

NATIONAL GAMBLING POLICY



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Gambling Policy

1 Interaction with AFL Player Rules

The Australian Football League (**AFL**) rules that relate to gambling and wagering on contingencies that relate to Matches between AFL Clubs in the *AFL Player Rules (Rules)*. This Gambling Policy applies to Matches other than those that are regulated by the Rules and to the extent of any consistency, the Rules shall prevail.

2 Corrupt conduct

A Person must not contrive or attempt to contrive the result of a Match or any aspect of a Match or any Contingency in exchange for any bribe, benefit or reward.

3 No Gambling

A Person must not:

- (a) bet or wager on any Contingency;
- (b) have an interest in any bet or wager on any Contingency or have someone else place a bet or wager on their behalf;
- (c) facilitate or assist the making of a bet or wager on a Contingency; or
- (d) without the prior permission of the Football Body, encourage, induce, advertise or promote betting on an Contingency.

4 Inside information

A Person must not disclose or provide any information, advice or opinion to any other Person about the teams playing in any Match (including but not limited to, the actual or likely composition of the team, player injuries, the form of players and tactics), unless the Person can establish to the satisfaction of the Football Body that:

- (a) such information was already in the public domain or given in a bona fide media interview; or
- (b) the information was not provided in any of the following circumstances:
 - (i) for the purpose of betting or wagering by any Person on a Contingency;
 - (ii) negligently with regard to whether it would be used for betting or wagering by any Person on a Contingency;
 - (iii) for consideration or reward.

5 Performance on merits

A Person must at all times perform on their merits, and must not induce or encourage any Person not to perform on their merits, in any Match or in relation to any aspect of a Match for any reason whatsoever.

6 Notification

Any Person who directly or indirectly, formally or informally receives an approach from any other Person, corporation or entity, to engage in any conduct prohibited by this Policy, must

within 24 hours of first receiving such approach, advise and provide a written statement containing full details of such approach, to the Football Body.

7 Powers of the Football Body

In relation to this Policy, the Football Body shall have the power to:

- (a) inquire into, investigate and deal with any matter in connection with this Policy or appoint any other Person to do so;
- (b) require and obtain production and take possession of all documents, records, articles or things in the possession or control of a Person that are relevant to any inquiry or investigation;
- (c) refer any matter concerning an alleged breach of this Policy for hearing and determination by a tribunal or other body or Person appointed for the purpose; and
- (d) impose any sanction on any Person contravening this Policy on any terms or conditions seen fit or to otherwise deal with such matter in any manner they in their absolute discretion think fit.

8 Co-operation

A Person must not:

- (a) give any false or misleading evidence to any hearing, investigation or inquiry appeal conducted under this Policy;
- (b) refuse or fail to fully co-operate with any investigation conducted by the Football Body under this Policy;
- (c) refuse or fail to produce any document, record, article or thing in the Person's possession or control that are required to be produced in accordance with this Policy;
- (d) attempt to commit, or incite another Person to commit, or conspire with any other Person to commit, or be a party to another committing any breach of this Policy.

9 Sanction

Any Person, who does not fully and strictly comply with the provisions of this Policy, shall be dealt with in such manner as the Football Body or relevant tribunal in their absolute discretion think fit and without limitation may be fined or suspended from participating in any competition administered by the Football Body.

10 Application

For the purposes of this Policy:

- (a) **AFL Clubs** means the 18 Clubs collectively constituting the Australian Football League.
- (b) **Club** means an Australian football club affiliated to a Football Body, but does not include the AFL Clubs;
- (c) **Contingency** means any contingency related to or in any way connected with a Match.
- (d) **Football Body** means the body responsible for the management and conduct of football programs and competitions in which the Person participates and includes, but is not limited to the affiliates of the Australian Football League (ACN 004 155 211) (**AFL**), including:

- a. NSW/ACT: AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission Ltd (ACN 086 839 385)
- b. NT: AFL (Northern Territory) Ltd (ACN 097 620 525)
- c. QLD: AFL (Queensland) (ACN 090 629 342)
- d. SA: South Australian Football League Inc (ABN 59 518 757 737)
- e. TAS AFL (TAS) (ACN 135 346 986)
- f. Victoria: Australian Football League (Victoria) (ACN 147 664 579);
- g. WA: West Australian Football Commission Inc (ABN 51 167 923 136)

(Affiliated State & Territory Bodies)

and the various community bodies who affiliate with (or become a “licensee” or a “member” of) Affiliated State & Territory (**Community Bodies**).

- (e) **Match** means any football match played between or directly or indirectly involving any Clubs; and
- (f) **Person** includes a player, coach, umpire, official or any support Personnel associated with a Club, other than the AFL Clubs.