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MATCH FIXING AND SPORTS WAGERING POLICY

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Preamble

The purpose of this Policy is to protect the integrity of Rugby League through the prevention, detection, and enforcement of rules relating to the manipulation of Rugby League's sports competitions and associated illicit sports betting activity.

Through this Policy, Canberra Region Rugby League aims to ensure that its core values, reputation and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained.

This policy in its entirety stands complimentary to those of the New South Wales Rugby League as an affiliate of the NSWRL and those of Sports Integrity Australia.

1. Definitions.

Activity means a sporting contest, match, competition, event, or activity (including training), whether on a one-off basis or as part of a series, league, or competition, sanctioned or organised by a Relevant Organisation.

Administrator means an individual who has a role in the administration or operation of a Rugby League Organisation or Canberra Region Rugby League, including employees, committee members and other persons.

Athlete means a person who is registered with or entitled to participate in an Activity.

Benefit means any advantage and is not limited to property.

A benefit can include, but not limited to; profiting from betting; obtaining an easier draw in the next round of competition; prize money; gifts; winning a title; or ranking points

Club means any club that enters a Team to participate in an Activity.

Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy means the policy adopted by Canberra Region Rugby League for the handling and resolution of allegations regarding Prohibited Conduct.

Contractor means any person or organisation engaged to provide services for, or on behalf of, a Relevant Organisation. This includes agents, advisers and subcontractors of a Relevant Organisation and Employees, officers, Volunteers, and agents of the Contractor or subcontractor.

Employee means a person employed by a Relevant Organisation.

Inside Information means any information connected to the conduct, management or organisation of a sporting event that is not generally available and if it were generally available, the information, would, or would be likely to, influence a person's decision to bet on the sporting event or in making any other betting decision

Member means a member of a Relevant Organisation, including:

- a) **Member Organisation**, which means each company or incorporated association that is a member of Canberra Region Rugby League - including each of:
 - . Affiliates, being local entities that conduct or administer Rugby League competitions;

- b) **Individual Members**, meaning a natural person admitted to Canberra Region Rugby League as an individual member and who is also a registered or licenced financial member of Canberra Region Rugby League, an Affiliate and includes Participants; and
- c) **Life Members**, being a natural person admitted to life membership of Canberra Region Rugby League.

NSWRL means New South Wales Rugby League

Participant means a person who participates, including but not only as registered volunteers, officials, coaches, players or referees, in a Rugby League competition organised, controlled or sanctioned Canberra Region Rugby League or an Affiliate.

Policy means this Match Fixing and Sports Wagering Policy and any appendices.

Relevant Organisation means any of the following organisations:

- a. Canberra Region Rugby League;
- b. Member Organisation – see ‘Member’;
- c. Rugby League Organisation, which means and includes:
 - . Clubs, which means any club that enters a Team to participate in an Activity; and
 - . Authorised Providers, which means any non-Member organisations authorised to conduct Activities sanctioned by Canberra Region Rugby League or a Member Organisation

Relevant Person means any of the following persons:

- a. Individual Member – see ‘Member’;
- b. Participant;
- c. Employee;
- d. Contractor;
- e. Administrator;
- f. Volunteer;

Rugby League means the sport of Rugby League, as governed by Canberra Region Rugby League, NSWRL and ARLC

Team means a collection or squad of Athletes, registered with a Relevant Organisation or entitled to participate in an Activity.

Use of Inside Information means using Inside Information for betting purposes.



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Volunteer means any person engaged by a Relevant Organisation in any capacity who is not otherwise an Employee or Contractor, including directors and office holders, coaches, officials, referees, administrators and team and support personnel.

Wagering Service Provider means any company or other undertaking that promotes, brokers, arranges or conducts any form of wagering activity in relation to Rugby League.

2. Jurisdiction

This Policy applies to:

1. Relevant Persons; and
2. Relevant Organisations.

3. Prohibited Conduct

3.1. Prohibited Conduct

A Relevant Person commits a breach of this Policy when they, either alone or in conjunction with another or others, engage in any of the following conduct:

- a) Participate (whether by act or omission) in improperly altering the result or the course of an Activity in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the Activity to obtain a Benefit for themselves or others including by:
 - i the direct, pre-meditated or planned interference with the natural course of an Activity or element of an Activity
 - ii providing modified or false information related to an athlete's identity or personal information;
 - iii intentionally modifying playing surfaces, equipment or athlete's physiology to improperly influence natural course of the event.
- b) Place, or facilitate or assist with the making of, a bet, or enter into any other form of financial speculation, on any Activity, or on any incident or occurrence in an Activity, which they have a direct or indirect connection to. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - i any bets placed by a betting syndicate or group, such as a 'punter's club', of which the Relevant Person is a member;
 - ii an interest in any bet, including having someone else place a bet on their behalf; or
 - iii allowing another person to place a bet using a Relevant Person's account,

shall be treated as if the bet was placed by the Relevant Person as an individual

- c) Disclosure of Inside Information or Use of Inside Information, other than as required as part of their official duties;
- d) Accept, request, seek, offer, or provide a Benefit to incite, cause or contribute to any breach of this Policy, or which might reasonably be expected to bring the Relevant Person, Relevant Organisation, or Rugby League into disrepute;

- e) Facilitate, assist, aid, abet, encourage, induce, cover-up or be complicit in any Prohibited Conduct;
- f) Agree, conspire, plan or attempt to engage in any conduct which would be Prohibited Conduct if successful; or
- g) Fail to promptly report to the fullest extent of their knowledge (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) to the Canberra Region Rugby League or responsible Relevant Organisation if they:
 - i are interviewed as a suspect, charged, or arrested by a law enforcement body in respect of conduct that falls within the definition of Prohibited Conduct;
 - ii have been approached by another person, whether or not that person is bound by this policy, to engage in Prohibited Conduct;
 - iii know or reasonably suspect, that another person has engaged in Prohibited Conduct, or has been approached to engage in Prohibited Conduct;
 - iv have, or is aware or reasonably suspects that another person has, received actual or implied threats of any nature in relation to any past or proposed Prohibited Conduct; or
 - v have or obtain any new knowledge or suspicion regarding any possible Prohibited Conduct under this Policy, even if the Relevant Person's prior knowledge or suspicion has already been reported.

4. Reporting and Complaints

- 4.1. Allegations of Prohibited Conduct under this Policy should be submitted to Canberra Region Rugby League.
- 4.2. Allegations of Prohibited Conduct under this Policy will be managed in accordance with the Canberra Region Rugby League Judiciary and Disciplinary Step Process.
- 4.3. Notification by a Relevant Person under clause 3.1(g) may be made verbally or in writing by the Relevant Person and may be made anonymously if there is a genuine concern of reprisal. A Relevant Person who makes a report anonymously is responsible for keeping a record that will allow them to confirm that they have met their obligations under clause 3.1(g).

5. Other Matters

5.1. Education

- a) In order to prevent breaches of this policy, and in the interests of building positive culture within the rugby league community, protecting members from competition manipulation and associated wagering threats, Canberra Region Rugby League is responsible for the development and delivery of education addressing the content and application of this policy.
- b) Canberra Region Rugby League will engage NSWRL and/or Sports Integrity Australia to assist in the design and delivery of education and interventions where it deems necessary to do so.
- c) A relevant organisation may from time to time, direct members to undertake education which is deemed relevant to their level of involvement in Rugby League and the associated integrity risks.
- d) Sports Integrity Australia has developed a range of education resources and training material which can be found [HERE](#)

5.2. Information Sharing

- a) A relevant organisation may share information (including Personal Information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) at any time relating to relevant persons with wagering service providers, law enforcement, government and other sporting organisations to prevent, identify and/or investigate alleged prohibited conduct or to ensure compliance with state, territory or federal legislation subject to the Privacy Act.
- b) A relevant organisation may share information that is received in relation to match fixing and wagering with NSWRL and/or Sports Integrity Australia to effectively perform the required functions.
- c) In sharing information, Relevant Organisations will remain bound by the legal obligations contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Relevant Organisation's Privacy Policy.
- d) Relevant Persons must disclose information to Canberra Region Rugby League regarding all of their commercial agreements, interests, and connections with Wagering Service Providers. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not include the disclosure of accounts that Relevant Persons may hold with Wagering Service Providers.

- e) A Relevant Organisation may request information from Wagering Service Providers to identify incidents of suspicious or prohibited betting transactions (including single or multiple betting transactions or market fluctuations) that may indicate or tend to indicate that Relevant Persons have engaged in Prohibited Conduct under this Policy.
- f) To enable the Wagering Service Provider to provide such information, a Relevant Organisation may, from time to time and subject to any terms and conditions imposed by a Relevant Organisation (including in relation to confidentiality and privacy), provide to Wagering Service Providers details of Relevant Persons who are precluded by this Policy from engaging in Prohibited Conduct.
- g) All requests for information or provision of information by a Relevant Organisation or a Wagering Service Provider shall be kept strictly confidential and shall not be divulged to any third party or otherwise made use of, except where required by law or by this Policy, is permitted by the responsible Relevant Organisation or Wagering Service Provider, or where information is already in the public domain other than because of a breach of this Policy.

5.3. Wagering Service Providers in Rugby League

- a) Canberra Region Rugby League will not enter into a commercial arrangement with a Wagering Service Provider in the premise of Community Rugby League or any association thereof.
- b) A Relevant Organisation must not enter into a commercial arrangement with a Wagering Service Provider or any subsidiary or association thereof

Appendix A: Examples of Prohibited Conduct

1. For the purposes of clause 3.1(a)i. of this Policy, examples of Prohibited Conduct whereby a Relevant Person participates (whether by act or omission) in improperly altering the result or the course of an Activity in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the Activity to obtain a benefit for themselves or others include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Intentionally conceding points
 - b) Pre arranging the course or outcome of a competition, including influencing the selections of athletes or strategy.
 - c) Deliberate underperforming (tanking) in any manner, including for the intention to progress to an easier draw, or for the benefit of a 'friendly' opponent.

- d) Intentional unfair or incorrect officiating.
2. However, 'improperly' in this context means not in accordance with standard sets of behaviour accepted in Rugby League. Some practices in Rugby League may, when applying a strict interpretation without context, be seen as Prohibited Conduct include, but are not limited to:
- a. selecting specific athletes for a qualification event to maximise entry quotas of the associated club or representative team/squad;
 - b. resting players/athletes for a legitimate competitive objective such as the development of the team or other players, or the management of player fatigue or injuries
 - c. resting players/athletes from a match or race of a competition to maximise a team performance in the finals; or
 - d. not selecting a player for an entire series or tour to provide them with an extended rest period in preparation for a future series or tour.

Appendix B: Examples of Direct and Indirect Connections for a Relevant Person

1. A relevant person has a direct connection to an activity if they are:
 - a) An athlete participating in the activity
 - b) A coach or team support personnel, participating in the activity
 - c) A trainer or first aid of an athlete or team participating in the activity
 - d) An appointed referee or official of the activity.
 - e) An employee, contractor or volunteer of the organisation involved in the activity.

2. A relevant person has an indirect connection to an activity if (but not limited to):
 - a) The activity is a single match or competition, the relevant person does not directly participate in; however, it is a part of a series or tournament or season competition, of which the relevant person participates in or is connected to.
 - b) For example, if a relevant person's team competes in a competition which involves 9 other teams in a 10 round draw, the relevant person is prohibited from betting on any fixture in the competition.
 - c) They are a employee, contractor or volunteer of the relevant organisation organising the activity.
 - d) The activity includes participants competing on behalf of the relevant organisation and the relevant person is an employee, contractor or volunteer of the organisation.