

3. Issuing of a Trespass Order – For repeatedly offending and/or non-compliance with sanctions imposed under 1 and 2 above –

- (i) **Banning offender(s)** from the RFC and/or WBRU clubrooms, grounds and all facilities for a period of up to two (2) years.

4. Making a Formal Complaint with NZ Police – For serious, offensive or violent offending –

- (i) **RFC and/or WBRU** make a formal complaint of the alleged offender(s) serious, offensive, or, violent behaviour to the Police;
- (ii) **RFC and/or WBRU** immediately issue a trespass order banning offender(s) from clubrooms, grounds and all facilities until this matter has been dealt with.

Notes:

1. Public domains, playing fields and facilities where the RFC and/or WBRU are responsible for the organisation of a scheduled fixture, are deemed to be under the jurisdiction of the RFC and/or Union for that event during period

of the fixture and therefore the RFC and/or WBRU have the authority to obtain a Trespass Order for repeated and/or non-compliance with sanctions imposed (as in 1 & 2 above).

2. The suspension of the RFC's membership does not exclude the offender(s) being issued a Trespass Order or being cited for their unacceptable/offensive sideline behaviour and/or being required to appear before a WBRU Judicial Hearing and/or a formal complaint for serious, offensive or violent behaviour being made to the NZ Police.



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**Wairarapa Bush
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**Code
of
Conduct**

**Players welfare
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WBRU Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct – The Intention is for RFCs, Colleges & Schools to:

- **Provide** rostered supervision at home grounds to ensure fields are roped off 5 metres clear of touch lines as practicable
- **Promote** responsible sideline behaviour in a positive manner
- **Applaud** performance of both teams
- **Acknowledge** sportsmanship and fair play by both teams
- **Provide** positive encouragement to players by praising their efforts (not only the results)
- **Respect** and positively support the referee and coaches of both teams

Guiding Principles – Promoting Positive Sideline Behaviour:

- **Players/children's** welfare and wellbeing are paramount

- **We play** the game to enjoy, have fun, play hard but fair
- **Parents/spectators** set an example for the players
- **We encourage** sportsmanship by letting players play their game and and coaches do the coaching
- **Clubs be** accountable for their members actions and behaviour on the sideline and within RFC's premises being supported by WBRU
- **We need** to get beside the overly vocal parent, supporter or coach to tone down their comments with the message, "Let's be positive"

Unacceptable Sideline Behaviour have Consequences:

- **Verbal abuse** and foul language are totally unacceptable
- **Threatening** and/or intimidating behaviour is totally unacceptable
- **And that**, no alcohol be permitted in playing enclosure at games

Consequences for Unacceptable Sideline Behaviour would be actioned by RFC and/or WBRU, with offender(s) being first cautioned, after which the following sanctions in order of severity would apply for repeated offending and/or non-compliance with any sanctions imposed:

1. Suspend Offender(s) RFC Membership –

- (i) **RFC suspend** the membership and access to Club clubrooms, grounds and all facilities of the offending team official/parent/supporter for a period of time determined by the RFC Management.

2. Citing be made to WBRU –

- (i) **Formal citing** of the alleged offender(s) serious misconduct for unacceptable/offensive sideline behaviour be made to WBRU;
- (ii) **The offender(s)** to appear before a duly convened Judicial Hearing being liable to sanctions prescribed in the New Zealand Rugby Union Disciplinary Rules (The Black Book), updated and published annually.