



GOOD SPORTS POLICY

(Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, Smoking & Safe Transport)

Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines our club's position on providing an alcohol free and smoke free environment to ensure the club continues to provide a safe and healthy place for families to play and enjoy **Soccer**. The purpose of this policy is to also ensure the club committee and club members understand the club's position regarding illegal drugs and how it will respond to a drug-related incident within its jurisdiction.

This policy assists our club to:

- Meet its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend any club training, games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Uphold the reputation of the club, our sponsors and partners.

This policy applies to all our members, volunteers and visitors.

2. ALCOHOL

SCCSA is alcohol free. We do not permit the consumption of alcohol at club related events and activities including meetings, after training or games, end of season/presentation functions, sponsors' functions, trivia nights and other fundraising events.

We understand alcohol misuse can lead to unsafe or unacceptable behaviour, drink-driving and other alcohol-related harm.

Our club will ensure:

- Alcohol is not advertised, promoted, served or consumed at any club games, events, or activities.
- Alcohol is not brought into the club premises and grounds during club games, events, functions or activities i.e. no BYO.
- Committee members, members, players and officials will not compete, train, coach or officiate if affected by alcohol or other drugs.
- Any person who comes to club-related activities and seems intoxicated will be asked to leave and provided with options for safe transport from our club, where available. Police may be contacted to remove the person, if required. (For the purposes of this policy, a person is defined as being in a state of intoxication if his or her speech, balance, co-ordination or behaviour is noticeably affected and there are reasonable grounds for believing that this is the result of the consumption of alcohol.)
- Our club will avoid providing awards (e.g. at end of season presentations) and fundraising prizes that have an emphasis on alcohol.



- Alcohol sponsorship, brands and products are not sought, promoted or advertised by the club and are not placed on club apparel.
- Alcohol is not provided as an award to a player or official for any reason.
- Club organised trips, particularly end of season player trips strictly adhere to responsible behaviour in accordance with the principles of this policy and the values of the club.

3. SMOKING

SCCSA is smoke free. We understand the harmful effects of smoking on health, fitness and performance in sport and that passive smoking (secondhand tobacco smoke) is also hazardous to health.

Non-smokers should be protected from the involuntary inhalation of tobacco smoke at our games, events, functions and other activities.

Our club will ensure:

- All events will be promoted as smoke-free, regardless of where they are held.
- Members, volunteers and visitors will know we are a smoke free club and will abide by our club policy.
- No-smoking signage and/or signage promoting events as smoke-free will be displayed around the club and at games, events or functions (where possible).

4. ILLEGAL DRUGS

Illegal drugs are defined as “a substance that is not permitted to be taken or used according to state or national laws such as cannabis (marijuana), amphetamines (speed and “ice”), ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and a range of new psycho-active substances known as synthetic drugs. This policy does not apply to pharmaceutical drugs or performance enhancing drugs (unless they are captured in the above definition).

SCCSA does not allow the use, distribution or selling of illegal drugs by any club member or any visitors within our club’s jurisdiction.

The committee will investigate all illegal drug-related concerns or incidents in a timely and discreet manner. Once all relevant facts and circumstances are known, the president will recommend appropriate approaches and/or disciplinary measures to the club committee based on the guiding principles outlined in club document “*Responding to Illegal Drugs*”.

5. SAFE TRANSPORT

SCCSA recognises mixing drugs (including prescription medication) with other drugs or alcohol can seriously affect the ability to drive safely. Driving when over the legal blood alcohol limit is illegal and hazardous to individuals and the wider community.

If any committee members, members, players or officials are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, our club will take steps to help them get home safely. For example offer them a ride home or call a taxi or sober person to collect them.



6. PROMOTING THIS POLICY

Our club will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and the benefits of having such a policy.
- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and will promote it via **[our website, newsletters, social media, announcements during events and functions]**.
- Use our social media platforms to actively demonstrate our club position in relation to alcohol and smoke free environments.
- Actively participate in the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports program with an ongoing priority to **[achieve/maintain]** the highest Good Sports accreditation.



7. NON-COMPLIANCE


Our club will respond to all breaches of this policy. Any disciplinary measures imposed under our policy must:

- Be fair and reasonable and will focus on the safety and welfare of those directly and indirectly involved.
- Be based on the evidence and information gathered and the impact on the club, other members, players, patrons, visitors and the community.
- Consider the age and personal circumstances of the people involved.

8. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

SIGNATURE:

Signed: 
Club President

Date: 20/5/19

Signed: 
Club Secretary

Date: 20/5/19

Next policy review date is **[insert day/month/year]**

ENQUIRIES REGARDING OUR POLICY:

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