

INTERNATIONAL & REPRESENTATIVE MATCH REGULATIONS

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These rules are to give effect to the general policy of the Australian Polo Federation in respect to international and representative polo competitions.

International and Representative competitions are a valuable to the sport in that they:

- Promote excellence
- Showcase the game
- Enable a measure of relative handicaps and competitiveness
- Facilitate commercial and fundraising activities

A key objective of this policy is to ensure that the status of international and representative matches, and that the selection to play for Australia or a State is preserved or enhanced. Players make significant commitments of time and resources to make themselves available for international and representative selection. Diminution of the status of international & representative matches or selection will discourage players from making those commitments.

The Australian Polo Federation is the controlling body for polo in Australia under the sporting power granted to it by the Federation of International Polo. As the controlling body for polo in Australia, the Australian Polo Federation is exclusively responsible for the control and administration of Australian teams visiting overseas, and international representative matches conducted in Australia. Affiliated State Associations are separately the controlling bodies for their respective State teams and State representative matches conducted in their State.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS & MATCHES

Representative Teams: A representative team is a team that is, or purports to be, representing an official body or entity such as a club, state or country. In the case of a club, the team must have the approval of the club. In the case of a state, the team must have the approval of the State Association. Any other representative team playing in Australia must have the approval of the Australian Polo Federation. In addition, any team representing Australia overseas must have the approval of the Australian Polo Federation. In every case, approval includes the livery of the team shirts and no team shirt may include the word 'Australia', 'NSW', 'QLD', 'VIC', 'SA' or 'WA' without the consent of the relevant authority (i.e. Australian Polo Federation, New South Wales Polo Association, Queensland Polo Association, Victorian Polo Association, South Australian Polo Association, Western Australian Polo Association).

International Representative Matches: An International Representative Match is one in which a team selected by the APF Selection Committee and endorsed by the APF as an Australian Team, plays against a team endorsed as a national representative team by a national polo association recognised by the APF.

Australian Teams selected and endorsed to play in a Representative Match shall be afforded the following Privileges:

- Be designated "Australia"
- Wear Australian sporting colours – green & gold
- Wear the Australian Coat of Arms (subject to Government approval)

State Representative Matches: A State Representative match is one in which a team selected by a State Association selection committee and endorsed by that association as their 'State Team', plays against a team endorsed as a 'State Representative' team by another State Association.

State Teams selected and endorsed to play in a representative match shall be afforded the following privileges:

- Be designated as their State name (e.g. New South Wales/Victoria/Queensland)
- Wear their State teams sporting colours

It shall be an offence under this policy for any player to participate in a match in which any of the above privileges are provided, unless the relevant authority has sanctioned the teams participating and has designated the match a representative match in accordance with the Australian Polo Federation's applicable policies and procedures.

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Players should be aware the 'Australian; & 'State' polo team names are the privilege of the peak bodies in their state or country in accordance with the sporting power granted to the Australian Polo Federation from the Federation of International Polo. It is an offence under this policy for players to play in matches where the teams are purporting to be representative of either Australia or a state/territory, but are not sanctioned by the relevant authority or entity (including international teams).

SELECTION

Selection for Representative Teams is made under the APF Representative Team Selection Guidelines.

NON-REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Privately arranged tours or matches may take place and the Australian Polo Federation does not seek to exercise additional or specific control over the arrangements or team selection. However, it will be appropriate for the Australian Polo Federation to be informed of arrangements. This will enable the Australian Polo Federation to communicate with the organisers should there be any special considerations and to keep worthwhile records.

Participants in Non-Representative Matches are to ensure that event organisers do not make available any of the Privileges referred to above.