



National Clearance and Permits Policy V2.3

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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 and match official data
- b. Improve timeliness of player and match official 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/or match officials moving from one Club/Association to another

- a. A **clearance** is required when a player and/or 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 (*primary 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 with the approval from the State or Governing Body
 - iii. where two clubs within the same Association with insufficient players combine to form one team in a competition
- 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 consent of the player/match official
- 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. If after a 10 day period the CEO of the Governing Body may intervene in the case to resolve any dispute
- e. Once approved by the incoming club the player will receive an email advising the clearance has been approved. The email will contain a link to players registration form. The player **MUST** complete the online registration form accepting all Terms and Conditions prior to being considered as registered in the season
- f. 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
- g. 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
- h. In all the above cases the clearance request should be denied immediately and an appropriate comment entered into the notes section

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5. MANAGING INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES

Requests for International clearances (with the exception of NZRL) will be processed in the following manner:

- i. RFL Clearances will be sent to NRL Registrations via the State Body in which they will be clearing to or from
- ii. Clearances to and from any other country/RLIF will be managed by the International Development Manager
- iii. Once written approval has been received, the player will be advised to register to the club as a new player and complete the online registration form accepting all Terms and Conditions prior being considered as registered in the season
- iv. The club/association will attach the complete and signed copy of the clearance document to the player's record

6. 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.