

ILLEGAL DRUGS POLICY

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(a) Introduction

Lyndoch Cricket Club does not allow the use, distribution or selling of illegal drugs by any Club member or any visitors within our Club's jurisdiction. This policy reflects our Club's commitment to protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of all persons associated with the club and all persons in attendance at club activities.

(b) Purpose of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to 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.

(c) Extent of this policy

This policy refers to illegal drugs only, which is 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). This policy should be read and understood in conjunction with the Club's code of conduct.

(d) When does this policy apply?

This policy applies whenever the individual is taking part in activities under the Club's jurisdiction. This includes our Club's facilities, games, matches, training, events and trips organised by the club. Private behaviour of members is not included in this policy as the Club cannot be responsible for the behaviour of its members outside our Club's jurisdiction; however, this policy will apply whenever an individual is wearing a part of the official Club uniform which would identify them as being a representative of the Club.

(e) Who does this policy apply to?

All Club members and visitors to our Club.

(f) Responsibilities

Our Club will:

- Activate and comply with the policy
- Promote the policy to everyone within our Club
- Promote and role model expected standards of behaviours at all times
- Appoint and support appropriate persons such as mentors to lead the initial response, investigation and action for all illegal drug-related incidents
- Respond to breaches of this policy discreetly and in a timely manner
- Investigate all apparent, or alleged, breaches of this policy and take action after all relevant facts and circumstances are known
- Ensure all responses and actions will reflect the Club's duty of care to members and visitors
- Review this policy every year
- Educate members on illegal drugs
- Have a list of health service providers in our area who would be able to support an individual with a drug and/or alcohol-related issue

Individuals will:

- Comply with the policy
- Promote and role model expected standards of behaviours at all times
- Be responsible and accountable for their behaviour
- Alert Club officials with any concern about illegal drug use within the Club
- Honour our commitment to the health, safety and welfare of all of our members

(g) Responding to illegal drugs

Privacy

- Where possible, the investigation of illegal drug-related concerns or incidents will remain confidential in line with our club's privacy policy. The privacy policy of the Lyndoch Cricket Club is as follows:
 - The Lyndoch Cricket Club will always act with discretion
 - Subject to its right to contact the police if necessary, the Lyndoch Cricket Club will maintain the privacy of those involved as far as possible
 - Club members will be informed about the incident on a need-to-know basis only

Investigating the concern or incident

- 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 this policy

Response

- When responding to an illegal drug-related concern or incident, the responses by the Club will focus on the safety and welfare of those directly and indirectly involved. All responses will reflect the Club's duty of care to members and visitors
- All illegal drug-related concerns or incidents should be discussed with the Club's President as soon as possible. The President will document the issue using the incident register and investigate the concern/incident further. In the event that the President is not available, another Management Committee member may substitute for them
- If illegal drugs are being distributed or sold on the Club's premises by a member or visitor of any age, the President will contact the local police to seek their advice
- If illegal drugs are found within the Club's jurisdiction the President will contact local police to seek their advice and expertise on how they can be disposed of safely

Illegal drug use by a member under 18 years

- Where the Club identifies that a person under the age of 18 years is involved in illegal drug use the Lyndoch Cricket Club will:
 - Inform the individual that the President or relevant Committee member may contact the parent or guardian to discuss the incident if it is appropriate and safe to do so
 - Contact the parent or guardian to discuss, unless, informing the parent or guardian would put the individual at risk of greater harm
- In the case of a visitor in this instance, the Lyndoch Cricket Club will inform the visiting club

(h) 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
- Take into account the age and personal circumstances of the people involved
- Take into account whether the incident involved personal use of an illegal drug and/or the supply of an illegal drug to other people

Breaches of policy:

- If a member uses/is affected by, sells/distributes or is found in possession of illegal drugs in the club's jurisdiction, the following will occur:
 - Safety and wellbeing of the individual(s) will be prioritised; appropriate medical assistance will be sought and/or next of kin notified if required
 - The Lyndoch Cricket Club will contact the local police to seek their advice
 - Consequences for the individual(s) will depend on the circumstances or severity

- Where applicable, the individual(s) may be referred to a local health service provider
- If the individual(s) concerned is/are under 18, their parent/guardian would be informed immediately of the incident and of the consequences, unless informing the parent/guardian would put the individual at risk of greater harm
- In the case of a visitor, the Lyndoch Cricket Club will inform the visiting club
- The Club will appoint a senior person to act as a mentor to a suspended individual(s) for a nominated period of time and to assist them to reintegrate with the Club, if applicable
- Assist individual(s) breaching policy in being safely transported to their home.
 - When the individual's health has returned to a normal state, the Club President or Committee members may investigate and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the individual(s)

(i) Managing media

All contact with the media related to a drug-related allegation or incident within the Club's jurisdiction will be managed by the club's official spokesperson.