



AUSTRALIAN  
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# AFA Matting Policy Access to and use of Matting

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## AFA MATTING – ACCESS TO AND USE OF

The **AFA** has acquired 3 sets of indoor matting that are located in storage facilities in Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane, centres where indoor facilities suitable for flyball are available. Whilst the Sydney based mats were a donation to the **AFA**, for involvement in the World Dog Games, the other two sets of mats involved a significant outlay of **AFA member** funds and accordingly the **AFA** wishes to ensure that **AFA members** benefit from use of all mats.

The mats are primarily designed to allow use of indoor facilities for the conduct of sanctioned **flyball events**. Use of mats for non-sanctioned flyball activities by **clubs** will be considered on a case by case basis taking into account the nature and purpose of the activities. In general terms all uses of mats should be assessed as being in the best interests of the development and promotion of the sport of flyball. **AFA** mats will NOT be hired or made available to external non-**AFA** affiliated organisations.

Mats are available for **host clubs** to access for **race meetings** and such access will involve a payment of \$10 per **team** entered. In addition, the hiring **club** is to supply suitable tape to secure the matting in place for the duration of the **race meeting**. The hiring **club** is also responsible for the safe transport of matting from and return to the storage facility. **Clubs** are requested to take care in the removal of tape from the matting and the rolling of the mats for storage. Mats must be swept or vacuumed to remove loose material before rolling and reasonable care must be taken to avoid cutting or crushing the material, including not driving vehicles over, not placing heavy items or chairs or tables on, and not wearing high heels or sharp heels when walking over the mats.

Mats are available to **clubs** for use in other sanctioned **flyball events** planned to be held in suitable indoor areas. Terms of such access will be decided on a case by case basis, taking into account issues such as whether the sanctioned event involves an entry fee or other payment to the organiser and the assessed general promotional value of the activity to the general membership of the **AFA**.

As a general guide where the organiser is planning to impose any charge for attendance in order to recover costs the **AFA** will expect that a matting hire fee will apply. As a guide a minimum charge of \$100 per day is envisaged as a suitable cost recovery. In all cases the organiser will be responsible for provision of tape and transport and care of mats as outlined in the terms of use for **race meetings** above.

Mats MAY be made available to **clubs** for use in non- sanctioned activities (normally resulting from restricted access to **club** members or only selected **AFA members** at the discretion of the **AFA committee**.

Where a date conflict arises between a **race meeting** and any other use, the **race meeting** shall generally be given priority except where a commitment to the other use was made prior to sanctioning of the **race meeting**.

As outlined earlier mats will not be made available to organisations not affiliated with the **AFA** for use in non flyball activities.