



Southport & Birkdale Sports Club

RECREATIONAL DRUGS POLICY

Southport and Birkdale Sports Club (S&B Sports Club) operates a zero tolerance policy to illegal drug use from members, their guests and the general public who may hire the facilities for a Function on their premises.

We are a family Club with a clear responsibility to ensure that all members, guests and visitors are not exposed to illegal behaviour on the club premises or when representing the club.

Any member, guest or visitor, found guilty by way of probability of possessing and/or using illegal drugs on the premises can expect to receive a high level of sanction which may include permanent expulsion from club membership or suspension from using the facilities.

The aims of this policy are to promote a safe, healthy and responsible club environment, free from prohibited drugs. This policy extends to all members, their guests, visitors and those responsible for hiring rooms for private functions. In cases where the club premises have been hired for private functions, on finding that drugs are being used, the manager can decide to close the club and curtail the function.

As a member of S&B Sports Club you are expected to abide by the following policy:

All members and non-members are not permitted to possess, supply, traffic, or be under the influence of prohibited drugs whilst at the club or representing the club in any form, at any time, in any location, under any circumstances.

Prohibited drugs include those substances recognised as a prohibited drug and/or defined as illegal under national laws and local regulations.

Players representing the club are prohibited from participating in any game following consumption of, or while under the influence of prohibited drugs. Participation whilst under the influence of prohibited drugs is a disciplinary offence and will likely result in termination of membership of the club.

If it appears that illegal behaviour is taking place, the club reserves the right to inform the police should they consider that the situation warrants that action. The club will also consider whether the situation could endanger members of the public and the health and safety of others.

In instances where this policy is breached, resulting in injury to people, or damage to property, the club will not accept liability. All incidents and breaches must be reported to the Officers of the club and the general management Committee prior to disciplinary action being taken.

If any player is taking, or may be taking, prescribed or non-prescribed medication, with side-effects which could affect his/her performance (e.g. drowsiness), he/she must notify his/her captain prior to playing. Under no circumstances is prescription medicine to be offered to other players.