

Ipswich Football Club Smoke Drug and Alcohol



Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote a safe, healthy, and positive environment at Ipswich Football Club, free from the negative impact of smoking, drug use, and alcohol misuse. This policy aims to protect the health and well-being of all members, including players, coaches, staff, volunteers, and spectators, in line with Queensland laws and regulations.

Scope

This policy applies to all club members, including players, coaches, staff, volunteers, parents, guardians, and spectators. It covers all club activities, events, training sessions, and matches, whether held at the club's premises or any other location.

Principles

- The club is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for all members.
- Smoking, drug use, and alcohol misuse are not acceptable in any form, particularly around children and young people.
- The club will comply with all relevant laws, regulations, and guidelines, including those set out by the Queensland Government and Football Queensland.

Definitions

Smoking: The act of inhaling and exhaling the smoke of tobacco or other substances, including electronic cigarettes (vaping).

Drugs: Any substance, legal or illegal, that alters mental or physical function, including but not limited to illicit drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, and certain prescription medications.

Alcohol: Any beverage containing ethanol, commonly referred to as alcoholic beverages.

Smoke-Free Policy

Smoking is strictly prohibited within the club's facilities, including clubrooms, changing rooms, and any indoor or outdoor areas where club activities are held.

Smoking is also prohibited within 10 meters of all playing fields, spectator areas, and any areas primarily used by children and young people.

Coaches, staff, and volunteers are expected to model appropriate behaviour by not smoking while performing their roles, especially around children and young people.

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Alcohol Policy

Alcohol is not permitted on the field of play, in changing rooms, or in any areas primarily used by children or young people.

Club members, including players, coaches, and volunteers, must not be under the influence of alcohol during any club activities, including training sessions, matches, or events.

Strictly No 'Bring Your Own' (BYO) Alcohol: Members, guests, and spectators are not permitted to bring their own alcohol to any club premises, events, or activities.

The consumption of alcohol at club functions or events must be in line with Queensland liquor licensing laws. Responsible service of alcohol (RSA) will be enforced, and only designated personnel will be allowed to serve alcohol.

No alcohol promotions or sponsorships that target minors or encourage excessive drinking will be permitted.

Drug Policy

The use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited at all club activities and on club premises.

The misuse of prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs by any member is not permitted.

The use of performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) is strictly prohibited, in line with Football Queensland and national anti-doping policies.

Any member found in possession of or under the influence of illegal drugs during club activities will be subject to immediate disciplinary action and may be reported to law enforcement authorities.

Education and Awareness

The club will provide information and education to all members on the risks associated with smoking, drug use, and alcohol misuse.

The club will promote healthy lifestyle choices and provide resources or access to support services for those seeking assistance with substance-related issues.

Support and Assistance

Members who seek help for issues related to smoking, drug use, or alcohol misuse will be supported in a confidential and non-judgmental manner.

The club will provide information on local health services, counseling, and support groups for members seeking assistance.

Reporting and Disciplinary Action

Any member found in breach of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or termination of membership or employment.

All concerns or incidents related to smoking, drug use, or alcohol misuse should be reported to the Club Committee or a designated officer.

The club will handle all reports confidentially, respecting the privacy of all parties involved.

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Non-compliance Process

1. Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the areas in which smoking is permitted
2. Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.
3. Police are to be called if person/people concerned refuse

Communication and Compliance

This policy will be communicated to all club members, parents, and guardians and will be made publicly available on the club's website.

All members are required to comply with this policy. Regular reminders and updates will be provided through meetings, newsletters, and club communications.

Review and Monitoring

The club will review this policy annually or as required by changes in legislation or club requirements.

Feedback from members will be sought to ensure the policy remains effective and relevant.

Contact Information

Queensland Police Service: 131 444 (non-emergency) or 000 (emergency)

Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) Queensland: 1800 177 833

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