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THE rumours of a Rooster and Rabbitoh football merger were largely misunderstood.

A partnership is "on", but it has nothing to do with football or the bid by Souths to overthrow the NRL decision to dump them from the competition.

The speculation started with the Roosters Leagues Club's strong bid for a partnership deal in the financially ailing Souths Leagues Club.

The Roosters' proposal to "merge" the two clubs has been met with a counter proposal by

the rich South Sydney Junior – a long-time sponsor of the Rabbitohs' football club.

During talks, George Piggins resigned his chairman post in protest at the way the board intended to handle negotiations. But as far as fielding a football team in the NRL next season – the Rabbitohs' resolve to go all the way in the courts has become even more determined.

Piggins remains in control of the football club, who unlike the Leagues club are financially viable. It's death or glory in the courts.