

## **Message to AFA Members regarding clubs with multiple branches:**

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Members,

Over the last three weeks, the National Committee has received a significant amount of correspondence regarding clubs with multiple branches. A number of issues have been raised and there is obviously a range of views.

Your Committee discussed the matter in its December monthly meeting. It was beyond what could be done in a regular meeting, so we asked for more input and considered it in greater depth at a special meeting last Monday night, when it became evident that the issues involved were complex and had potentially far-reaching implications for the development of Flyball in Australia.

Minutes of both December meetings are available on the AFA Web site under the Member drop down index - Committee - then Announcements.

The reason for this message to you today is to advise you that, while we do not yet have a solution, we are taking the matter seriously and are dealing with it systematically and carefully. We are fully aware that a hasty or poorly considered decision could have unintended consequences.

While we are going through this process, which we expect could take months rather than weeks, the status quo will not change. One conclusion the Committee has been able to reach consensus on is that, although people are clearly concerned, no rules are being broken.

It is likely that awareness of the matter, although already quite widespread through the Flyball community, is still spreading. Members who become aware of it through this message and who have particular concerns should understand that they, as a member of the Association, may write to the Committee via the Secretary to express their view. Please include your CRN on any correspondence so we can make sure it is only Members whose views are taken into account.

In the meantime, please continue to enjoy your Flyball, have a happy and safe Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Richard Mellon