

ZERO VIOLENCE / NO STRIKE POLICY

1. Policy Statement

International Tag Federation is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment. Physical violence, aggression or intimidation has no place in our sport and will not be tolerated.

International Tag Federation adopts a zero-tolerance approach to striking and any form of physical violence.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff and spectators involved in International Tag Federation activities, including:

- Matches and competitions
- Training sessions
- Tournaments and representative events
- Travel and accommodation
- Any situation connected to International Tag Federation activities

3. Definition of Striking and Violence

For the purposes of this policy, striking or violence means any intentional act, attempt, or threat of physical contact with the purpose of harming, injuring, intimidating or retaliating against another person.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Punching
- Kicking
- Slapping
- Elbowing
- Headbutting
- Pushing or shoving with force
- Grabbing or throwing a person
- Any off-field physical altercation

Normal incidental contact within the rules of Tag does not constitute striking.

4. Prohibited Conduct

Participants must not:

- Strike or attempt to strike another person
- Engage in physical retaliation
- Threaten physical violence
- Leave the field or sideline area to engage in a confrontation

All disputes must be resolved through officials or event management.

5. Immediate Consequences

Referees and officials have the authority to:

- Immediately remove a participant from a match or venue
- Report the incident for further disciplinary action

Serious incidents may result in removal from the venue and referral to event management or security.

6. Disciplinary Action

Any person found to have engaged in striking or violence will be:

- Banned from the remainder of the International Tag Federation event they were competing in.
- Be reported to their National body who may impose further sanctions

International Tag Federation may impose an interim suspension while an investigation is underway.

7. Reporting Incidents

Incidents should be reported immediately to referees, officials or event staff.

Reports should include:

- Names of those involved
- Description of the incident
- Any witnesses or evidence

If a child is involved, International Tag Federation safeguarding procedures will also apply.

Serious assaults may be referred to police or relevant authorities.

8. Investigation Process

International Tag Federation will investigate all reports promptly, fairly and impartially. Decisions will consider evidence, witness statements and any relevant match reports.

9. Appeals

Individuals subject to disciplinary action may appeal in accordance with International Tag Federation's appeals procedures.

10. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects best practice and community expectations.