



CLUB BEHAVIOR POLICY

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Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club Alcohol and Illicit Substances Policy

1. Purpose

1.1 Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club (BUCC) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and family-friendly environment. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure responsible use of alcohol at all club venues and events.
- Prohibit the use or distribution of illicit or banned substances in all club-related settings.
- Protect the health and wellbeing of all members, particularly children and young people
- Maintain the reputation and values of BUCC.

2. Alcohol

2.1 Permitted Use

- Alcohol may only be consumed at the club by persons over 18 years of age.
- Consumption must be limited to licenced areas and in accordance with Victorian liquor laws.

2.2 Responsible Service

- All club functions involving alcohol will follow the principles of Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA).
- Bar volunteers must hold a valid RSA certificate.
- The club may choose to limit or cease the supply of alcohol if behaviour becomes unsafe or disrespectful.

3. Illicit or Banned Substances

3.1 Prohibited Use

- The possession, use, or distribution of illicit or banned substances is strictly prohibited:
 - At the club (including facilities, grounds, car parks).
 - During any club matches, training sessions, or official events.
 - While wearing club apparel or representing the club in any capacity.

3.2 Medication Use

- Prescription or over-the-counter medications should only be used as directed by a medical professional.
- Players are responsible for ensuring compliance with anti-doping policies if participating in higher-level competitions.

4. Breaches and Sanctions

4.1 Reporting and Investigation

- Any concerns regarding breaches should be reported confidentially to a member of the Executive Committee or the Member Protection Officer.
- The Committee will investigate the matter and assess the severity, intent, and impact.

4.2 Internal Sanctions

Depending on the nature of the breach, the following sanctions may be applied:

Severity	Example	Possible Sanctions
Low	Visible intoxication at a senior-only event	Verbal or written warning
Moderate	Excessive consumption of alcohol around juniors, or being under the influence while coaching	Suspension from duties or matches (1–3 weeks), education
High	Possession or use of illicit substances at club venues or events	Immediate internal suspension (2+ weeks), potential deregistration, education

• The club reserves the right to escalate serious breaches to local authorities or governing bodies.
 • Repeated or serious breaches may result in deregistration or termination of membership.

5. Education and Prevention

- The Club will promote awareness of this policy at the start of each season.
- Volunteers and team leaders will be supported in understanding their responsibilities under this policy.
- The Club will encourage open, non-judgemental conversations about wellbeing, substance use, and support services.



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