

Be a Sport, Just Support Sideline Programme

The Auckland Rugby League has a zero-tolerance policy around sideline conduct and have in place Codes of Conduct for players, team officials and supporters.

The ARL are committed to be the leading sport in New Zealand to ensure our game is recognised as a safe and enjoyable sport for all participating stakeholders around our mantra of “Community & Competition”.

A key strategy to achieving is “Be a Sport, Just Support”.

The programme operates as follows:

- i. Each club team from the U/6 to premier 2 (Ray Cranch Cup) grades will receive two (2) orange fluoro “Be a Sport” bibs.
- ii. Each week, the team manager will select two (2) different parents or supporters to be the teams “Be a Sport” Ambassador for that week’s game.
- iii. The Ambassadors are responsible for ensuring **their team/supporters** only, and that they conduct themselves in a supportive manner and encouraging manner around language, no smoking or consumption of alcohol on the sideline.
- iv. Prior to the commencement of any game they will ask team managements who their 2 game day BAS appointees are for the game.
- v. If the team does not have their appointees **and** bibs, they will not start the game.
- vi. If none are forthcoming, they will note the team sheet and leave the field. They **will not** officiate the game.