



Australian Polo Federation Ltd

Unsanctioned Polo Event By-Law

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1. AUTHORITY

- (a) This by-law (**By-Law**) is expressly made as by-laws of the Australian Polo Federation Ltd (**APF**) under clause 26 of the APF Constitution (**Constitution**).
- (b) This document:
 - (i) expressly provides that APF members may be disciplined under the Constitution for partaking in an unsanctioned Polo Event where that participation brings the APF or the sport of polo into disrepute;
 - (ii) is subject to the Constitution;
 - (iii) is consistent with the Constitution (in particular the disciplinary provision under the Constitution); and
 - (iv) when in force, is binding on all Members and has the same effect as a provision in the Constitution.
- (c) The interpretation of this document is solely the province of the APF directors (**Board**).
- (d) In this By-Law, all capitalised terms which are not defined in this By-Law will have the meaning that they have under the Constitution.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to provide guidance for, and outline the risks to, Members in relation to participation in an Unsanctioned Polo Event (as that term is defined in clause 4(c)).

3. POLO EVENT

In this By-Law, **Polo Event** means any event in Australia which involves the playing of polo in any format on any surface, indoors or outdoors, which in the opinion of the Board is not private chukkas or a purely private friendly match.

4. SANCTIONED AND UNSANCTIONED POLO EVENTS

- (a) A Polo Event will be a **Sanctioned Polo Event** only when:
 - (i) the APF has agreed that a Member State or Club shall take overall responsibility for the conduct of the polo to be played at the Polo Event; and
 - (ii) the APF has endorsed the event (see further clause 4(b)).
- (b) Endorsement by the APF will require the payment of a fee to APF by the Member State or Club seeking authorisation of the Polo Event. The fee will be determined by the Board from time to time, having regard to:

- (i) the nature and size of the Polo Event;
 - (ii) the level and extent of administrative support that the APF is required to provide in relation to the Polo Event;
 - (iii) the fee payable by Clubs for annual membership of their Member State and APF; and
 - (iv) the responsibilities involved in running and operating the Polo Event for the Club.
- (c) The following are automatically taken to be Sanctioned Events for the purposes of clauses 4(a) and 4(b), subject to payment by the relevant Member State or Club of the applicable fee:
- (i) Polo Events listed on Club calendars; and
 - (ii) Club practice chukkas, and stick and ball.
- (d) Any Polo Event which is not a Sanctioned Polo Event is an **Unsanctioned Polo Event**.
- (e) Subject to clause 4(f), endorsement of a Sanctioned Polo Event by the APF carries no assumption of responsibility or duty of care by the APF to participants, Members or any person connected with the event regarding the conduct of the Sanctioned Polo Event or the polo played during the course of the Sanctioned Polo Event. However, APF Regulations and Rules shall apply to the Sanctioned Polo Event.
- (f) APF has arranged some limited insurance coverage that applies to Sanctioned Polo Events. It is the responsibility of organisers to consider the terms of any applicable insurance provided by APF's insurer, and to ensure there is adequate insurance in place to cover injuries or liabilities that may be sustained or incurred as a result of the Sanctioned Polo Event.
- (g) Any Member who plays or umpires in an Unsanctioned Polo Event is not covered by the APF insurance policy referred to in clause 4(f). Members are strongly advised to check with the relevant promoter of any Unsanctioned Polo Event to determine whether any insurance cover might be in place for the event and check with their insurance provider to see whether any existing insurance cover they might have is valid for such an event.
- (h) If an Unsanctioned Polo Event brings or is likely to bring the sport of polo into disrepute in any way then Members who participated in that Unsanctioned Polo Event may be subject to disciplinary procedures and sanctions in accordance with the Constitution, the Disciplinary Regulations and/or the International & Representative Match Regulations.
- (i) Any umpire who umpires at an Unsanctioned Polo Event will not be doing so in any official APF capacity or as a representative of APF and therefore shall not wear any insignia or clothing that might indicate otherwise. Doing so may lead to disciplinary procedures and sanctions in accordance with the Constitution, the Disciplinary Regulations and/or the International & Representative Match Regulations.

Note: persons who are considering participating in an event at a venue which is not part of a Club are free to contact the APF to establish whether or not the event is an Unsanctioned Polo Event.

