

# **AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS OZTAG PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

All players who are selected to represent Indigenous Australia in any national or international Oztag tournament are required to UNDERSTAND and sign the Australian Indigenous Oztag Code of conduct Agreement” prior to their confirmation of selection in any team.

Be proud to represent your culture and acknowledge the privilege it is to represent our Mob.

Where the player is 18 years old or younger a parent / guardian is required to co-sign the agreement. Players who decline to sign the code of conduct agreement will not have their selection confirmed.

All players and parents are responsible for following the code of conduct agreement.

If the code of conduct is not followed, AIO may impose a penalty upon the player(s) concerned including ruling them ineligible to represent Australian Indigenous Oztag for a specified period of time.

## **General**

- Players are required to abide by the AIO Code of Conduct.
- Players are required to attend training sessions marked as compulsory by the AIO committee. Players must be on time for all organized events, including transport, team meals and any other AIO organized function.
- Players are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the starting times for all scheduled events.
- Players must follow all instructions given by coaches and Oztag officials including adhering to any curfews placed on them.
- Always conduct themselves in a respectful and culturally sensitive manner.

## **On Field Behaviour**

- Abide by the rules. Never argue with the referee. Respect decisions made by referees and encourage others to do the same.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition
- Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse towards referees, officials or other players, are not acceptable or permitted in Oztag. Do not yell at, sledge, harass or ridicule others. Do not use foul, threatening or insulting language. Never make racist threats or remarks.

- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Show compassion and consideration at all times, to injured and ill players and other persons. Do everything you can to help and support them.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches. Win or lose with respect and dignity.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- AIO has a zero punch policy, any player found to have thrown a punch, whether in retaliation or not, will be suspended immediately for a minimum of 12 months

### **Off field behavior**

All players are expected at all times to exhibit a high standard of behavior and to conduct themselves in a manner befitting a representative of Australian Indigenous Oztag.

at all times will be:

- Safe for all concerned
- Considerate of others
- Law abiding
- Culturally sensitive

### **Withdrawing from a team**

- If withdrawn less than 2 weeks from tournament no refund
- If withdrawn after cut off date no refund unless replaced
- No players can withdraw then try to join another team

### **Communication**

- Players must ensure the coach and manager has their best contact details at all times and ensure an open line of communication is maintained.

### **Accommodation**

- Players must be a considerate guest in the accommodation.
- Conducting themselves at all times in an inoffensive manner being aware of language, noise level, and any other imposition on others especially when waiting in common areas.

- Players must obey all reasonable directions given by any staff member of any premises in which the team is accommodated.

### **Alcohol / Drugs**

Any alcohol consumption is discouraged, especially while the tournament is being played. Where alcohol is consumed it should be in moderation and in accordance with the laws of the host state. (ie. No under-age drinking).

Any underage player found to have been consuming alcohol will be dropped from the team immediately. If this is while the tournament is still running, they will not play the remaining games. They are required to hand their uniform into their coach and attend the tournament but will remain on the sideline. They may also receive a minimum 12 month tournament ban.

Consumption of illegal/banned substances is totally forbidden. Any player consuming illegal/banned substances will receive a minimum 12 month tournament ban.

### **Team Travel**

Players are to behave in a manner befitting a representative of AIO while traveling on any transport during the tour dates especially when wearing the AIO uniform.

### **Uniform**

Players are to wear the uniform issued by AIO during all games. Extra gear is available for purchase and can be worn at any time. Players must take pride in wearing the Australian Indigenous Oztag Uniform. Players must conduct them in an appropriate manner whenever wearing merchandise with the Oztag logo displayed.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AIO player Code of Conduct. I further acknowledge that any breach of the rules may result in me being dropped from the team, being sent home from the tournament, at my parent / guardian's expense and a suspension from representing AIO in the future.

Players Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Players Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Where the player is 18 years old or younger a parent/guardian is required to co-sign the agreement. Parents accept responsibility for:

- Supporting AIO in the above requirements
- if their child is requested to withdraw from the tournament after failing to modify their behavior after an official warning.
- Where alcohol or illegal drug use occurs, no warning system operates.
- Parents should be aware that underage alcohol consumption or illegal drug use by any players will lead to an immediate dismissal from the team. Should this be while the tournament is still running, players forfeit their right to compete in any remaining games, may be asked to go home, and will receive a minimum 12 month suspension.

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/GuardiansSignature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_