

Geelong Soccer Club Drug & Alcohol Policy



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The Geelong Soccer Club (“Club”) is committed to providing a safe, healthy, family friendly and successful sport environment. All players, members, spectators and visitors at the Club have a responsibility to ensure that they take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety and that of others whilst in this environment by not being affected by alcohol or drugs (i.e. a chemical substance, whether it is legal or illegal, which may have the ability to impair a person’s physical or mental capacity such as speed, heroin, amphetamines, LSD, crack, cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana etc. or performance enhancing drugs such as anabolic steroids) to the extent that it impacts on their own or another person’s recreational enjoyment or safety.

The effects of intoxication and the regular use of or dependence on alcohol or drugs are associated with impaired judgement and skills, reduced concentration, erratic behavior, aggression and violence, and increased accidents. These behaviors and activities may seriously affect member safety and ethical standards within the Club.

All members, spectators and visitors at the Club are prohibited from selling, distributing, manufacturing, possessing or consuming drugs when on the premises of the Club or at any Club function.

All players are prohibited from arriving to a match or returning to a match from any break under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The Club reserves the right to take action if any person is affected by alcohol or drugs, so as to endanger their own safety or the safety of any other person at the Club’s premises, including but not limited to:

- Immediately approach the person to discuss the issue and its implications;
- Suspend the person from Club until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Committee;
- Remove the person from the Club’s if they pose a risk to themselves or others;
- Immediately contact emergency services in circumstances that warrant such action;
- Counsel the person internally regarding their use of alcohol or drugs;
- Refer the person to appropriate organisations to address the misuse or abuse of illicit substances.

It is recognised that after match and weekend functions organised by the Club will involve the consumption of alcohol. It is expected that members, spectators and visitors consume alcohol responsibly at these times. Should a person be significantly intoxicated, the Club reserves the right to refuse the service of alcohol in accordance with the Liquor Licensing Act and take actions as described above.

Resources:

- Direct Line – 24 hours alcohol and drug information and counseling. Tel: 1800 888 236
- <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/alcohol-and-drugs>
- Emergency Services: call 000 for ambulance or police attendance in an emergency
- Police: call (03) 5225 3100 for police attendance (not an emergency)