

FRSC - Drug and Alcohol Policy

PURPOSE

The Forest Rangers Soccer Club is committed to providing a safe, healthy, family friendly and successful sport environment. All members of 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 other drugs to the extent that it impacts on their own or another person's recreational enjoyment or safety.

POLICY STATEMENT

All members of the Forest Rangers Soccer Club are prohibited from selling, distributing, manufacturing, possessing or consuming drugs when on the premises of the Forest Rangers Soccer Club or at any club function. Alcohol will not be consumed by a player whilst he/she is engaged in a game.

Playing members are prohibited from arriving to a match or returning to a match from any break under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

The right of members to consume alcohol is acknowledged, however it is inappropriate to do so at the Forest Rangers Soccer Club if it places others at risk of harm and brings the Forest Rangers Soccer Club and its 'family friendly' environment into disrepute.

Therefore, Forest Rangers Soccer Club reserves the right to take action if a member is:

- affected by alcohol or other drugs, so as to endanger their own safety or the safety of any other person in the during the course of a match or club function;
- found in the possession of drugs or unauthorized drug use equipment on the Forest Rangers Soccer Club premises; or
- affected by alcohol or other drugs, so that the member's performance is affected
- known to be acknowledging significant use or involvement in production of illegal drugs or alcohol via friendship groups, social media, playing groups or family.

Should these issues be brought to the attention any of the Forest Rangers Soccer Club Committee members or coaching staff, the Forest Rangers Soccer Club may take the following action, enacted by any member of the Committee or coaching staff after appropriate and confidential discussion:

- Immediately approach the member to discuss the issue and its implications suspend the player/member from matches or club functions where appropriate until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the committee and coaching staff
- remove the member from club functions if they pose a risk to themselves or others.
- Immediately contact emergency services if there is suspicion of a drug overdose at any club function
- counsel the player internally regarding their use of alcohol or drugs
- refer the player to appropriate organizations to address the misuse or abuse of illicit substances;

The Forest Rangers Soccer Club reserves the right to search its premises for illicit drugs and confiscate the substance in question.

MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED DRUGS

In circumstances where a club member is taking medically prescribed drugs to manage a specific condition that may interfere with their playing performance, they are required to notify their coach. The coach, in consultation with the player, may make adjustments to the match requirements of the player concerned.

CLUB FUNCTIONS

It is recognised that after match and weekend functions organized by the club might involve the consumption of alcohol. It is expected that club members consume alcohol responsibly at these times. Use of drugs at these functions is prohibited by the Club. Should it come to the attention of committee members that drugs are being consumed at these times, action will be taken as previously described.

Should players or members be significantly intoxicated due to alcohol use at club functions, the Forest Rangers Soccer Club reserves the right to remove the member from any club function.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

In accordance with the Liquor Licensing Act and Victorian law, members of the Forest Rangers Soccer Club are not permitted to drive a vehicle, whether their own or not, when that person has consumed alcohol or other drugs. The Forest Rangers Soccer Club will accept no liability for any damage to a vehicle, injury to any person, or damage or injury to any third party, incurred while the driver of a vehicle is in breach of this Act or the law. All liabilities will rest with the driver concerned.