



## **AFL North Coast Infectious Diseases Policy**

### **Introduction**

The AFL North Coast supports measures that manage infectious diseases in game situations. The AFL North Coast By-Laws (p. 24) adopt and extend upon Law 22- Infectious Diseases of the 2010 Laws of Australian Football.

### **By-Law Extract**

AFL North Coast's Infectious Diseases Policy is entailed in the latest version of the AFL North Coast By-Laws.

The following is an extract from the AFL North Coast By-Laws (p. 24):

### **5.8.3 Infectious Diseases Policy**

All AFLNC Clubs are to comply with the AFL (NSW/ACT) Code of Practice for infectious diseases (H.I.V and Hepatitis B) as follows.

Clubs should strongly recommend to all players and officials that they be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.

Clubs should ensure with all due diligence and care that their dressing rooms are clean and tidy, with particular attention to hand basins, toilets and showers. Spitting and/or urinating in the team areas must not be permitted.

Trainers are to be instructed to wipe all blood away from players faces or limbs if they have been injured.

Soiled towels should be discarded and clean towels should be available to avoid reuse or sharing of bloodied material. Appropriate containers need to be accessible for storing soiled towels.

Jumpers soiled with blood should be changed at the earliest opportunity.

Trainers should wear protective gloves when dealing with a bleeding wound(s).

Players with wounds that are bleeding profusely are to leave the field for treatment and will not be permitted to resume playing until the bleeding has stopped and the wound is adequately covered.

Field umpires who observe a bleeding player are empowered to stop play and send a player from the field for treatment if in their opinion such action is warranted. Such player shall leave the field immediately through the interchange area. The replacement player may enter the field of play while the bleeding player is in the process of leaving the field and should do so through the interchange area also. The umpire shall wait until the replacement player has

reached his position on the field before restarting play. If there is any undue delay in the replacement player entering the field of play, the umpire may restart play at his/her discretion.

**Every club must have their own First Aid kit.**

