



## AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION POLICY

<b>ARU Functional Area</b>	Community Rugby
<b>Policy Title</b>	Suspensions or Sanctions in Other Sports
<b>Policy Reference</b>	COM010
<b>Policy</b>	<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>
<b>Policy Objectives &amp; Rationale</b>	<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>
<b>Who does this policy apply to</b>	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.
<b>Communications Strategy Outline</b>	Communicate to all Member and Affiliated Unions for dissemination among their constituents. Inclusion on ARU website and appropriate stakeholder communication channels.
<b>Related Policies</b>	Anti-Doping Code, Code of Conduct
<b>Approved By</b>	ARU Board 11 December 2012