

## VAFA GAMBLING POLICY

In light of the existence of sports betting markets, some of which relate to VAFA games, the VAFA is committed to protecting and maintaining the integrity of its competitions. To that end, it has updated its gambling policy, the new version of which appears below.

1. In this Policy:
  - (a) **VAFA** means the Victorian Amateur Football Association.
  - (b) **Board** means the board of the VAFA (including the Board's delegates from time to time).
  - (c) **Clubs** means all clubs affiliated with the VAFA.
  - (d) **Match** means means any football match played between or directly or indirectly involving any Clubs or VAFA representative teams.
  - (e) **Contingency** means means any contingency related to or in any way connected with a Match.
  - (f) **Person** includes the following: (i) a player, coach, umpire, official or any support Personnel associated with a Club; and (ii) employees, officers and agents of the VAFA.
2. 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. 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) encourage, induce, advertise or promote betting on a Contingency.
4. 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 VAFA 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. 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. 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 VAFA.
7. In relation to this Policy, pursuant to the VAFA's Articles of Association, the Board 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; and
  - (c) 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 its absolute discretion think fit.
8. Subject to the privilege against self-incrimination, a Person must not:
  - (a) give any false or misleading evidence to any investigation conducted under this Policy;
  - (b) refuse or fail to fully co-operate with any investigation conducted by the Board 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. Any Person, who does not fully and strictly comply with the provisions of this Policy, shall be dealt with in such manner as the Board in its absolute discretion thinks fit and without limitation may be fined or suspended from participating in any competition administered by the VAFA.