

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION POLICY

ARU Functional Area	Community Rugby
Policy Title	Suspensions or Sanctions in Other Sports
Policy Reference	COM010
Policy	<p>Australian Rugby Union respects and recognises suspensions and sanctions imposed by disciplinary bodies of other sports.</p> <p>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 ARU 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.</p> <p>Any breach of this policy by a person, club, Union or other relevant entity will be regarded as a breach of the ARU Code of Conduct and will be dealt with in accordance with that policy.</p> <p><i>This Policy replaces all previous policies relating to this matter.</i></p>
Policy Objectives & Rationale	<p>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.</p> <p>ARU's recognition of suspensions and sanctions from other sports mirrors that reciprocal recognition of anti-doping penalties required by the WADA Code.</p>
Who does this policy apply to	This policy applies to the ARU, all Member and Affiliated Unions of the ARU, and any Rugby Union, club or other body in membership with or affiliated to the ARU, a Member Union or Affiliated Union.
Communications Strategy Outline	Communicate to all Member and Affiliated Unions for dissemination among their constituents. Inclusion on ARU website and appropriate stakeholder communication channels.
Related Policies	Anti-Doping Code, Code of Conduct
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