

OAKLEIGH WARRIOR



The Oakleigh Basketball Association Alcohol and Drug Policy and Procedures

Overview

The purpose of the Alcohol and Illicit Drug Policy is to provide guidelines for the management of the use or misuse of alcohol and illicit drugs within the Association and to outline disciplinary measures that may result from breaches of this policy (See schedule 1)

Key objectives include protection of the health and welfare of OBA members, protection of the reputation of the OBA and taking a socially responsible position on a key health issue. Comprehensive alcohol and drug policies and procedures address the reality of drug use and associated problems in the community and reflect a commitment to the health, safety and welfare of the OBA community.

Alcohol and illicit drug misuse is a social and health problem, which is responsive to prevention, and appropriate diagnosis and treatment. The OBA aims to encourage moderation and a responsible attitude toward the consumption of alcohol, and minimize alcohol and illicit drug related harm to its members

Policy and Application

Members of the Association should not be adversely affected by alcohol or illicit drugs whilst engaged in Association activities, competitions, functions or business.

Members of the Association should observe local, state and federal laws in relation to using, possessing, giving or selling alcohol or illicit drugs. All members of the Association share responsibility for protecting the competitive environment by exemplifying high standards of professional and personal conduct.

The OBA has a legitimate interest in taking appropriate action if alcohol or illicit drug use is adversely affecting health, safety or performance of an individual or group within the Association, or brings the Association into disrepute.

The OBA does not condone or support the use, possession, cultivation or trafficking of illicit drugs or the misuse and abuse of prescription or other medication. The Alcohol and Drug Policy and Procedures apply to all members of the Association at any activities undertaken on Association sites. This includes:

- All registered members, including parents of junior members, as per the constitution
- All association employees whilst they are working for, or representing the Association in any capacity.

Relevant Legislation

- Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985
- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998
- Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act (Vic) 1981

Responsibilities

Members

Members must not attend Association competitions, training or events if adversely affected by alcohol or illicit drugs.

Staff

Staff must ensure that they do not attend the Association offices, sites or events if adversely affected by alcohol or illicit drugs. If the Association determines that a staff member is impaired by alcohol or illicit drug use, they may direct that staff member to cease work immediately.

Staff members are responsible for setting parameters for acceptable behaviour and addressing inappropriate behaviour in members. Staff are not expected to diagnose or counsel members who appear to be misusing alcohol or illicit drugs; however they do have a responsibility, where appropriate, to encourage members to seek assistance if they believe misuse of alcohol or illicit drugs is occurring.

Management and Use of Alcohol

Events involving alcohol

These are events that are hosted and endorsed by, or affiliated with, the Association regardless of their size, location or participants. All activities involving alcohol must have at least one nominated person who will be responsible for the planning, management and safe conduct of the event.

This person should do everything that is reasonable and practicable to reduce or eliminate risk and minimise harmful consequences arising from the conduct of the event. This includes ensuring that the event is held in accordance with relevant Federal and State laws and Association policies and regulations.

(See Schedule 2)

Emergency Assistance

In the event of an emergency occurring at an event involving alcohol or illicit drugs the Event Manager should contact the Ambulance, Fire Brigade or Police Services as appropriate by dialling 000

Education/ Intervention

To minimize the risk to members, the Association will provide programs to educate and assist its members. These will include the following.

Illicit Drug and Alcohol information and educational sessions

The Association will provide a compulsory educational session for all its representative members aged 15 and upwards once a year. All member clubs will be encouraged to attend these sessions too.

Designated Medical Officer/Confidential Drug Testing

Where appropriate, the OBA may advise referral to the OBA medical officer. The member/members parents will bear the costs of this consultation. This is a confidential consultation, and aims to address and resolve any issues prior to formal testing and sanctions as per the policy.

The Association reserves the right to request that a member undertake a urine drug test to confirm the presence/absence of illicit drugs in his/her system. Where a positive test is returned the cost of this test will be passed onto the member before they can resume activities within the Association.

Where a negative test is returned the Association will cover costs. Any test will be organized through the OBA Medical Officer, at a time of the OBA's choosing. A refusal by a member to undertake such test may result in the indefinite suspension of that member.

Sanctions for Alcohol breaches

The following disciplinary measures shall be enforced for breaches of the code in regards to alcohol

(i) Members whose behaviour under the influence of alcohol has a direct effect on participant's behaviour and enjoyment of the game at training, matches or OBA functions:

Four-week suspension and a good behaviour period of 6 months

(ii) Members whose behaviour under the influence of alcohol results in violent or aggression towards other members or participants at training, matches or OBA functions:

Twelve-week suspension and a good behaviour period of 12 months

(iii) Members who supply or sell alcohol to under age participants at any OBA event.

Twelve-week suspension and a good behaviour period of 12 months

Repeat Offenders:

Members who breach this policy a second time will need to undertake counselling at their own expense, and provide to the OBA Executive proof of this counselling before being allowed to participate in any OBA event.

Members who transgress a third time shall be suspended indefinitely until they can satisfy the OBA executive they have overcome their alcohol issues.

Sanctions for Illicit Drug breaches

The following disciplinary measures shall be enforced for breaches of the code in regards to illicit drugs

(i) Members whose behaviour under the influence of illicit drugs has a direct effect on participant's behaviour and enjoyment of the game whether at training, matches or OBA functions:

Twelve-week suspension, a good behaviour period of 6 months and community service work within the Association

(ii) Members whose behaviour under the influence of illicit drugs results in violent or aggressive towards other members or participants at training, matches or OBA functions:

Twenty four-week suspensions and a good behaviour period of 24 months

(iii) Members who supply or sell illicit drugs to under age participants at any OBA event.
Instant expulsion from the Association

Repeat Offenders: Members who breach the policy a second time will need to undertake counselling at their own expense and provide to the OBA Executive proof of this counselling before being allowed to participate in any OBA event.. Members who transgress a third time shall be suspended indefinitely until they can satisfy the OBA executive they have overcome their drug related issues.

Summary

It is the intention of the OBA to have its activities, events and competitions conducted in an atmosphere of enjoyment and safety. The aim of this policy is to minimize the impact of illicit drugs and alcohol upon the Association, its members, its events and competitions. The policy has the provision to act both in a disciplinary and a rehabilitative manner as required.

In doing this Association expects to achieve the following:

- (A) Prohibition of illicit drug use within the Association
- (B) Responsible consumption of alcohol by its membership where appropriate
- (C) Provision of appropriate disciplinary measures for any breaches of the code
- (D) Appropriate education and assistance to any members who require such help

Schedule 1

Illicit Drugs

Cannabinoids (hashish, marijuana, THC and other biologically similar substances)

Stimulants (amphetamine, cocaine, dimethamphetamine, methamphetamine, methylamphetamine and other biologically similar substances)

Narcotics (diamorphine (heroin), methadone, morphine, pethidine, oxycodone and other biologically similar substances)

Schedule 2

Responsible Use of Alcohol at OBA Events

- The event is fully inclusive and welcoming of all invitees including those who are not of legal drinking age and those who choose not to drink
- The event has designated times between which alcohol is served, and it must not be served outside of these times
- Non-alcoholic drinks including plain water are freely available
- Appropriate food, which does not encourage further drinking, is provided
- Alcohol is only consumed in the area designated for the event
- Alcohol is not served to a person under the age of eighteen
- Alcohol is not served to an intoxicated person
- An appropriate standard of conduct is encouraged to ensure the safety and enjoyment of those attending the event.