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5.34 JURISDICTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CODE OF CONDUCT TRIBUNAL

5.34.1 A Code of Conduct Review Committee and Code of Conduct Tribunal has jurisdiction to deal with the following conduct of a Person, team, Club or association:-

- (a) failure to comply with any Rule, policies, procedures or directions of the QRL or an Administration Unit (including the NRL Code of Conduct);
- (b) offering or receiving a bonus or inducement to win, lose or draw a match;
- (c) conduct which is or is likely to bring the Game into disrepute;
- (d) using any form of media including social media, radio broadcasts, newspapers and otherwise to publish a personal opinion which is detrimental to the Game, players, officials or any other Sub-ordinate;
- (e) disorderly, insulting or objectionable conduct by a Club member, coach, team official, spectator or member of the public (e.g., generally at a match or event under the control of an Administration Unit, including on-field incidents involving such Persons);
- (f) allowing any player or team Official not registered or under suspension or disqualification to take part in any match;
- (g) arranging or taking part in any match with any Club, team, representative team or Region not affiliated with the QRL without the QRL's written consent;
- (h) knowingly allowing a not accredited Person or an unregistered player to take part in an Administration Unit's competition without the necessary approval;
- (i) action considered to be in breach of any endorsed positive behaviour program; or
- (j) breaching any material terms of the NRL Code of Conduct.

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5.39 DECISIONS OF CODE OF CONDUCT TRIBUNAL

5.39.1 Where the Tribunal is satisfied that a charge is proven, the Person/s and/or Club shall be subject to one or more of the following:-

- (a) reprimand;
- (b) suspension from participating in the Game of rugby league in any capacity (including but not limited to coaching, officiating, playing or acting in a volunteer capacity) also noting that this suspension extends all sanctioned carnivals as per Rule 5.17.1;
- (c) de-registration of playing participants in circumstances where non-playing family members are charged;
- (d) full exclusion from attending any QRL affiliated matches, events or venues including in a spectator capacity, for a specified period;
- (e) expulsion from an Administration Unit or any Sub-ordinate;
- (f) loss of premiership points or forfeiture of premiership;
- (g) making an order suspending a penalty (in whole or in part) imposed above for such a period of time and on such conditions as the Code of Conduct Tribunal thinks fit;
- (h) such further orders or penalties as may be deemed appropriate by a Code of Conduct Tribunal at its absolute discretion and inclusive of increased fines for repeat offences; and
- (i) successful completion of designated education courses considered adequate for education and rehabilitation.

5.39.2 Decisions of the Code of Conduct Tribunal may be made by simple majority.

This guide references multiple levels of potential consequences and each carry the corresponding Code of Conduct demerit points application if found guilty:

PROVEN BREACH	DEMERIT POINTS	GUIDE
Low Charge	1	Abusive
Medium Charge	5	Threatening
High Charge	10	Physical

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The table below provides the recommended minimum penalty to be applied for each offence. Normal match review, judiciary and Code of Conduct process applies as per the QRL rules for an offender to be found guilty.

It should be noted that Code of conduct charges may result in accreditations being revoked.

OFFENCE	REC. ON-FIELD ACTION	MINIMUM PENALTY	REPEAT OFFENCE PENALTY	TEAM/CLUB OUTCOMES
Striking (to make deliberate, forceful contact with someone)	Send Off	Normal MRC & Judicial Process applies	Normal MRC & Judicial Process applies	** Safety Pause if multiple person/players are involved**
Persons entering/leaving the playing area during an incident or melee	Send Off	4 Weeks	12 Months	Loss of competition points that is equal to a win (2 or 3 points) and the match may be deemed a forfeit. Teams involved may be placed on a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed.
Discriminatory Language - On Field	Send Off	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	MRC may refer directly through to COC Tribunal for a hearing. Examples include any participant (match official, player, team staff) that has used language to demean, insult or belittle individuals based on their race, sexuality, religion or ethnicity.
Discriminatory Language - Spectators	Game suspended; removal	6 Weeks	12 Months	Loss of Competition Points and potential for Team to be placed under a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed.
Spectator Field Intrusion	Game Suspended or Abandoned.	6 Weeks	12 Months	The match may be classed as a forfeit by the offending team. Loss of competition points that is equal to a win (2 or 3). Potential for team to be placed under a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed.
PHYSICAL Referee/Match Official Abuse (Including Green Socks)	Game Abandoned/Send Off	Twelve (12) months		Loss of competition points that is equal to a win (2 or 3). Potential for Team to be placed under a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed.
VERBAL Referee/Match Official Abuse	Send Off/Removed from Grounds	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	MRC have delegated authority to impose suspensions exceeding those described in the QRL penalty schedule (under Match Official Abuse - Grade 4/5). Team and Club may be placed under a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed.
VERBAL Referee/Match Official Abuse - Green Socks		6-8 Weeks	Harsher penalties for repeat offenders	
Social Media Breaches that bring the game into disrepute	Concerning Act Notice/Referral	Education + 2 Weeks (low incidents)	6-8 Weeks (repeat offences)	Tribunal referral for discriminatory or threatening language (medium/high incidents)
Suspended Persons/Player - Breach of Sanction	N/A	Fine up to \$1000	An additional 12 months suspension imposed	Teams may be ineligible for finals; team may be placed under a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed.
Assault - Spectators	Game abandoned	12 Months		Spectators involved in physical altercations - teams will be placed under a "Safety Pause" until they are identified and the investigations have been completed.
Racial Vilification	N/A	Tribunal Hearing	Education Modules	A team or club may be placed on a "Safety Pause" until investigations are completed. A COC tribunal will be supported by Regional Manager and State Integrity Manager.



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