

## SMART RUGBY POLICY

### BACKGROUND

Smart Rugby has been operational in Australia for over ten years and the program is updated annually to reflect the evolving way that the game is played and refereed.

It is essential that all coaches, referees, and referee coaches are equipped with the requisite knowledge to ensure that the game is played and managed safely.

### POLICY

Smart Rugby is Rugby Australia's 'Work, Health and Safety' program'.

It is a minimum requirement for every coach, referee, and referee coach participating in rugby where there is a tackling component.

Smart Rugby is mandatory and requires re-accreditation every two (2) years through online course completion via the [Rugby Learning Centre](#). There are no exceptions to this.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of all Member Unions and their affiliates to ensure that all coaches, referees, and referee coaches within their jurisdiction comply with this policy.

It is an obligation under the Rugby Australia Code of Conduct for all participants to comply with this policy. Intentional or reckless disregard for this policy may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the code.

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Smart Rugby can be gained either online **or** by face-to-face attendance at:
  - Foundation Course
  - Refereeing Kids Rugby Course
- Re-accreditation for Smart Rugby can be gained online only. There is currently no face-to-face Smart Rugby re-accreditation.

### RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- [Rugby Australia Safety Policy](#)
- [Rugby Australia Participation Policy](#)
- [Rugby Australia Concussion Management](#)
- [Rugby Australia Code of Conduct](#)