



National Clearance and Permits Policy

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Clearance & Permits Policy is to:

- a. Achieve consistency and efficiency in the movement of player data
- b. Improve timeliness of player movement from club to club
- c. Record the history of a players and match officials movement

2. SCOPE

The policy applies to all players and match officials moving from one Club/Association to another

- a. A clearance is required when a player and match official is moving from one Club/Association to another regardless of whether it is a new season or during a season
- b. A permit is required when a player is registered in one club and is being permitted to play in another club on an interim basis
 - i. where an agreement exists between two clubs and has been approved by the League/Governing Body
 - ii. where a club/teams are participating in a combined competition that crosses regular Rugby League boundaries
- c. State Governing bodies rules may apply where permits are in place and should be taken into consideration

3. PERIOD OF CLERANCES AND PERMITS

A Clearance may be initiated from the 1 November to 30 June within the same season

A Permit can be initiated any time after the player has been registered in their primary club until the completion of the season.

Exemptions apply to competitions played outside the regular Rugby League season

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4. PROCESSING OF A CLEARANCE AND PERMIT

- a. Prior to requesting a clearance a club/association must have the written consent of the player/match official by way of a registration form completed and signed by the player/match official or the parent /legal guardian in the event the player/match official is under the age of 18
- b. Clearances and Permits must be initiated by an authorised official from the Club/Association to which the player or match official is moving
- c. Players must be fully cleared via the NRL LeagueNet online platform prior to playing in the new club
- d. A timeframe of 10 working days is allowed for a clearance to be fully completed. Meaning either approved or denied.
- e. In the event of a clearance being requested from a club that is no longer active, the League/Region responsible for the competition from which the player is leaving must complete the clearance process in lieu of the inactive club
- f. A clearance may be denied for reasons as follows:
 - i. Fees in default (excluding NRL Development Fees)
 - ii. Fees on property owing
 - iii. Pending tribunal or judiciary matters
 - iv. Contractual agreements in dispute
- g. In all the above cases the clearance request should be denied immediately and an appropriate comment entered into the notes section

5. DISPUTES

In the event of a dispute of a player clearing across State Leagues the dispute would be escalated to the General Manager of Game Development and League Integration or an appointed delegate.

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