
AFLNT Code of Conduct & Conditions of Entry (AFLNT Rules & Regulations Appendix 2)

This Code of Conduct applies to all members as defined in the AFL Member Protection Policy and any other person visiting an AFLNT venue or attending an AFLNT event.

For the purpose of this Code of Conduct, any gathering sanctioned by AFLNT will be considered an AFLNT event, including but not limited to functions, football matches, training sessions and education sessions.

This Code of Conduct further applies to all members and any other person who causes any act of misconduct that is detrimental to the best interest of the AFL, AFLNT or any individual or organisation affiliated to the AFL or AFLNT including but not limited to Sponsors and Funding Partners of the AFL or AFLNT.

Category 1 Offences:

1. Act in conflict with the AFL Member Protection Policy;
2. Act in conflict with Government Legislation (for the purpose of this Code of Conduct Government includes Federal and State Government and Local Councils); or
3. Enter an AFLNT venue without paying an entrance fee (where applicable).

Category 2 Offences:

1. Use offensive or abusive language (malicious, threatening or otherwise);
2. Cause any act of misconduct that is detrimental to the best interest of AFL/AFLNT; or
3. Make public comment that is detrimental to the best interest of AFL/AFLNT without first advising AFLNT of the content of that public comment.

Category 3 Offences:

1. Push, bite or strike (including attempt to strike) another person;
2. Spit at another person; or
3. Threaten or bully another person (including but not limited to cyber bullying);

When AFLNT become aware that a breach of this Code of Conduct has been committed the following will occur:

Eviction:

In the event that a security officer or an AFLNT official determines that an individual(s) has breached this Code of Conduct and should be removed from the venue, such person shall be asked to leave and should that person refuse to leave, they will be evicted from the venue by security or police.

Penalties:

In the event that an alleged offender(s) is a member of a club (or umpires association), AFLNT may notify the club that a penalty as prescribed in this Code of Conduct is to be imposed on that member(s). It is the responsibility of that club to ensure that the member is notified of the penalty being imposed.

In the event that the alleged offender(s) is not a member of a club, AFLNT may notify the individual(s) that a penalty as prescribed in this Code of Conduct is to be imposed on that individual(s).

The individual (or the club on behalf of the individual) must respond within five (5) business days of receiving notification of this penalty.

1. If AFLNT has not received a response by 5pm on the fifth business day, it will be deemed that the penalty has been accepted and no further avenue for appeal will be available to that individual,
2. If an individual (or the club on behalf of the individual) would like to challenge the charge, the matter may be sent directly to a Match or Disciplinary Tribunal (whichever is appropriate), for determination.

In the event that an individual that is not a member of a club is not able to be contacted, the offence must be sent to an independent tribunal to adjudicate over the matter.

Tribunal:

In the event that AFLNT believes that the alleged offence is so severe that the penalties listed in this Code of Conduct do not reflect the severity of the offence, the matter may be sent to a Match or Disciplinary Tribunal.

In the event that an individual is unable to be contacted and the matter is sent to a Match or Disciplinary Tribunal, the tribunal may hear and determine the matter in the absence of the alleged offender.

In the event that an offence under this Code of Conduct is sent to a Match or Disciplinary Tribunal and the alleged offender is found guilty of that offence, the Tribunal has discretionary authority to hand down a penalty the same or greater (but not less) than the penalties listed in this Code of Conduct.

Category 1 Offence Penalties:

First Offence: Suspension of five (5) weeks from all AFLNT Events.

Second Offence Suspension of ten (10) weeks from all AFLNT Events.

Third Offence: Suspension of fifteen (15) weeks from all AFLNT Events and deregistration as a player or official at the completion of that fifteen (15) week suspension.

Category 2 Offence Penalties:

First Offence: Suspension of ten (10) weeks from all AFLNT Events.

Second Offence: Suspension of fifteen (15) weeks from all AFLNT Events and deregistration as a player or official at the completion of that fifteen (15) week suspension.

Category 3 Offence Penalties:

First Offence: Suspension of fifteen (15) weeks from all AFLNT Events and deregistration as a player or official at the completion of that fifteen (15) week suspension.

Any player or official that is found guilty of a third offence as listed in this Code of Conduct, regardless of which category, will be deregistered at the completion of the suspension received for that third offence.

Any player or official that is deregistered under this Code of Conduct must follow the National Deregistration Policy when appealing their deregistration.

Any individual that is not a player or official and is found guilty of a third offence as listed in the Code of Conduct regardless of which category, will receive a life ban from all AFLNT events at the completion of the suspension received for that third offence.

The AFLNT Executive Committee reserve the right to amend any penalty at its discretion.