

## WAFC POL.16: Infectious Diseases Policy

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	WAFC Community Football
Lead Procedure Title:	Infectious Disease Policy
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### POLICY BACKGROUND

The West Australian Football Commission acknowledges its role in dealing with the issue of infectious diseases in Australian Football. Being in an environment where players are regularly in close contact with others can increase the risk of contracting common illnesses. The WAFC recommends following the below guidelines to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

### ACCOUNTABILITIES

RULE	DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
1.	<b>Hygiene</b> Each club or Team must ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• players do not urinate (other than in a toilet) in or about any dressing rooms or on the Playing Surface prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any match</li><li>• each of its players observe a high standard of personal hygiene, avoid spitting and wash hands regularly</li><li>• each of its players avoid sharing personal drink bottles.</li></ul>
2.	<b>Bleeding &amp; Blood Born Infections</b> Please refer to WAFC POL.15J Blood Rule which outline the rules specific to bleeding and blood born infections during matches
3.	<b>Changerooms</b> Each club or team must ensure that all change rooms and other areas occupied by the team prior to, during or immediately following the completion of any match are kept clean and that no blood remains on any surface, equipment, hand basin, toilet, shower, bath or other area.  All such surfaces, equipment and areas must be cleansed and disinfected immediately after contact with blood.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

WAFC Junior & Youth Football Rules & Regulations

WAFC POL.15J