

Household regulations

Dutch Australian Football Association (D.A.F.A.)
(marketed as AFL Netherlands)

Article 1 – General Conditions

1. The Dutch Australian Football Association, hereafter called D.A.F.A, 'the Association' or 'AFL Netherlands', was incorporated by Notary Act on 12 January 2009 and is based in Wateringen.
2. The code of conduct is applicable in conjunction with the statutes of the Association as last changed and renewed by Notary Act on 12 January 2009.
3. The code of conduct has been renewed on the 21st of November 2018 with updated legislation.

Article 2 – Members

1. The Association consists of:
 - Seniors
 - Life members
 - Honorary members
 - Volunteers
 - Temporary members
2. Seniors are members aged 18 years and older

Article 3 – Life members and honorary members

1. Life members are those whose extraordinary efforts on behalf of the association are recognized and noted by the committee. Life members have all the rights of members.
2. Honorary members are persons whose have made extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Association and upon nomination by the committee have been received a vote of 4/5 of the general membership. Life members and honorary members have no monetary obligations toward the Association, but retain all the rights of membership. An honorary member has the same status as one nominated as honorary president.
3. An outgoing president can, in light of extraordinary efforts on behalf of the association be nominated by the committee as honorary president and will be rewarded such as title upon receipt of 4/5 vote of the general membership.

Article 4 – Donors

1. The Association will recognize donors
2. Donors are those who have been accepted by the committee and have agreed to make a yearly donation of a sum to be agreed by the committee.
3. Donors have no rights or obligations to the association other than those noted in the statutes and/or code of conduct.
4. The rights and obligations of donors can be ended in a mutual agreement with the committee, providing payment for that financial year has been made.
5. The ending of a role of donor will be made by the committee on behalf of the association.

Article 5 – Membership

1. Registration will be accepted through completion and signing of a digital membership form, available from the Association Secretary. The following details must be filled in: name, residential address, date of birth, telephone number, email address, brief medical history, emergency contact details and date of signing.
2. The cost of registration with the Association will be determined by the committee. Costs must be met at the time of submission of membership form(s).

Article 6 – Acceptance of members

1. Membership will be decided by the secretary. The secretary cannot independently refuse membership; such issues are subject to a final decision by the committee.
2. Any full member can, within 14 days of another person becoming a member, submit a protest against admission of an applicant. Should this lead to the applicant being denied membership, the committee is required to provide this in writing to the applicant. The applicant has a right of appeal within the forum of an Annual General Meeting (Algemene Ledenvergadering).

Article 7 - Rights and responsibilities of members

Other than the rights and responsibilities as laid out in 'Artikel 5' of the Notary Act, all members have the following rights and responsibilities:

1. Upon admission as member they have the right to a copy of the Notary Act and Code of Conduct.
2. They have the right to attend D.A.F.A. organized training sessions and matches.
3. They have the right to take part in any debates and votes within the forum of the Annual General Meeting.
4. They have the right to free entry to matches and events, unless otherwise specified by the committee.
5. They have the right to put suggestions, complaints and wishes to the committee. The committee will be required to investigate/handle these matters in a timely fashion and to inform the member of the outcome of said investigation/handling of matter.
6. They are required to inform the committee of any change of residential address.
7. They are required to pay membership fees in a timely fashion.
8. They are required to adhere to the code of conduct of the association; this includes directions given by a committee appointed sub-committee as well as the requirements of AFL Netherlands.
9. They are required to act in an appropriate fashion during AFL Netherlands organized events and will not damage or hinder the efforts of the Association.
10. They are required to use goods and chattels owned by the Association in the manner for which they are intended and will not damage said goods and chattels.
11. They are required to request written permission from the committee for the use of the intellectual property of the Association.
12. They are required to have a current medical insurance policy in accordance with Dutch Law.
13. They are required to uphold and respect the use of the association buildings in its given household rules by the facilitator.
14. Upon admission as member the data as given in article 5.1 is enforced on the General Data Protection Regulation. Members have no further rights other than described in Article 8.

Article 8 – Rights and Responsibilities to the General Data Protection Regulation

1. As of the 25th of May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is in force for Dutch sporting associations.
2. The association recognizes the GDPR by stating to its members upon becoming a member or renewing the membership how privacy data, as given in article 5.1, is used by the association and how it is protected.
3. Along to the privacy data of members, image materials or activities of members can also be used by AFL Netherlands during events and promotional communications.
4. Committee or sub-committee members using privacy data or image materials will not violate the use of the materials. Violation noted by protest from the committee or the affected member may result in penalty.
5. Members have the rights to protest to the use of the data to the committee in which the committee is required to investigate and act on this in a timely fashion.
6. AFL Netherlands stores the privacy data in a protected data server which can only be accessed by the committee or subcommittee that are allowed access.

Article 9 – Penalties

1. Generally speaking, actions which are in conflict with Dutch Law, or statutes / code of conduct of the Association, or an appointed body thereof; or actions which damage the profile and/or interests of the Association, are prohibited.
2. Penalties will be imposed by the disciplinary tribunal of the Association and are required to be paid by the member(s) involved.
3. The committee reserves the right to impose a penalty extra to that which has been imposed by the disciplinary commission upon a member, umpire, organizer or other member.
4. An appeal may be made by the member upon whom penalty has been imposed to the Annual General Meeting of the Association. This appeal must be submitted in writing to the association secretary within 6 months of the penalty having been imposed.

Article 10 – Club colours

The sporting uniform of the Association shall consist of:

1. An AFL Netherlands approved Australian Rules Football jumper
2. An AFL Netherlands approved Australian Rules Football shorts
3. An AFL Netherlands approved Australian Rules Football sock

Article 11 – Committee

1. The association committee shall comprise a president, secretary, treasurer and at least 2 other members, who shall be of legal age.
2. The committee shall be required to, subject to statutes, code of conduct or extraneous regulations:
 - A. Take care of the day-to-day running of the association
 - B. Enact decisions made within the forum of the Annual General Meeting
 - C. Monitor adherence to statutes and code of conduct
 - D. Name, remove and suspend persons working for the association
3. The committee shall meet at least once per year. The committee shall meet as often as decided by the president or at least 3 other committee members

4. A decision taken by the committee shall only be enacted in case of the presence of a majority of committee members. Votes concerning persons shall be recorded in writing; day-to-day matters may be verbally voted upon.
5. An AFL Netherlands committee member is not permitted to serve on the committee of any club taking part in an AFL Netherlands organized competition, unless clearly stated by the committee through a majority vote.

Article 12 – Committee tasks

1. The president, secretary, treasurer and other involved committee members are responsible for the day-to-day running of the association. These committee member may make decisions which cannot be deferred until a committee meeting can be convened. Said decisions must be shared with the committee at the first available opportunity.
2. Tasks of the president:
 - A. Provide leadership and maintains oversight of the association
 - B. Is the official representative of the Association, unless this task is transferred to another committee member.
3. Tasks of the secretary:
 - A. Is responsible for correspondence on behalf of and in consultation with the committee, the signing of all outgoing correspondence and will maintain a log of said correspondence, both incoming and outgoing.
 - B. Is responsible for the association archive and all items entrusted to him/her by the association.
 - C. Is responsible for informing members of upcoming meetings
 - D. Is responsible for informing members of changes and/or additions to Association statutes or rules and regulations
 - E. Maintain a list of life for honorary and life members, this to be accessible by all members
 - F. Is responsible for the creation of, distribution and archiving of meeting agenda's and minutes arising from committee and Annual General Meetings, and will distribute said agenda's/minutes to all committee members (or appoint for a nominated person for this task).
4. Tasks of the treasurer:
 - A) Is responsible for controlling monies belonging to the association
 - B) Is responsible for the administration of monies incoming to the association as well as committee approved outgoing monies
 - C) Maintains a ledger of all incoming/outgoing monies;
 - D) Is responsible for correspondence related to article 4A, B and C and shall remain and archive all relevant documents relating hereto.
 - E) Will present a report to the Annual General Meeting detailing the financial status of the Association, including major incomes and expenses and a budget for the following year.

Article 13 – Election of the committee

1. Committee member will be elected for a period of one to four years, and are not eligible to fulfill the same position for the maximum of two consecutive terms.
2. Names of outgoing committee member will be made known in the agenda of the next Annual General Meeting. This agenda shall also include the possibility of nomination of candidates by Association members according to required procedure.

3. Nomination of candidates must be made in writing to the association secretary and be supported by at least three other members and will be voted and will be voted upon by member during the Annual General Meeting.
4. The committee reserves the right to nominate a member in a temporary capacity until nominations can be accepted by the next AGM.

Article 14 – Cash commission

1. As per Article 14 of the association statutes, a cash commission (auditors) will be created during the annual general meeting
2. The cash commission (auditors) will consist of 2 members
3. The cash commission (auditors) will maintain scrutiny of the treasurer. It will once a year control the administration, financial activities undertaken by the treasurer. It will then present a report of its findings to the committee.

Article 15 – Subcommittees

1. Subcommittees may be appointed at the annual general meeting; this will include the naming of members of the subcommittee and determination its tasks and actions, including but not restricted to, their activities under the relevant section of the Association by which it was created.
2. The subcommittee will remain active for one year or until its task is complete, whichever comes first.
3. The creation of a subcommittee shall include notation of its members, taskings, authority and methods and shall be considered as part of the code of conduct of the association for the period of its activities.
4. Each subcommittee shall present a report at least once per year concerning their activities and progress, unless otherwise specified in their instructions
5. Each subcommittee shall convene as often as determined by the association president or at least 2 members of the subcommittee.
6. The subcommittee is answerable to the section of the Association committee under which it was created.

Article 16 – Membership fees

1. Members shall pay membership fees annually, in which amount shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting, and accordance to membership type
2. Life members are exempt from the payment of membership fees.
3. Membership fees paid for an 'Association year' are considered paid for a calender year.

Article 17 – Association buildings

1. The association bears no responsibility for property of any sort belonging to members or third parties in any buildings/facilities used by the Association.
2. The association and its members shall uphold the household rules as given by the facilitators of the buildings/facilities.
3. A clubhouse will be open and available for use by members during hours to be determined by the committee, which will be announced to its members.
4. The committee is authorized to reserve any rooms open to and used by members for special events/occasions. These reservations are to be announced to members in a timely fashion.

Article 18 – Matches

1. Players will be informed of team structure in advance of a match by the relevant person as nominated by the committee. If a player is not able to attend a match, he/she will inform the relevant nominated person at least 24 hours in advance.
2. During matches a player will be nominated by the relevant person as nominated by the committee as captain for that team, unless otherwise agreed. The captain will be responsible for general control of the team and shall report any incidents to the committee.
3. Members taking part in matches are required to wear the correct sporting uniform as determined by the association committee.
4. Players shall follow all reasonable directions of the captain during the match.
5. The committee is authorized, on behalf of the association, to schedule matches and to submit teams to events/matches organized by third parties, for which permission is granted by the Association.
6. For the development of the sport the committee has the final vote in team structures or member participation.
7. Prizes, championship titles or monies won by teams and/or players representing the Association in matches, are the property of the Association.

Article 19 – Member liability

1. Each member is liable for damage caused to the Association equipment and/or property and/or reputation, or property from third parties during events organized by the association. Damage will be assumed to have been caused by the last previous user of said equipment and/or property unless user can definitively prove that damage was not caused by him/her.

Article 20 – Participation in Australian Rules Football

1. Each individual taking part in demonstrations, training sessions or matches under rules of AFL Netherlands is required to be aware of potential danger which the sport entails. Taking part in the full contact sport Australian Rules Football carries a risk of (severe) injury.
2. Taking part in activities organized by the association is entirely at the individual's own risk.
3. Trainers and coaches appointed by AFL Netherlands perform the function of teaching techniques and tactics and are in no way responsible for indicating potential dangers.
4. Should an individual require information concerning the dangers of the sport, he or she should submit a written request to the association committee.

Article 21 – Representations

At the occurrence of the following events, if known to the secretary, the association will make representations as to be determined by the committee:

1. Death of a member, partner or child;
2. Upon the 12 1/2th, 25th, 40th or 50th anniversary of membership of the association
3. Other representations will be determined by the committee.

Article 22 – Sponsoring

AFL Netherlands can set guidelines regarding sponsorship contracts.

Article 23 – Changes to the code of conduct

The association committee can make changes to the code of conduct according to circumstance.

Article 24 – Final Provisions

1. Each member shall follow the points made in this code of conduct
2. This code of conduct shall, upon establishment, be made available to members as soon as practicable. This code of conduct shall be considered to be in force 14 days after first publication
3. The English language version of this code of conduct is considered equal to the dutch language version. The association will view the Dutch language version as final for the purposes of its administration and actions.

On behalf of the Association Committee:



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