

The by-laws of the New South Wales Rugby Referees Association

1. Definitions & Interpretation

1.1 In these by-laws:

the Association means the New South Wales Rugby Referees Association

by-laws means the rules set out in this document, as amended by the Executive, law or the members of the Association, from time to time.

the Executive means the Executive of the Association, as appointed pursuant to the Rules.

NSWRU means the New South Wales Rugby Union.

the Rules means the rules of the Association and the statement of objects of the Association as amended from time to time and subject to law.

Referee means a referee accredited by the NSWRU or other like body to referee, touch judge or act as a referee coach or presenter for the game of Rugby football.

1.2 In these by-laws, unless the context indicates a contrary intention:

- (a) a word importing the singular includes the plural (and vice versa), and a word indicating a gender includes every other gender;
- (b) if a word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning; and
- (c) "**includes**" in any form is not a word of limitation.

1.3 Where there is an inconsistency between the by-laws and the Rules, the Rules are to apply to the extent of that inconsistency.

2. Awards

2.1 The awards are presented annually but there is no requirement for any award to be made in each year or at a specified time.

2.2 The awards and trophies are subject to variation from time to time. The awards are as follows:

- (a) the Dick Webb award - Clubman of the Year:

This is presented to the member who, in the opinion of the Executive, has performed a special service to the association and to the members, apart from refereeing. This award commemorates the service of the past life member and patron of the Association, Mr Dick Webb.

- (b) the Garth Sweeney award - Most improved referee at a representative level:

The recipient is chosen from nominations by members of the Coaching and Grading board of the NSWRU Referees Department and commemorates the memory of Mr Garth Sweeney.

- (c) The John Chard award - Member who has shown the greatest improvement with refereeing throughout the year.

The recipient is chosen from nominations by members of both the NSWRU Referees Department and the Coaching and Grading Board. This award commemorates the memory of past life member and representative referee Mr John Chard.

- (d) The Col Roy award - Referee in his first five years of senior refereeing who is considered to have demonstrated the greatest potential for improvement.

The recipient is chosen from nominations by the Coaching and Grading Board. This award commemorates the memory of a past member who gave devoted service to the Association and who passed away whilst refereeing a suburban game in Sydney.

- (e) The Arthur Tierney award - the referee who officiates at the grand final of first grade in the senior competition of Sydney rugby.

This award commemorates the memory of the past life member, test referee and patron Mr Arthur Tierney.

- (f) The Meyer / Miner award - most consistent referee.

This award commemorates the contribution to the Association made by life members Kevin Meyer and John Miner over many years.

- (g) The John Dedrick Award - for contribution to referee coaching throughout the year.

- (h) The Maiden International Test award - the referee who referees his maiden international Rugby test.

3. **Patron**

- 3.1 The Executive may nominate a patron of the Association who shall be elected at the annual general meeting and who shall hold office until the following annual general meeting.

- 3.2 There may be more than one patron if the members so determine.

4. **Honorary Legal Officer**

- 4.1 The Executive may nominate an Honorary Legal Officer of the Association who shall be elected at the annual general meeting and who shall hold office until the following annual general meeting.

- 4.2 There may be more than one Honorary Legal Officer if the members so determine.

5. **Affiliated Associations**

- 5.1 The Association may grant affiliation subject to the Rules to any association or referees which have objects similar or complimentary to those of the Association.

- 5.2 Application for affiliation is to be made to the Executive in writing. The Executive will consider the application for affiliation.

5.3 The secretary is to keep a register of affiliated associations. Only those associations recorded in this register are affiliated associations of the Association.

6. **Special Classes of Membership**

6.1 Life Members

- (a) There are to be no greater than 20 living Life Members of the Association.
- (b) Any member who has been a senior member of the Association for over 7 consecutive years is eligible for nomination as a Life Member.
- (c) A nominated member need not be active at the time of his nomination.
- (d) Nominations for the appointment of a Life Member are to be made by the Executive and are to be submitted for the approval of members by vote at an Annual General Meeting. Approval of a nomination for Life Membership requires a 75% majority of those present at the meeting.
- (e) Life Members may hold any office in the Association.
- (f) The Life Members of the Association are to be recorded in the complete list of past and present Life Members kept in the Association's records and maintained by the Secretary.

6.2 Honorary Members

- (a) Nominations for the appointment of an Honorary Member are to be made by the Executive and are to be submitted for the approval of members by vote at an Annual General Meeting. Approval of a nomination for Honorary Membership requires a simple majority of those present at the meeting.
- (b) The Honorary Members of the Association are to be recorded in the complete list of past and present Honorary Members, kept in the Association's records and maintained by the Secretary.

6.3 Special classes of membership may be excluded from the operation of Rule 8 of the Association's Rules.