



Suspended Persons Clarification

Suspended persons cannot participate in rugby until the suspension is served.

Cannot participate means that the suspended person is banned from rugby in any match situation; including as a player, coach, manager, medical person, water runner, referee or assistant referee during their period of disqualification or suspension.

Rugby union respects and enforces suspensions from all other sports. This means if you are suspended from playing another sport you are suspended from playing rugby union. It is up to each individual sport as to how it works in reverse, but in our sport, when a new player arrives and asks to play clubs must ask them if they are under current suspension from another sport before we can play them.

From July 2014 the CNRU judiciary will include in their notice of suspension to clubs advice that the suspended player is "not able to participate in rugby" for the period of the suspension.

An example of advice to a club with a suspended player is as follows:

"It has been determined that a suspension of 1 week be given to the player and the player is ineligible to play until the completion of Round 6. In serving the suspension, the player is not allowed to enter the field of play as a player, runner, water boy or any other task involving a player or official entering the field of play for the above mentioned period"

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