



CRRL GUIDELINES FOR ON-FIELD PERSONNEL

Leaguesafe / Sport Trainers Seniors and Under 16s



1. If an accredited NRL Sports Trainer is not in attendance on the sideline, the game shall not commence under any circumstances until such a person is in attendance.
2. Sports trainers may enter the field at any time to attend to an injured player.
3. On-field personnel may enter the field, to give water to players or to assist with the replacement of players:
 - a. When their team is in possession. If their team loses possession, they must immediately leave the field. They should not be on the field when the opposition is taking a kick at penalty goal.
 - b. When a try has been scored.
 - c. When time-off has been signaled.
4. Maximum of 3 on-field personnel in the playing area during a game. One of these must be the Sports Trainer.
5. On-field personnel are not to loiter on the field. Once they have given players water or attended to injuries they are to leave the playing field immediately.
6. Guidelines for providing players with water may be relaxed in pre-season games and in hot conditions.
7. On-field personnel must avoid running onto the field and running between the touch-judge and the play, thereby obstructing the view of the touch judge.
8. On-field personnel are not allowed on the field after the referee has ordered a scrum until the ball has emerged and a team is in possession. First Aid Officers are allowed on the field to attend an injured player or bleeding player, should the referee continue the game by moving the position of the scrum.
9. On-field personnel are not to coach players when on the field or standing near the touchline.
10. On-field personnel should remain in the Official's area unless actually entering/leaving the field. (*Refer to diagram*)
11. On-field personnel and replacement players should stand no closer than 2 metres from the touchline when waiting to enter the field (where boundaries permit).
12. On-field personnel should not loiter behind the dead ball line or in the in-goal area, and should immediately move away from this area after leaving the field.
13. On-field personnel are not to dispute decisions with the referee when on the field. They must also not make derogatory comments to personnel performing duties as Touch Judges, Ball Boys or Ground Officials.
14. Replacements must be made by the player leaving the field by crossing the near touchline, and his replacement player taking the field in an on-side position via the near touchline once the replaced player has crossed the touchline.
15. Players may not be replaced by leaving the field via the dead ball line (unless after a try has been scored or if the player is injured), or by the opposite touchline (unless required due to injury). If required due to injury, the replacement may not enter the field until it is confirmed by the touch judges that the player has crossed the far touchline. The player must enter in an on-side position.
16. A replacement cannot be made once a scrum has been ordered, until the ball is in play again.
17. No on-field personnel will be allowed on the field of play, nor manage an injured/ill player, nor provide advice, unless trained at the appropriate level (minimum Leaguesafe).
18. The Referee/Touch Judge must not be approached whilst a game is in progress, at half time or after the game in relation to any ruling issue. If there is a concern relating to player welfare, the Trainer may alert the Ground Manager who can then approach the Referee during a technical stoppage (eg when a try has been scored, half time). This must all be done in a respectful manner and be only related to player welfare.
19. Should a fight/brawl break out between any players on the field, on-field personnel are not permitted to enter the field of play. Sport Trainers/First Aid Officers may enter the field of play to attend to an injured player after the fight/brawl has ceased and control has been restored.

