



United States Australian Football League

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USAFL Tournament Housing Policy

The goal of the USAFL housing policy is to provide the best hotel options and minimize costs for clubs and players to attend USAFL tournaments and events. To participate in an event, teams must stay within the group housing block at one of the event-approved hotels. ***Any club that does not stay at an official USAFL partner hotel will be fined \$500 for Regionals and \$1,000 for Nationals.*** The only exception is for teams whose mailing address is within a 90-mile radius of the tournament location. The exemption allows those teams who could safely drive home to their place of residence before, during, and/or after tournament play.

Housing Policy Why?

The USAFL hotel policy has been in place for 10+ years and is in place for several reasons. First, grants and funding from host states and cities, Convention Visitors Bureaus and sports commissions is based upon teams utilizing these official tournament hotels. When a team does not stay at an official partner hotel it reduces the amount of grants and funding the USAFL receives to cover tournament expenses. Second, under this policy hotels also offer concessions, lower rates, comp meeting space, free parking, comp rooms and rebates based on number of room nights booked.

Therefore expenses are minimized or offset and this has allowed the league to operate tournaments without having to charge an entry fee to teams. If this policy were not in place the league would have to charge each team \$500 - \$750 fee for Regionals and \$1,100 - \$1,500 for Nationals to cover field rental, umpires and athletic trainers. This is not feasible for the majority of USAFL clubs.



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Housing Policy Benefits

The USAFL strives to provide teams with the most enjoyable, worry-free experience and focus on the game, benefits include:

- The lowest group rate at the available hotels
- Hotel amenities offered within the rate may include: free breakfast, free or discounted parking, and complimentary Wi-Fi that might not otherwise be built-in to the rate
- No tournament fees for teams, see above.
- Convenient single booking system and personal customer service via email or phone
- Hotel cancellation insurance that covers the hotel cost should an event get cancelled. This is not something that most individuals will be able to obtain outside of the room blocks established by the event.
- Having all the teams located in hotels that are known by the event organizers helps with communication throughout the event as well as coordinating transportation to post tournament events.

Very Sincerely,

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President, United States Australian Football League

