

PLAYER SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP: TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Player Safety Advisory Group (PSAG) has been mandated by International Rugby League to advise on specified medical and technical matters.

2. PURPOSE & OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. To form an expert group to provide recommendations and guidance on matters relating to brain health and player safety, relevant to all areas and variants of Rugby League
- 2.2. Ensure the International Rugby League is aware of the current published and emerging seminal evidence-base relating to brain health and player safety, and;
 - 2.2.1. How these are being applied locally within Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, to support best practice guidance for other nations.
 - 2.2.2. How other contact-sports are applying these, to support best practice guidance for Rugby League.
 - 2.2.3. How these are being applied locally when determining international Laws and competition structures.

3. OPERATING GUIDELINES

- 3.1. PSAG will be chaired by one of its members, as determined by those members. The Chair shall rotate on an annual basis.
- 3.2. PSAG shall comprise:
 - One member nominated by Australian Rugby League Commission
 - One member nominated by International Rugby League
 - One member nominated by New Zealand Rugby League
 - One member nominated by Rugby Football League
- 3.3. The IRL shall appoint a secretary to the advisory group to co-ordinate meetings, circulate agendas, record minutes and tend to any administration arising from the working group's decisions. The secretary shall be a non-voting member.
- 3.4. The advisory group shall be convened quarterly but additional meetings may be convened on a case-by-case basis in line with these terms of reference.
- 3.5. Each representative shall each have one vote, although, in the event of a tie, the Chair will have the casting vote.
- 3.6. Quorum of meetings will be a simple majority of the representatives invited and who have agreed to attend the meeting.
- 3.7. Meetings will be called by the Chair or PSAG secretary, with a notice period of not less than ten working days. Meetings can be convened on shorter notice with unanimous agreement of the representatives invited to attend.
- 3.8. From time to time, and upon invitation by PSAG, other representatives of the IRL, its members, international competition organisers or other experts may attend the committee in a non-voting capacity.
- 3.9. Meetings will take place as and when required, using technology such as video and conference calling.

4. PRINCIPLES

- 4.1. To take a whole of game approach where necessary, respecting demographic and geographical differences as well as the numerous disciplines and variations that make up the sport of rugby league.



- 4.2. Apply professional medical and science practice and the highest ethical standards to deliberation and recommendations.

5. ORGANISATION

- 5.1. The PSAG secretary will be responsible for the organisation and administration of meetings.
- 5.2. Minutes from the meetings shall be taken and circulated to the group in a timely fashion after the meeting.
- 5.3. Presentations and reference papers discussed in a meeting will be circulated immediately following the meeting if not already circulated.
- 5.4. An action log will be created and presented at each meeting to record the progress against identified actions arising from previous meetings.

6. SCOPE

- 6.1. PSAG shall conduct its business in line with the IRL constitution and operational rules.
- 6.2. PSAG is an advisory body without executive power, unless certain powers are directly delegated to it by the IRL Board.
- 6.3. The Board shall choose whether to either adopt recommendations without amendment or make such amendments it deems fit.

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