



Wallaroo Football Club

MISSION STATEMENT

The Wallaroo Football Club is dedicated to Football and our Community.
The Wallaroo Football Club will Promote, Advance, Foster and Cultivate the game of
Australian Rules Football

Illegal Drugs Policy

This policy was approved by the Management Committee of the Wallaroo Football Club at its meeting on 29 January 2019.

Reviewed; April 2019

Next Review Date: April 2020

Introduction

The Wallaroo Football Club does not allow the use, distribution or selling of illegal drugs by any club member, official, player 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.

Purpose of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the club committee, officials, players and members understand the club's position regarding illegal drugs and how it will respond to a drug-related incident within its jurisdiction.

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 and Members Protection Policy.

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/players 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 representing the Wallaroo Football Club and or is

wearing a part of the official club uniform which would identify them as being a representative of the club.

Who does this policy apply to?

All club officials, members, players and visitors to our club.

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 (Management Committee), 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 annually.
- Educate members on illegal drugs.
- Provide when appropriate, 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.

Responding to illegal drugs

Privacy

Where possible, the investigation of illegal drug-related concerns or incidents will remain confidential.

The Wallaroo Football Club will:

- always act with discretion
- subject to its right to contact the Police if necessary, the Wallaroo Football 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 Club President, or his delegate, will investigate all illegal drug-related concerns or incidents in a timely and discreet manner.

Once all relevant facts and circumstances are known, the Club President, or his delegate, 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 our 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, players and visitors.

All illegal drug-related concerns or incidents should be discussed with the Club President as soon as possible. The Club President will document the issue using the incident register and investigate the concern/incident further. In the event that the Club President is not available, the Club Vice President may substitute for them.

If illegal drugs are being distributed or sold on our club's premises by a member, player or visitor of any age, the Management Committee will contact the local police to seek their advice.

If illegal drugs are found within our club's jurisdiction the Management Committee will contact local police to seek their advice and so 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 Wallaroo Football Club will:

- Inform the individual that the Club President will 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 from a visiting club, the Wallaroo Football Club, Management Committee will inform the visiting club.

Non-compliance with policy

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.

Examples of breaches of policy:

1. If a member, official or player **sells or distributes illegal drugs** in the club's jurisdiction, the following will occur:
 - The Wallaroo Football 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.
 - 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.
 - If the individual (s) concerned is/are under 18, their parent or guardian would be informed immediately of the incident and of the consequences, unless informing the parent or guardian would put the individual at risk of greater harm.
 - In the case of a visitor from a visiting club, the Wallaroo Football Club, Management Committee will inform the visiting club.
2. If a member, official or player is found **in possession of an illegal drug**, the following will occur:
 - The individual (s) will be asked to hand-over the substance and the club will follow the procedures for handling illegal drugs in its jurisdiction.
 - The Wallaroo Football 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.
 - 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.
 - If the individual (s) concerned is/are under 18, their parent or guardian would be informed immediately of the incident and of the consequences, unless informing the parent or guardian would put the individual at risk of greater harm.
 - In the case of a visitor from a visiting club, the Wallaroo Football Club, Management Committee will inform the visiting club.
3. If a member, official or player is found **using drugs, or is affected by the use of illegal drugs** under the club's jurisdiction:
 - The Wallaroo Football Club would ensure the safety and wellbeing of the individual is the first priority.
 - Seek out medical assistance, if required.
 - If required, contact next of kin.
 - If the individual (s) concerned is/are under 18, their parent or guardian would be informed immediately of the incident and of the consequences, unless informing the parent or guardian would put the individual at risk of greater harm.
 - Ensure individual is safely transported to their home.
 - When the individual's health has returned to a normal state, the Club President will investigate and take appropriate action.

- Where applicable, the individual (s) may be referred to a local health service provider.
- In the case of a visitor from a visiting club, the Wallaroo Football Club, Management Committee will inform the visiting club.

Managing media

All contact with the media related to a drug-related allegation or incident within its jurisdiction will be managed by the Club President.

Policy activated

Signed: _____

Club President

Signed: _____

Club Secretary

Date: _____

Date: _____

Next policy review date is April 2020

Information contained in this Policy was obtained from the Good Sports Illegal Drugs Policy

