



NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE

PLAYER AGENT POLICY



Due to the ever increasing number of Player Agents within Rugby League, the New Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) have put in place the following NZRL Player Agent Policy for all those involved in NZRL event and competitions. The term 'Player Agent' refers to Player Management Companies, Player Scouts, Professional Clubs, NZRL Affiliates and their representatives or staff.

NZRL endeavour to ensure that all players are treated in such a way that is in their best interest and allows us to monitor their progress for their future welfare and Rugby League careers.

Player Agent Obligations

Any Player Agent (including but not limited to Players or Team Officials appointed by or on behalf of the NZRL or its Affiliates to any NZRL events i.e. National Competition, National Representative Teams, Secondary Schools Nationals, National Elite Camps and Trials etc.) must inform the NZRL in writing of any involvement, association or contact with any of the above groups.

It is unacceptable for any Player Agent to approach any NZRL registered player directly at any time. Those concerned must inform the appointed Team Manager or Competition Organiser of any interest, who in turn will notify the NZRL to authorise and approve any negotiations that may take place.

It then becomes the responsibility of the Player Agent to inform the NZRL of any contractual arrangements that the player may have entered into.

Please note that a declared interest in itself does not necessarily warrant any action from the League. However, a conflict of interest that is deliberate and pursued knowingly without approval is regarded as serious misconduct.

Failure to comply with this obligation may result in disciplinary action including the termination of any positions held, which shall be determined by the NZRL.

Protocols for Player Agents attending Rugby League events and activities

The following protocols MUST be adhered to by Player Agents that wish to communicate with any players participating in a NZRL event:

1. All Player Agents must gain official NZRL Player Agent Accreditation prior to attending any NZRL event. This is not to be confused with Professional Player Agent Accreditation (in any sport). The issue of official NZRL Player Agent Accreditation is at the sole and absolute discretion of the NZRL. Agents that do not meet standards are required to wear and make visible NZRL identification while attending any event as issued by the NZRL.
2. Make visible at all times the accreditation or identification pass supplied by NZRL.
3. The NZRL will assist with registration and scrutinise the operations of all Player Agents at these events.

4. **No contact** is permitted between Player Agents and participating players at any event.
5. At the conclusion of each event (in its entirety i.e. end of tournament or competition) Player Agents will be permitted to contact Team Managers where they have an interest in a particular player. At this meeting they can pass on their business card and/or contact details to the Team Manager who will in turn pass them on to the particular player. No other contact is permitted until approached by the player's parent or caregiver.
6. If a Team Manager believes the communications between the Player Agent and the player are not in the best interest of the player they may terminate any such meeting and report their concerns to the NZRL and to the parents/caregiver of the player.
7. Any Player Agent who fails to or refuses to follow these protocols will forfeit their entitlement to participate any further at that particular event and the incident passed on to the relevant authorities.

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