



SUSPENSIONS AND SANCTIONS IN OTHER SPORTS

Policy

Rugby Australia (Rugby AU) respects and recognises suspensions and sanctions imposed by disciplinary bodies of other sports. A participant found guilty of an offence by a sport will not be permitted to participate in any rugby union competition or tournament under the auspices of Rugby AU for the duration of the suspension. If a sanction other than a suspension is imposed on a participant by another sport then that sanction will be recognised and enforced by Rugby Bodies to the extent practicable. Any breach of this policy by a person, club, Union or other relevant entity will be regarded as a breach of the Rugby AU Code of Conduct and will be dealt with in accordance with that policy. This Policy replaces all previous policies relating to this matter.

Policy Objectives & Rationale

To ensure that participants suspended in other sports do not avoid the effect of that suspension by participating in Rugby before that suspension or penalty has run its course. Rugby AU's recognition of suspensions and sanctions from other sports mirrors that reciprocal recognition of anti-doping penalties required by the WADA Code.

Who does this Policy apply to?

This policy applies to Rugby AU, all Member and Affiliated Unions of Rugby AU, and any Rugby Union, club or other body in membership with or affiliated to Rugby AU, a Member Union or Affiliated Union.

Communication Strategy Outline

Communicate to all Member and Affiliated Unions for dissemination among their constituents. Inclusion on the Rugby AU website and appropriate stakeholder communication channels.

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