



# CROQUET SA ANTI MATCH-FIXING POLICY

## 1. PHILOSOPHY OF AND BACKGROUND TO THE POLICY

1.1 Croquet SA is committed to ensuring fair play in the sport of croquet, and in particular considers that inappropriate betting on matches and the practice of match fixing are unacceptable. Croquet SA condemns conduct on the part of any person involved in the sport of croquet which brings the sport into disrepute.

1.2 As the peak body for the sport of croquet in South Australia, and pursuant to clause 3(l) of its constitution, Croquet SA has an object, and the power, to implement appropriate policy in relation to matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in croquet. Betting and match fixing are such issues.

1.3 Legislative changes have meant it is necessary for Croquet SA to establish and implement a policy relating to betting on the game of croquet and match fixing which governs all people associated with the game of croquet in South Australia, including players, and officials.

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this policy the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

“**Associate**” of a person means a player playing in the same game as that person.

“**Bet**” means to stake money on the outcome of a game, generally but not necessarily for the purpose of securing a pecuniary gain.

“**Board**” means the board of directors of Croquet SA.

“**Player**” means a financial, playing member who has paid Croquet SA’s capitation fee or is otherwise accepted to play in any game.

“**Controlling Body**” means the body having immediate control of the conditions under which a Game is played-

“**Event**” means any international or national competition or tournament in the sport of croquet or such other competition or tournament as is governed by Croquet SA.

“**Game**” means a game of croquet played at or as part of an event.

“**Laws of Croquet**” mean the international, national or local rules, regulations, by-laws and policies of croquet, as varied from time to time, which operate in respect of any Game in accordance with the order of precedence applying in the circumstances.

“**Match fixing**” means offering or receiving a bribe, inducement or otherwise to cause or attempt to cause a game to be determined otherwise than on its merits.

“**Official**” means any board or committee member, coach, referee, umpire, team or squad manager, promoter, or medical officer associated with a Game.

2.2 In this policy, except as otherwise defined in **clause 2**, unless the context otherwise requires, defined terms shall have the same meaning as in the constitution of Croquet SA or the laws of croquet. In the event of any conflict between the defined terms in the constitution and the laws of croquet, the defined terms in the constitution shall take precedence.

2.3 In this policy, if a word or phrase is defined, cognate words and phrases have corresponding definitions.

## 3. PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT

### 3.1 Prohibited conduct

(a) A player or an official shall not directly or indirectly (through an associate or otherwise), alone or in conjunction with another,

(i) Bet on any Game in which they or any associate or official is involved; or

(ii) Participate (whether by act or omission) in match fixing.

### **3.2 Reporting and confidentiality**

(a) A player or an official must report any actual, possible or attempted contravention of **clause 3.1** to the Executive Director who shall inform the president of Croquet SA or his/her nominee), but shall not otherwise report or discuss the alleged contravention except in accordance with this policy.

(b) Croquet SA may request any person making a report in accordance with **clause 3.2(a)** to provide particulars in writing and if so requested, the player or Official shall provide such written particulars within the required time frame.

(c) Any report made in accordance with **clause 3.2(a)** shall be dealt with confidentially by Croquet SA, unless otherwise required or permitted under this policy, the laws of croquet or at law, or unless already in the public domain.

(d) Any statement or media release regarding any alleged contravention of this policy shall only be made following determination of the matter in accordance with this policy except as is deemed appropriate or necessary to protect or preserve the reputation and goodwill of the sport of croquet.

### **3.3 Disciplinary procedure**

If a report of alleged betting or match fixing is made under **clause 3.2**, the matter shall be dealt with expediently in accordance with the disciplinary regulations of Croquet SA.

## **4. INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPLES INTO OTHER AGREEMENTS**

Croquet SA shall take such other steps as are necessary or expedient to ensure the principles set down in this policy (as varied from time to time) apply in respect of any state, national or international players, Officials and Events, including the inclusion of relevant conditions in team agreements, conditions of entry and similar documentation.

## **5. REVIEW OF POLICY**

Having regard to the evolving nature of the issues of betting and match fixing in sport, Croquet SA shall review this policy at least on an annual basis to ensure its effectiveness and may review the policy at any time. In the interests of natural justice, the policy and amendments to the policy should be brought to the attention of relevant parties in such reasonable manner as Croquet SA sees fit.

### **Clause to be inserted into Player/Official agreements:**

#### **“3.12 Acknowledgment regarding betting and match fixing**

The Player/Official acknowledges the Betting and Match Fixing Policy applies to satisfy the obligations of Croquet SA to formulate and implement appropriate policy on such matters as arise from time to time and to foster and preserve croquet through ensuring the game of croquet does not fall into disrepute.

#### **3.13 Observance of laws and policy**

The Player/Official agrees to preserve and comply with the Betting and Matching Fixing Policy as set out in the schedule and as may be varied from time to time.”

### **RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S)**

Vice President

### **AUTHORITY**

Board of Croquet SA

### **REVIEW DATE**

November 2015