, spectators, or other coaching staff with physical violence. <i>Dealt with by the League under QRL Rules.</i>	Leaguesafe trainer had a minor physical altercation with another trainer in a senior finals match and was suspended for participating in the game for a period of 1 year. Leaguesafe trainer who abused and threatened a match official during a match and was suspended from participating in the game for 6 months.
Spectators (defined as any individual attending a venue of regardless of position held) Includes others such as Club or League Office Bearers and/or Committee Members	Verbally abuses match officials, players, spectator, or other coaching staff including trainers. Makes physical contact with players that is non-threatening and/or not considered inflaming a situation such as physically restraining a junior player that poses a risk to themselves and others. *Includes such things as drunken behaviour and obscene language use.	Disorderly conduct by a spectator at a junior rugby league match – received a 1 year warning off with a further year suspended. Spectator who abused and threatened a match official at the end of a senior match was warned off for a year. Spectator who approached a match official in a threatening way was warned off from attending all QRL venues for a period of 5 months. Threatening abuse by an office bearer of a club to another club office bearer resulted in a 1.5 year suspension from participating in the game of rugby league.



HIGH RANGE (Physical or Violent): Penalties vary from 2 years to 10 years suspension/expulsion from the game of rugby league, can be applied State-wide

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Coach	<p>Physical violence displayed towards match officials, players, spectators, or other coaching staff including trainers.</p> <p>The warning off or exclusion period of the game should also be applied in these cases.</p> <p><i>Dealt with by the League under the QRL Rules.</i></p>	<p>Coach who threatened physical violence to a referee after a game, went into the referee dressing room and had to be effectively locked out was given a 3.5-year suspension from participating in the game.</p> <p>Coach who physically threatened and physically assaulted a match official after a game was warned off for 10 years i.e. The person is not allowed to attend any match held under the control/auspices of the QRL for a period of 10 years.</p> <p>Coach who played a bogus player for the second time in a season was suspended from participating in the game for 5 years.</p>
Leaguesafe / Trainer	<p>Physical violence displayed towards match officials, players, spectators, or coaching staff.</p> <p><i>Dealt with by the League under QRL Rules.</i></p>	<p>Trainer who physically threatened and physically assaulted a match official after a game was warned off for 10 years i.e. The person is not allowed to attend any match held under the control/auspices of the QRL for a period of 10 years.</p>
Spectators (defined as any individual attending a venue of regardless of position held) Includes others such as Club or League Office Bearers and/or Committee Members	<p>Threatens match officials, players, spectators, coaching staff with physical violence.</p> <p><i>Dealt with by the League under QRL Rules.</i></p>	<p>Spectator abused and physically threatened an office bearer of a club and a match official and was warned off for 5 years.</p> <p>Spectator entered the field of play and approached and threatened an opposition player and was warned off for 2 years.</p> <p>Spectator who initiated and had a serious physical altercation with another spectator was warned off for 10 years – criminal charges were also initiated.</p> <p>Spectator who displayed serious disorderly conduct and physical violence resulting in police intervention was warned off for life.</p> <p>Spectator who displayed physical violence to another stakeholder away from the game (not at a rugby league venue) was suspended indefinitely from the game and their children de-registered for the remainder of the league season awaiting results of a police investigation.</p>