



### THE PENNANT HILLS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

# **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

## **PURPOSE**

It is recognised that all members of the Committee and members may have interests associated directly or indirectly with the functions of the organisation. It is possible that <sup>1</sup>conflicts of interest may arise for Committee/Board Members, staff and volunteers.

This policy and procedures guide how conflicts of interest are brought to the attention of the organisation and how the conflict can be managed.

### **POLICY STATEMENTS**

All Committee members and the members of the club must notify the Committee's Chairperson of any perceived, real or potential conflict of interest as soon as it is recognised. The Chairperson will decide the appropriate action regarding the reported conflict.

If the conflict relates to the Chairperson, a Temporary Chair needs to be assigned by the Committee to manage it. In the case of members and volunteers, any conflict of interest must be reported to the Chairperson.

Everyone is to be informed about and agree on the importance of avoiding conflict of interest. Everyone is responsible for ensuring that any changes to existing conflicts of interest are noted on the Conflict of Interest Register.

#### SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the Club and Committee and volunteers as well as any person involved in decision making at the Club that involves use of Club Funds, resources, and/or selection of service providers, whether on "adhoc" (one off) or a contracted basis.

This policy also covers the release of club information or data to persons that may gain a benefit from it.

## **DEFINITIIONS**

Conflicts of interest are real, perceived or potential instances where a person, group or organisation could benefit from a decision or access to information. The benefit may be financial or non-financial



#### **PROCEDURES**

The Chairperson will call for any conflicts of interest to be declared at the commencement of every meeting. These will be noted in the minutes, as will the actions taken to manage the conflict.

The Administration Manager will manage a Conflict-of-Interest Register which will appear in the organisation's Annual Report.

Actions resulting from the declaration of a conflict of interest may include but not be limited to one or a combination of the following:

- Recording the nature of the conflict of interest including any actions or decisions
- The person who has declared the conflict to not participate in particular decisions
- The person who has declared the conflict of interest not to be present for particular discussions
- The person who has declared the conflict of interest not to participate in a series of meetings
- Where the conflict of interest has a significant impact on the reputation of the
  organisation, or the capability of the person to function in their role, they may be
  asked to stand down from a particular committee, sub-committee or role or
  suspend their role until such time as the conflict of interest is no longer an issue
- Where a person fails to declare a conflict of interest they may be subject to disciplinary or legal action.

# **DOCUMENTS OR TEMPLATES**

- Conflict of Interest Register
- Minutes of Committee Meetings Template

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Conflict of Interest Policy			
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