



**REGULATION H: 3.4
Anti-Doping Policy**

Summary

This Policy provide information about:

➤ **Regulation H – 3.4 Anti-Doping Policy**

that the Joint Zone Associations Competitions will operate under.

The Regulations, Procedures and Policies in conjunction with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Zone Association shall, with the approval of NSW Football and duly Registered with FA, apply from the date of approval and shall take precedence over any previous Regulations of the Zone Association.

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POLICY ON ANTI-DOPING

1 DEFINITION OF TERMS

In this policy the following words shall have the meanings set forth below:

- 1.1 **“ASADA”** the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and other drug testing authority accredited to the International Olympic Committee.
- 1.2 **“doping”** - means the unlawful use of drugs, doping practices, and doping agencies to enhance or inhibit the performance of a player that are prohibited by the International Olympic Committee.
- 1.3 **“official”** - means a Club Official, Match Official, coach, Team Official, medical practitioner, sports scientist, psychologist, and other person associated with the sport of football.
- 1.4 **“player”** - means a Member of the Zone Association or any person competing in a competition under the jurisdiction of the Zone Association or its affiliates.
- 1.5 **“responsible authority”** - means the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Governments (both Commonwealth and State), the Australian Olympic Federation, the International Olympic Committee, National Sporting Organisations, FIFA, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian Sports Anti-Drug Authority, Football Australia, any State Federation including Northern NSW Football, any Zone Associations.
- 1.6 **“NNSWF”** - means the Northern NSW Football.
- 1.7 **“WADA”** – means the World Ant-Doping Agency
- 1.7 **“Zone Association”** - means the Zone Association – Macquarie Football, Newcastle Football, Hunter Valley Football.

2 DOPING

- 2.1 Doping in football is strictly prohibited. Any person using it or encouraging its use shall be severely punished.
- 2.2 The term “doping” covers any attempt to increase performance by irregular or illegal means.

3 APPLICATION

- 3.1 This policy applies to all players and officials of member clubs of the Zone Association.
- 3.2 All players are liable to anti-doping controls/examinations which shall be conducted in conformity with the rules of the IOC Medical Commission.
- 3.3 Doping control examinations and testing shall be conducted by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency either
 - i. during competition or,

- ii.* out of competition. Players are liable to any number of anti-doping control examinations in any year, whether in or out of competition.

4 ACTION ON DOPING

- 4.1** Any player who is found to have contravened the ‘anti-doping provisions’ shall be suspended from all competition for a period of:
- i.* two years for a first offence,
 - ii.* life for any subsequent offence.
- 4.2** Any person serving a suspension for a first offence may be subject to drug control examinations, at their own expense, during the suspension.
- 4.3** Any official or other person who aids, abets, counsels, or procures or is knowingly involved in a player’s breach of the anti-doping provisions shall be subject to the same penalties as set out in **Regulation 4.1**
- 4.4** If already selected in a representative team, the player and/or official shall be immediately removed from the team upon any breach of the anti-doping provisions.
- 4.5** Any decision of the Competition Administrator – Disciplinary or Disciplinary Committee of the Zone Association to impose a lesser penalty than prescribed in **Regulation 4.1** shall be at their sole and absolute discretion.
- 4.6** Any player or official who contravenes the ‘anti-doping provisions’ of any ‘responsible authority’ shall be subject to the penalties as set out in **Regulation 4.1**.
- 4.7** Any person who contravenes the ‘anti-doping provisions’ shall have the right of appeal to be heard by the Appeals Tribunal of the Zone Association.
- Any such appeal must be in writing and lodged with the Zone Association in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 4.8** Any player who refuses to submit to an anti-doping control examination shall be subject to the penalties as set out in **Regulation 4.1**.
- 4.9** It is the intent of this policy that any anti-doping control examinations shall be conducted in conformity with the rules of the IOC Medical Commission but any failure to do so shall not of itself invalidate the findings of any such doping control examination.

5 PLAYER AGREEMENT

For any player registering with the Zone Association by completing the online registration form constitutes an agreement by the player to submit to the provisions of this policy including submitting to the drug control examination and testing if this is applied.

6 OFFICIAL AGREEMENT

For any Official registering with the Zone Association by completing the online registration form constitutes an agreement by the Official to submit to the provisions of this policy including submitting to the drug control examination and testing if this is applied.

7 DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICY

The Joint Zone Associations provides this information to assist clubs, officials, players, and parents understand the relevant Anti-doping policies which may impact on their performance.

The Zone Association shall be responsible for the administration of this policy and shall continue with the development of the policy as it provides an ongoing monitoring of developments in the area of anti-doping.

RESOURCES:

Football Australia Anti-Doping Policy

found here: [Football Federation Australia \(footballaustralia.com.au\)](https://www.footballaustralia.com.au)

Athletes, check your medications!

found here: [Global DRO - Home](#)

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