

RSMU Football & Netball Club Illicit Drugs Policy



The RSMU Football & Netball Clubs aim to reduce or eliminate the hazards associated with illicit drugs in a way that is fair and consistent to all those using their facilities. Through implementation of this policy, the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs aim to reduce the factors that may lead to substance use and abuse by its players, members and supporters. Some of these factors are;

- The availability of illicit drugs
- Exposure to illicit drugs
- Social or peer pressure.

The RSMU Football & Netball Clubs are sporting clubs with strong links to the local community and every effort will be made to foster these relationships by maintaining the highest standards of personal and professional integrity. Adherence to this policy aims to encourage community participation, promote active and healthy lifestyles, and minimize the harm associated with illicit substance use.

The RSMU Football & Netball Clubs takes a zero-tolerance approach to the use, possession, sale and distribution of illicit drugs by any person within the RSMU Football/Netball Clubrooms, change rooms, licensed areas, car park and surrounds. This also includes at any premises where the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs are undertaking an official function, or where players, members and/or supporters are gathering as a result of their affiliation with the RSMU Football/Netball Club. Any tolerance or involvement of activity contrary to this is viewed as entirely incompatible with the standards of the RSMU Football/Netball Club.

If any member of the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs suspects that a person of any age who is present at the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs, or at another location when representing the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs, and has possession of, distributes or uses illicit drugs they should report this to the President or welfare officer, or in their absence, a member of the committee. If proven, the club(s) may then enforce the following consequences;

- On the first occasion;
 - Immediate removal from the premises.
 - A written ban from the RSMU Football & Netball Club for a period of 3 months.
 - If the offending party is a player, this will extend to being banned from playing for the RSMU Football & Netball Club for the period of the ban.
 - For any person under the age of 18, their parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.
- On any subsequent occasion;
 - Immediate removal from the premises
 - A written ban from the RSMU Football & Netball Club for a period of 3 months
 - If the offending party is a player, that person will no longer be a required player for the RSMU Football/Netball Club
 - If the offending party is a member or office holder, their membership will be revoked and they will no longer be welcome at the football club.
 - For any person under the age of 18, their parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.
- Dealing illicit drugs
 - If any member, player or supporter is found to be dealing drugs at the RSMU Football or Netball Club or any function where those persons are representing the RSMU Football or Netball club, an immediate 1 year suspension will be enforced.
 - Any subsequent occasions, a 2 year ban will be enforced.
 - For any person under the age of 18, their parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.

The health and welfare of those involved with the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs are of the club's highest priority. If any player, member, official or supporter requires assistance with substance abuse, the RSMU Football & Netball Clubs will make every effort to support that person and assist them in seeking professional assistance if he or she so desires.