

CODE OF CONDUCT



Explanatory Foreword

Tag Rugby Western Sydney is delighted to present this comprehensive Code of Conduct, encompassing regulations, policies, and guidelines that govern our sport. This document serves as a cornerstone to promote fair play, respect, inclusivity, and safety among all participants involved in Tag Rugby.

Tag Rugby Western Sydney is dedicated to fostering an environment where individuals can experience the joy of the sport while upholding the highest standards of sportsmanship. This Code of Conduct reflects our commitment to creating a positive, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere that encourages teamwork, cooperation, and mutual respect.

The principles outlined in this Code of Conduct are designed to foster a culture of fair play, integrity, and respect, both on and off the field. Every participant, including players, coaches, officials, and spectators, is expected to embrace and uphold these principles, ensuring that Tag Rugby Western Sydney remains a sport founded on shared values.

This Code of Conduct encompasses a wide range of key areas, including:

- 1. Fair Play:** We emphasize the principles of honesty, integrity, and respect towards all individuals involved in Tag Rugby. Cheating, unsportsmanlike behaviour, or intentional rule violations have no place in our sport.
- 2. Safety:** We prioritize the safety of all participants by adhering to prescribed safety guidelines, including proper equipment usage, warm-up exercises, and injury prevention techniques. Participants must exercise caution and avoid actions that may cause harm to themselves or others.
- 3. Respect and Sportsmanship:** We demand that all participants treat opponents, teammates, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of their abilities, gender, race, or background. Verbal or physical abuse, taunting, or any form of disrespectful behaviour is strictly prohibited.
- 4. Teamwork and Cooperation:** We encourage teamwork, cooperation, and effective communication among teammates to achieve common goals. These values are crucial for both effective gameplay and fostering a positive sportsmanship culture.
- 5. Compliance with Rules:** It is the responsibility of all participants to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of Tag Rugby, ensuring adherence at all times. Coaches and team officials must ensure that their players understand and respect the rules of the game.
- 6. Use of Language:** Offensive or abusive language is strictly prohibited during Tag Rugby matches, practices, or any related activities. Participants should use respectful and appropriate language when communicating with teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.
- 7. Anti-Doping:** We firmly prohibit the use of banned substances or any form of doping in Tag Rugby. Participants must adhere to the anti-doping policies and regulations set forth by the relevant governing bodies.
- 8. Reporting Violations:** We encourage all participants to report any violations of this Code of Conduct to the appropriate league or governing body. Whistleblowers should be protected from any retaliation for reporting misconduct or violations.
- 9. Disciplinary Actions:** In the event of a breach of this Code of Conduct, the league or governing body may impose disciplinary actions, which may include warnings, fines, suspensions, or other appropriate measures. All participants are obligated to cooperate fully with any investigations conducted by the league or governing body.
- 10. Registration and Eligibility:** All participants must register with Tag Rugby Western Sydney before participating in any official events or competitions. Participants must meet the eligibility criteria set by the league, including age restrictions, skill levels, and any other specified requirements.

11. Team Composition: Teams must consist of a specified number of players as determined by Tag Rugby Western Sydney. Mixed-gender teams are encouraged, and rules may be implemented to ensure fair participation of both male and female players. Each team must have a designated captain responsible for communication with officials and the league.

12. Game Rules: The game of Tag Rugby will follow the rules and regulations as specified by the governing body or league. Modifications to the rules may be implemented by Tag Rugby Western Sydney to accommodate specific requirements or to promote inclusivity and safety. All teams and players must familiarize themselves with the specific game rules and any variations set by the league.

13. Fixture and Competition Management: Tag Rugby Western Sydney will organize and manage fixtures, competitions, and tournaments. Teams will be provided with schedules, match fixtures, and relevant information regarding game venues, timings, and any other necessary details.

14. Code of Conduct Enforcement: Tag Rugby Western Sydney reserves the right to enforce the Code of Conduct and take appropriate disciplinary actions in response to violations. Disciplinary measures may include warnings, fines, suspensions, or expulsion from the league, depending on the severity and frequency of the misconduct.

15. Dispute Resolution: Disputes or conflicts arising between teams, players, officials, or league representatives should be addressed in a respectful and timely manner. Tag Rugby Western Sydney will establish a dispute resolution process to handle any disagreements or complaints in accordance with fair and transparent practices.

16. Spectator Conduct: Spectators attending Tag Rugby Western Sydney events must adhere to the rules and regulations of the league and display respectful behaviour. Any form of harassment, verbal abuse, or disruptive conduct by spectators will not be tolerated.

17. Referee Conduct: Referees play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of the sport. They act as impartial authorities, ensuring fair and consistent application of the rules. They enforce the Code of Conduct and report any violations to the appropriate league or governing body. Referees uphold the principles of fairness, integrity, and sportsmanship, setting a positive example for all participants.

18. Sponsorship and Advertising: Tag Rugby Western Sydney may seek sponsorship and engage in advertising partnerships to support the league and its activities. Sponsors and advertisers must adhere to relevant laws and regulations, and their involvement should align with the values and image of Tag Rugby Western Sydney.

19. Amendments and Updates: Tag Rugby Western Sydney reserves the right to modify or update the regulations, policies, and Code of Conduct as necessary. Participants will be notified of any amendments through official communication channels, and it is their responsibility to stay informed and comply with the updated regulations.

Tag Rugby Western Sydney encourages all individuals associated with the sport to familiarise themselves with this Code of Conduct, to uphold its values, and actively contribute to a positive and inclusive Tag Rugby Western Sydney community.

Together, let us continue to uphold the spirit of fair play, respect, and sportsmanship, ensuring that Tag Rugby Western Sydney remains a shining example of a thriving sports community.

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Regulations

Tag Rugby is a sport that emphasises teamwork, fair play, and respect for all participants. This Code of Conduct outlines the regulations and policies to be followed by players, coaches, officials, and spectators involved in Tag Rugby. By participating in this sport, all individuals agree to abide by these rules and contribute to the positive and enjoyable environment of Tag Rugby.

1. Fair Play:

- 1.1. All participants must adhere to the principles of fair play, displaying honesty, integrity, and respect towards teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- 1.2. Any form of cheating, unsportsmanlike behaviour, or intentional violation of the rules is strictly prohibited.

2. Safety:

- 2.1. The safety of all participants is of utmost importance. Players should exercise caution and avoid actions that may cause harm to themselves or others.
- 2.2. Players must comply with all safety guidelines provided by the league or governing body, including proper equipment usage, warm-up exercises, and injury prevention techniques.

3. Respect and Sportsmanship:

- 3.1. Players should treat all opponents, teammates, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of their abilities, gender, race, or background.
- 3.2. Verbal or physical abuse, taunting, or any other form of disrespectful behaviour is strictly prohibited.
- 3.3. Players must respect the decisions and authority of the officials, avoiding arguments or confrontations during the game.

4. Teamwork and Cooperation:

- 4.1. Players should work together as a team, supporting and encouraging each other to achieve common goals.
- 4.2. Cooperation and good communication among teammates are essential for effective gameplay and sportsmanship.

5. Compliance with Rules:

- 5.1. All participants must familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of Tag Rugby and adhere to them at all times.
- 5.2. Coaches and team officials should ensure that their players understand and respect the rules of the game.
- 5.3. Any disagreements or concerns regarding the interpretation of rules should be raised respectfully with the officials or league representatives.

6. Use of Language:

- 6.1. Offensive or abusive language is strictly prohibited during Tag Rugby matches, practices, or any related activities.
- 6.2. Participants should use respectful and appropriate language when communicating with teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.

7. Anti-Doping:

7.1. The use of banned substances or any form of doping is strictly prohibited in Tag Rugby.

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8. Reporting Violations:

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8.2. Whistleblowers should be protected from any retaliation for reporting misconduct or violations.

9. Disciplinary Actions:

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17.1. Act as an impartial authority during Tag Rugby matches, ensuring the fair and consistent application of the rules.

17.2. Enforce the Code of Conduct and report any violations to the appropriate league or governing body.

17.3. Uphold the principles of fairness, integrity, and sportsmanship, setting a positive example for all participants.

17.4. Strive to create an environment that encourages fair competition, enjoyment, and respect for the game and its participants.

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