



NSWRL

COVID-19 RULE MODIFICATIONS

2022 – Update to Suspensions from the 2021 Season

The following policy will apply for suspended players, officials and like persons that participated in Community Rugby League competitions abandoned due to impacts of COVID in 2021.

Any Club's with suspended players, officials or like persons who do not want this policy applied, must advise their Local League Administrator before 1 February 2022.

Judiciary and Code of Conduct:

- a) Suspended players and officials be allowed to count the “2021 COVID abandoned match or matches” as matches served towards their suspensions;
- b) Where a player uses the “COVID abandoned match or matches” towards clearing their suspension, they will carry that number of matches as a suspended penalty for the entire 2022 season;
- c) If the player/official is suspended again in season 2022 the “COVID suspended penalty” will be applied in addition to any penalty given for the offence;
- d) If a competition was abandoned without completing a finals series, the **definite** projected finals series matches will count as games served i.e. In a Top 5 Finals format any player from a team that had a confirmed top three finish will be allowed to count two games as matches served, those whose teams finished 4th or 5th will be allowed 1 game. Application of this policy would be adjusted accordingly to the finals format used in the competition.