



BANNED ATHLETES PARTICIPATION IN MRU RUGBY POLICY

It is the MRU's position that players who have received a suspension from any local or national competition or sport should not be eligible to register with the Manawatu Rugby Union or play in any MRU competitions.

Process and rules:

1. When a new player approaches a school or club to register and play rugby, that player should be asked if they are currently suspended from playing any sport. Any player who is suspended should not play or be registered until that suspension is concluded.
2. Where the MRU is aware of a suspended player, the most obvious being banned Rugby League players, and that player attempts to register and play for a club or school without disclosing their suspension, the MRU will contact the club or school to advise of this position.
3. Where the school or club is unaware of the ban there will be no further penalty if action is taken to remove the player from the team as soon as his/her ban has been disclosed.
4. A school or club must not knowingly register or play a suspended athlete.

Any MRU affiliated rugby club team failing to comply with this Protocol shall be liable to concede winning points (4 points) to the non-offending team.

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