



Coach Registration and Accreditation – National Rugby League Policy

All coaches are required to register to the team they are coaching on an annual basis. This is no different to players being registered to a team prior to playing in any given Junior or Senior League competition. Please be aware that coach registration is different to coach accreditation; accreditation refers to the coach's level of competency and completion of relevant educational courses, whereas registration refers to the coach's commitment and responsibility to a particular team.

This requirement is the responsibility of all Leagues and Clubs to ensure that all coaches are adequately trained and qualified to coach children, adolescents and young adults under their care. In order to ensure that each respective party is covered by insurance, and to comply with the National Rugby League and Australian Sports Commission's Policies, coaches are required to meet minimum standards in terms of education and background checks.

It is critical that all this information is recorded on the National Rugby League Database.

Summary of the National Rugby League Coach Registration and Accreditation Policy

1. All coaches must be registered to the team they are coaching in the upcoming season. For example, If you are coaching the Clovelly Crocodiles Under 10's in 2013, you must register as the coach of that team on the National Database;
Note: Please find official NRL Coach Registration forms are attached
2. Coaches must be registered prior to Round 1 of the Competition in which they are competing
3. In the event that there is not an individual person registered as the coach of that specified team, they will be not be able to participate in the competition until a nominated person has been registered to coach the team
4. All coaches who are coaching must complete the relevant 'Working with Children' Check for the state in which they are coaching in order for the Junior League to endorse their registration
Note: Each club must cite the Working with Children Check prior to the coach commencing coaching duties
5. For all registered coaches, completion of a relevant National Coach Accreditation Scheme Course is compulsory
6. Coaches are allowed to register to a team without a coaching accreditation, however they will be given until Round 5 (of the competition in which they are actively involved in) to register for the relevant National Coach Accreditation Scheme Course
7. All new coaches or coaches who have never completed a National Coach Accreditation Scheme Course are required to complete the relevant entry-level course



8. Entry Level courses are designed to cater for different stages of player development:
 - a) The Modified Games Coach (MGC) Course is designed for coaches of players aged 6-12 Years
 - b) The International Games Coach (IGC) Course is designed for coaches of players aged 13 Years and above

Note: Coaches must complete the course that directly relates to the age group they are coaching. For example, if a coach has a MGC Accreditation and coached the Under 12's in the previous year and progresses to coach the Under 13's in the following year, they are required to register and attend an IGC Course.

9. All Coaches must complete the relevant National Coach Accreditation Scheme Course, which involves;
 - a) Completing all online modules and assessment questions
 - b) Attendance at all face-to-face modules

Note: Upon completion of the first two components of the course, the coach is now qualified for a provisional period of 18 months (Coach in-training). The coach is given a period of 18 months to complete the last component of Accreditation which is the Code of Conduct compliance.

- c) Practical Assessment
 - Tackle Technique (in-course)
 - Scrum Formation (in-course)
 - Skill Progression (in-course)
 - Training Session Assessment (in-course)
 - Code of Conduct compliance (marked off at the end of the season)

10. Any coach, who does not complete all components of the relevant National Coach Accreditation course and progress to coach in-training prior to the June 30 cut-off date, will risk forfeiting all remaining games.

Note: In any unforeseen circumstances, such as a new coach is required after the June 30 cut-off, Leagues will need to work with their respective Course Providers to ensure that they receive appropriate education and meet registration requirements.