

**SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA
OPT OUT NOTICE TO GROUP MEMBERS**



**Neds/Ladbrokes Class Action
Bergman v Entain Group Pty Limited (S ECI 2025 01120)**

This notice is sent by Order of the Supreme Court of Victoria

The Supreme Court of Victoria has ordered that you receive this notice because you may be a group member in a class action in the Supreme Court of Victoria against Entain Group Pty Limited, which operates gambling and wagering services through the Neds and Ladbrokes brands.

It is important that you read this notice carefully because it may affect your legal rights.

You have two options:

OPTION A: Opt out

If you do not want to participate in the class action, you must 'opt out' by **8 October 2026 at 4:00pm (AEDT)**. If you opt out, you will not be bound by any settlement or judgment in the class action and you will not be entitled to claim any compensation through it. You can opt out by submitting this online form: <https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/areas/group-proceedings/ladbroke-and-neds-class-action/option-out> **OR** you can fill out and return an 'Notice of Opting Out' to the Civil Registry of the Supreme Court of Victoria by email or post at the address on the form attached to this Notice.

OPTION B: Do nothing

If you do nothing, you will remain a group member in the class action and will be bound by any settlement or judgment. If the class action is successful, you may be entitled to claim compensation. The consequences of remaining a group member are set out in this notice under the heading "What does 'opting out' mean?" below.

You do not need to do anything now if you want to participate in the Neds/Ladbroke Class Action.

You can register your interest in the Neds/Ladbroke Class Action with Maurice Blackburn, the lawyers representing the plaintiff and group members, here: <https://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au/nedsladbrokes>. You do not have to register now but you might be required to register later if you want to claim compensation through the class action. Registering now will mean Maurice Blackburn can keep you up to date about the progress of the Neds/Ladbroke Class Action, including any deadlines to register.

Am I a group member?

1. You are a group member in the Neds/Ladbroke Class Action if you placed one or more live bets with Entain using a "Fast Code" from 4 March 2019 to 4 March 2025 (**Relevant Period**) (**Fast Code Bet**), and suffered loss or damage arising from bets with Entain using the Fast Code.
2. Entain's records show that you placed a live bet on a sporting event with Neds or Ladbroke in the Relevant Period. If your live bet was a Fast Code Bet, you may be a group member in the Neds/Ladbroke Class Action.
3. You are not a group member if you are (i) a Minister of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; (ii) a judge, magistrate or other judicial officer of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or (iii) an officer or employee of Entain.

What is a class action?

4. A class action is a legal case which brings the claims of a group of persons (Group Members) together in a single proceeding. This can occur because their claims arise out of the same, similar, or related circumstances.
5. Unless a group member opts out (as explained below), they are automatically covered by the class action even if they did not take any active steps to join it.

What is the Neds/Ladbrokes Class Action about?

6. The Neds/Ladbrokes Class Action alleges that Entain's provision of a live gambling service using a Fast Code contravened the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (Cth). As a result, it claims that:
 - a. Entain has breached contracts between itself and Group Members and/or engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct in contravention of section 18 of the Australian Consumer Law. As a result, Entain is liable to pay compensation for loss or damage suffered by Group Members. The amount of compensation is the amount staked, and lost, by a group member on Fast Code Bets, less any amounts won by the group member on Fast Code Bets.
 - b. Alternatively, each contract under which a Fast Code Bet was made, which resulted in a loss to a Group Member (**Losing Bet Contract**), is void or unenforceable and Entain has been unjustly enriched. As a result, Entain is required to make restitution (refund) group members moneys paid to Entain pursuant to those Losing Bet Contracts. The amount of restitution (refund) is the amount staked, and lost, by a group member on Fast Code Bets, without deducting any winnings.
7. The class action does not seek compensation for other losses a person may have suffered because of in-play betting or gambling with Entain more generally.
8. Entain denies the allegations and is defending the claims.

What does "opting out" mean?

9. If you do not want to participate in this class action and you are a group member, you must opt out by **4.00pm (AEDT) on 8 October 2026**.
10. If you 'opt out' of the Neds/Ladbrokes Class Action:
 - a) you will not be a group member in this class action.
 - b) you will not be able to claim any money or have a right to share in any benefit of any order, judgment or settlement, and you will not be bound by any settlement or judgment.
 - c) you may be able to bring your own claims common to the class action against the defendant, if you bring the case within the time limit that applies.
11. You do not have to opt out to preserve your ability to bring any claims against Entain which are not common to the Neds/Ladbrokes Class Action. However, if you want to bring your own claims against the defendant, you should seek independent legal advice about your claims and any time limits before opting out.
12. If you do not opt out, you will continue to be a group member and you will be bound by any settlement or judgment in the class action. This includes potentially being eligible to share in any compensation from a settlement or judgment if the class action is successful.

Does it cost anything to be part of the class action or to opt out?

13. It does not cost anything to opt out of the Class Action.

14. Group members will never have to pay “out of pocket” legal costs simply by remaining a group member in the class action. The Supreme Court of Victoria has made a “group costs order” in this proceeding. This means that if there is a successful outcome in the Neds/Ladbroke’s Class Action, any legal costs payable to Maurice Blackburn will be calculated as 33% of the amount of monetary compensation recovered for the group members through any successful settlement or judgment.
15. If the class action is unsuccessful and the defendant’s costs need to be paid, Maurice Blackburn will pay those costs.
16. For more information, please visit
 - a. Maurice Blackburn’s website: <https://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au/class-actions/join-a-class-action/neds-ladbroke-class-action/>
 - b. The Supreme Court of Victoria’s website: <https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/areas/group-proceedings/ladbroke-and-neds-class-action>
17. Alternatively, you can seek independent legal advice.
18. The Supreme Court should not be contacted for legal advice.
19. This notice was approved by the Supreme Court and published pursuant to orders made on 27 July 2026.

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NOTICE OF OPTING OUT BY GROUP MEMBER

ONLY FILL IN THIS FORM IF YOU DO **NOT** WANT TO BE A GROUP MEMBER

If you would like to **opt out** of the Neds/Ladbrokes Class Action, you must complete this form online via the Supreme Court of Victoria website **OR** return this completed form to the Supreme Court of Victoria by email or by post, at the addresses on this form, by **4:00pm (AEDT) on 8 October 2026**.

To: Civil Registry
Supreme Court of Victoria
210 William Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000
nedsladbrokesclassaction@supcourt.vic.gov.au

I, [print name], am
(select **one** option only)

- ☐ a group member;
- ☐ an Executor for the Estate of who is a group member;
- ☐ a power of attorney for who is a group member; or
- ☐ a solicitor acting for who is a group member.

in the above group proceeding, and give notice under section 33J(2) of the *Supreme Court Act 1986* that I am **opting out** of this proceeding (if a group member) or on behalf of the group member whom I represent (if I am a representative of that group member).

Date:	
Signature of group member, director of group member, Executor, power of attorney or solicitor for group member:	
Mobile telephone number of group member:	
Email address of group member:	
Postal Address of group member:	