



## PART 1

RULES OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED

# INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to clause 7.12(b) of the Constitution of the QRL, the QRL Board is empowered to prescribe such Rules as it sees fit; and to amend, modify, add to, delete from or cancel any Rule at any time as it sees fit. Such Rules shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of the QRL or the Corporations Act (2001).

Unless and until otherwise varied as provided under clause 7.12(b) of the Constitution of the QRL, the following shall be deemed to be the Rules of the QRL and shall come into full force and effect from the date that they are adopted by the QRL Board.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, unless a contrary intention appears:

**Administration Unit** includes a Club, Local League, Regional Council and QRL Board as the context requires or permits.

**Audit and Risk Committee** means the committee appointed by the QRL Board from time to time.

**ARLC** means Australian Rugby League Commission ABN 94 003 107 293.

**Boundaries Committee** means the committee appointed pursuant to Part 2.11.2 of these Rules.

**By-Laws** means those rules and regulations adopted by Local Leagues for the running of the Game within the Local League jurisdiction as are approved by the relevant Region from time to time.

**Club** means a rugby league football club or multi-sport club established or recognised by the QRL for participation in one or more Local Leagues and where the context requires or permits, also includes a Club which participates in the State-Wide Competition.

**Directorate** means a governing body of an Administration Unit.

**Delegations Matrix** defines who has the authority to approve financial transactions, make expenditures, or commit resources within the QRL.

**Region** means a Region determined by the QRL Board under clause 8 of the QRL Constitution and administered by a Regional Council elected in accordance with Part 2 of these Rules.



**Financial Year** means the period commencing on 1 November in any given year and concluding on 31 October of the subsequent year.

**Football Year** means the period commencing on 1 October in any given year and concluding on 30 September of the subsequent year.

**Game/s** means the organisation, administration of and participation in the Game of Rugby League Football conducted throughout the State of Queensland and any other jurisdiction that the ARL Commission may delegate from time to time.

**Independent Delegate/s** means an Independent Person who has been appointed to a position with a Region, Local League or an affiliated Club.

**Independent Person** means a Person who does not hold a current position (either permanent or casual) with an Administration Unit unless a person who would otherwise be ineligible has been approved by the Chairman of the relevant Region as an eligible appointee.

**Local League/s** means a body created by or under the auspices of a Region having authority over the conduct of Rugby League Football within a defined geographical area or over categories of Persons or Clubs as may be defined by the relevant Region and may be a Senior or Junior Local League or a combination of both.

**Major Local League/s** means those Local Leagues determined by the Regional Council in accordance with Part 2, 9(b)(ii) of the QRL Rules. By way of example, in the Northern Region the current Major Local Leagues are: Cairns, Townsville and Mackay Rugby Leagues.

**NRL Code of Conduct** means policies provided nationally by the NRL that relate to the behaviour and conduct of all participants in Rugby League.

**NRL** means the National Rugby League Limited ABN 23 082 088 962.

**Official** means and includes those volunteers appointed on a match by match basis to manage the game day operations at each venue (e.g. the ground manager, interchange official or duty official)

**Online Registration** means the registration of a Sub-ordinate using the online registration platform administered by the QRL and its affiliates from time to time where such facility exists.

**Office Bearers** means the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of a Local League; or the Directors of and Officers of a Local League as the context requires or permits.

**Participation Agreement** means a formal written agreement between the QRL and those Clubs competing in the State-wide Competition from year to year in accordance with the provisions of clause 8.2(b) of the Constitution of the QRL.



**Person** and words importing “persons” include natural person, partnerships, associations (whether incorporated or not), corporations and bodies corporate.

**QRL** means Queensland Rugby Football League Limited ABN 65 009 878 013

**QRL Board** means the Board of Directors of the QRL.

**Vilification** means and includes acting or speaking in a manner which is intended to offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of the person's race, religion, colour, descent, sex or sexual preferences, impairment or national or ethnic origin.

**Regional Area** means an area represented by a number of Local League Administration Units as determined by the relevant Regional Council.

**Regional Council** means the administration unit of a Region established in Part 2 of the QRL Rules.

**Rules** means those Rules prescribed by the QRL Board from time to time pursuant to clause 7.12(b) of the Constitution of the QRL.

**Special Circumstances** includes the relocation of a player; irreconcilable differences between the player and the relevant Club; no suitable grade in which the player can participate in the relevant Club; and such further circumstances/matters which the relevant Region Manager considers appropriate or the QRL Board publishes by way of circular to all Region Managers from time to time.

**State-wide Competition** means the annual Rugby League Football competition conducted Queensland wide (and any other territory approved by the ARLC) and run by or with the authority of or under the direct or indirect control of the QRL or any entity operating under the QRL's authority.

**Sub-ordinate** means any Club, Club member, servant or employee, player, coach and official, referee or touch judge associated with an Administration Unit.

**Tribunal** means a Disciplinary, Judiciary, Disputes or Appeals Tribunal convened in accordance with these Rules and having such authority as the QRL Board may delegate from time to time.

### 3. INTERPRETATION

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules of interpretation apply unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) a gender includes all genders;



- (b) the singular includes the plural and conversely;
- (c) all notices referred to throughout these Rules which are sent by post shall be deemed to have been effected by properly addressing, pre-paying and posting a letter containing the notice and to have been effected:
  - (i) In the case of a notice of meeting, on the day next after its posting; and
  - (ii) In any other case, at the time which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

Where a notice is sent by facsimile or electronic transmission, service of the notice shall be taken to be effected by properly addressing and sending or transmitting the notice and to have been effected on the business day after it is sent.