

MEMORANDUM

CODE OF CONDUCT:

As you are all well aware, in recent times this junior league district has received unprecedented bad press in regards to breaches of code of conduct legislation and in particular assaults of referees and players.

The Parramatta Junior Rugby League District has been the foremost in the sport when it comes to the implementation of behavioural codes and procedures and we have set and maintained a standard of which we are proud and the envy of others.

The spate of incidents of late has forced our hand and we now are adopting a thorough "**ZERO TOLERANCE**" approach in relation to any abhorrent behaviour.

A meeting was held last night between the Parramatta Rugby League Referees' Association, the Parramatta District Junior Rugby League and the Parramatta District Rugby League Club. The topic was violence in the game and specifically the assaults of officials and players.

Eels Chief Executive Paul Osborne stated the District Club is committed to stamp out this blight on the game and he will legislate along with the new District Club Appeals Chairman to ensure offenders who assault referees or players will be eliminated from all facets of the game.

The Referees Association are strong in their demands of a zero tolerance stance and their desire to strike if further assaults are occasioned to their members, is a reality.

They have recommended a raft of additional code of conduct strategies to be considered for implementation.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT **DIRECTS** ALL CLUB SECRETARY'S AND PRESIDENTS TO **INSTRUCT ALL** OF YOUR MEMBERS, PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS **TO ABIDE BY THE STRINGENT CODE OF CONDUCT RULES** AS AND FURTHER BREACHES WILL ATTRACT SEVERE PENALTIES PERTINENT TO:

Code Of Conduct 2010 Section 8:

Clubs which do not exercise control over their members, parents, players or spectators may be called upon by the League to accept responsibility for such offence and the following penalties will apply. These penalties may also apply to the offender

For First Offence:

8.1.1 Fine not exceeding \$500 and/or

8.1.2 Loss of Competition points and/or

8.1.3 Suspension of the player, official, spectator, team and/or club either for the remainder of the season or permanently.

In addition to the Code of Conduct legislation the **Junior League** has **sweeping power under Section 29 of the Junior League Constitution** to hand out hefty penalties far superior to those mentioned Code of Conduct rules.

We advise you to inform your **entire Club fraternity** of this decree and to **get the word out** there of this demand;

UNRULY BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED,
under any circumstances.

If individuals and teams cannot behave the only outcome is, the Club, team and or players will have to suffer the severe consequences.

We at the Junior League make no apology for these stern demands as we are 'hell bent' on re-establishing the Parramatta Junior League name and reputation.

THE WORDS TO SPREAD ARE

**"IF YOU DO THE CRIME, BE PREPARED TO
SPEND THE TIME, OR RUGBY LEAGUE
WILL BE A MERE MEMORY TO YOU, SO
DON'T BE A FOOL, KEEP YOUR COOL".**

Terry Rose
For & on behalf of
the Board of Management