

# Singleton Rugby Club Ltd Selection & Player Code Policy

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## **Definitions**

The following terms and acronyms are used within this document:

Code - Refers to the Singleton Rugby Club Code of Conduct

SRC Board - Refers to the Singleton Rugby Club Elected Board of Directors

Manager - Refers to the Club's Bar Manager

**Club** – Refers to Singleton Rugby Club and Grounds (bounded by land at 73 Howe St Singleton)

Workers - Refers to Directors, Selectors, Coaches, Managers, Players, Club Members

Policy - Refers to the SRC Selection and Player Code Policy

**Player** – Person playing any number of games including pre-season games for or on behalf of SRC

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# **Policy Purpose**

The purpose of the Selection & Player Code Policy outlines the expectations of various positions within the playing area of the Singleton Rugby Club including Selectors, Coaches, Managers, Players & other support staff.

The document assists in identifying a number requirements that need to be actioned on player selections & upholds the values, behaviours and mandatory practices of both the Singleton Rugby Club and NHRU.

It also provides for a safe environment which is free of abuse or harassment, bullying and discrimination for all.

# Scope

The Policy applies to all Selectors, Coaches, Managers, Players and other support staff of the Singleton Rugby Club Ltd.

# **Selectors Responsibilities**

- It is essential that players have paid the required registration/membership fees prior to
  playing any games; any player that has not paid these compulsory fees cannot be
  selected or play any games under any circumstances;
- Any player's injuries/concussions are identified & considered in the selections process;
- Players should attend training for each Tuesday & Thursday nights (or other agreed nights) when not working;
- Players are obligated to inform Coach/Manager/Captain if unable to attend training or play on game days this should be considered in selection process;
- Players are obligated to be able to play the highest grade & stand by for other grades except if working;
- Players are obligated to be able to travel to away games as well as play home games except if working;

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- Selectors & Players are obligated to comply with the Selection & Player Code Policy and other SRC Policy's including the Code of Conduct;
- Selectors should attend games & training sessions except when working;
- Selections priorities will be 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Colts/19's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade then other teams;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be played by Singleton Army SRC Players can play for Army as & if selected/required;
- Selectors/managers or appointed person are to post (via online line portal) team sheets after selection processes are completed;
- Team sheets must be posted within the approved time frames of NHRU; (Refer to NHRU By Laws section 6.1)
- Selectors should consider the Selection & Player Code Policy each week in team selection; and
- Coaches will have ultimate approval of team selections.

# **Playing Code**

### Players Responsibilities

- It is the player's responsibility to have paid the required registration/membership fees prior to playing any games; any player that has not paid these compulsory fees cannot be selected or play games under any circumstances;
- Players should not attend games or training intoxicated, hung-over or affect by other substances that will affect performance or safety of others;
- Players are obligated to be able to play the highest grade selected & stand by for other grades except if working;
- Players are obligated to be able to travel to away games as well as play home games except if working;
- Players are obliged to attend training when not working including injured players and assist in training sessions when appropriate;
- Players should advise there coach, manager or captain of non-attendance at training;
- Players should wear the club shirt to and after all home & way games;

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- Players should be present one (1) hour prior to the game start time unless agreed by Coach for home & away games;
- Players should be changed & ready to warm up/play approx. 30 minutes prior to game start time for home & away games;
- Players should as soon as possible advise coach/selectors or team manager directly if unavailable to play on a weekend or after being selected in a grade;
- Players must assist with team duties as required on game day for home & away games;
- Players accept the on-field decisions of match officials noting that communication with match officials should be via the team Captain;
- Players should play to the best of your ability within the laws of the game relating to foul play and/or misconduct;
- Players should shake hands with the opposition team at start & end of games;
- Players must not repeatedly use crude or abusive language or gestures towards referees, touch judges, match officials, club officials or spectators;
- Players must not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, touch judge, match official, coach, manager, player, spectator or club official;
- Players must assist in all fund raising activities for the club and player committees; and
- Players must ensure compliance with all SRC Policy's including the Code of Conduct.

#### Note:

SRC Senior Grades include – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Colts/19's & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

In 2017 the Singleton Army Club team will play 3rd Grade in the NHRU draw in an association with the Singleton Rugby Club – SRC Players can play for Army as & if selected or required;

It is the responsibility of all players to assist in recovering rugby equipment & kit each week to ensure that it is not lost.