



NEPEAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC

Defibrillator Policy for NFA Club Venues

Conditions of Affiliation and Operational Requirements

1. Purpose

It is a condition of club affiliation, as set out in the NFA Constitution, that all clubs have working defibrillators available at all playing and training venues at all times. This policy outlines the requirements and responsibilities specifically relating to externally mounted defibrillator units installed by Staying Alive P/L.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all clubs affiliated with the association, covering both training and match venues, and governs the acquisition, use, and maintenance of defibrillators.

3. Mandatory Availability

- a) All clubs must ensure that a defibrillator is available and operational at every venue where club activities, including both training sessions and matches, take place.
- b) Compliance with this requirement is a condition of club affiliation and is subject to regular review by the association.

4. Defibrillator Installation and Maintenance

4.1. Permanently Mounted External Units – NFA Grant Supplied

- a) If a club venue is fitted with a permanently mounted, external defibrillator unit supplied through an NFA grant, the following maintenance provisions apply:
- b) Servicing and maintenance costs for the unit will be fully covered by the NFA for the first five (5) years of the unit's operational life.
- c) From the sixth (6th) year onwards, all servicing, maintenance, and operational costs become the responsibility of the club.

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- d) If a club does not wish to assume responsibility for servicing and maintenance costs beyond the fifth year, it is required to notify the association immediately.
- e) Upon notification, the club must either arrange for the removal of the unit or accept ongoing responsibility for its servicing.
- f) In the event of removal, the club must ensure alternative compliance through the provision of portable defibrillator units at all training sessions and match days.

4.2. Portable Defibrillator Units

- a) Clubs without a permanently mounted external unit, or clubs that have opted to remove such a unit post-NFA coverage, must ensure that portable defibrillator units are available and operational at all venues during both training and matches.
- b) It is the club's responsibility to ensure these portable units are maintained and that all staff and volunteers are familiar with their location and operation.

5. Costs Associated with Use

- a) Effective from the 2026 season, when a defibrillator unit is deployed for life-saving purposes at a club venue, the following cost recovery process applies:
- b) The club to which the individual (player, spectator, or official) receiving life-saving treatment is affiliated will be invoiced by the association for the cost of consumables (such as electrode pads or batteries) and any reset or reactivation costs incurred as a result of the deployment.

6. Compliance and Enforcement

- a) Regular audits may be conducted by the association to ensure that all clubs meet these requirements.
- b) Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension of club affiliation.

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and may be updated to reflect best practices and evolving requirements for club safety and compliance.

For further information or clarification, clubs should contact the association directly.

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