

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION – REGULATIONS 2012

These rules are to give effect to the general policy of the Australian Polo Council in respect to international polo competitions.

International competitions are a valuable to the sport in that they:

- Promote excellence
- Showcase the game
- Enable a measure of relative handicaps and competitiveness
- Facilitate commercial and fundraising activities

A key objective of this policy is to ensure that the status of an international representative match, and selection to play for Australia, is preserved or enhanced. Players make significant commitments of time and resources to make themselves available for international selection. Diminution of the status of international matches or selection will discourage players from making those commitments.

The Australian Polo Council is the controlling body for the Australian teams visiting overseas and International Representative Matches in Australia.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS & MATCHES

National and Representative Teams: A representative team is a team that is, or purports to be, representing an official body or entity such as a club, state or country. In the case of a club, the team must have the approval of the club. In the case of a state, the team must have the approval of the State Association. Any other representative team playing in Australia must have the approval of the Australian Polo Council.. In addition, any team representing Australia overseas must have the approval of the Australian Polo Council. In every case, approval includes the livery of the team shirts and no team shirt may include the word 'Australia' without the consent of the Australian Polo Council.

Representative Matches: An International Representative Match is one in which a team selected by the APC Selection Committee and endorsed by the APC as an Australian Team, plays against a team endorsed as a national representative team by a national polo association recognised by the APC.

Australian Teams selected and endorsed to play in a Representative Match shall be afforded the following Privileges:

- Be designated “Australia”
- Wear Australian sporting colours – green & gold
- Wear the Australian Coat of Arms (subject to Government approval)

It shall be an offence under the APC Discipline Policy for any player to participate in a match in which any of the above Privileges is provided, unless the APC has endorsed his/her participation and has designated the match an International Representative Match.

SELECTION

The Australian Polo Council will elect annually a Selection Committee and Chair who shall be responsible for selecting any national Australian team to play in Australia or overseas. The Chairman will not have a vote.

NON-REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Privately arranged tours or matches may take place and the Australian Polo Council does not seek to exercise additional or specific control over the arrangements or team selection. However, it will be appropriate for the Australian Polo Council to be informed of arrangements. This will enable the Australian Polo Council to communicate with the organisers should there be any special considerations and to keep worthwhile records.

Participants in Non-Representative Matches are to ensure that event organisers do not make available any of the Privileges referred to above.