



Alcohol and Illicit Drug Policy

1. Purpose and Importance of the Policy

Parkside Football Club is committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all players, volunteers, supporters, and officials. This policy aims to promote responsible behaviour and reduce the risks associated with alcohol and drug use within our sporting community.

2. Club Responsibilities

As a responsible sporting organisation, Parkside Football Club has a duty of care to its members and the broader community. The club will:

- Promote responsible alcohol consumption and a drug-free sporting environment.
- Implement and enforce policies that prevent the misuse of alcohol and illicit drugs.
- Educate players, supporters, and patrons on the risks associated with alcohol and drug use.
- Provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the well-being of all individuals.
- Take appropriate action to address any alcohol- or drug-related issues that arise within the club setting.
- Ensure the responsible serving of alcohol through accredited RSA holders.
- 3. Individual Responsibilities

All members, including players, coaches, officials, and supporters, are expected to:

- Behave in a dignified and professional manner that upholds the integrity and reputation of the club and sport.
- Act as role models for teammates, younger players, and the sporting community.
- Not put themselves, teammates, or the public at risk of physical or social harm due to alcohol or drug use.
- Accept responsibility for their actions and any consequences arising from alcohol or drug misuse.
- Assist teammates and others covered by this policy if they have consumed excessive alcohol.
- Take reasonable steps to prevent alcohol-related issues and address them as they arise.

4. Managing Intoxicated or Drug-Affected Individuals

Parkside Football Club will take the following actions to manage individuals who are visibly intoxicated or under the influence of drugs:

- Deny service of alcohol to any individual who is clearly intoxicated.
- Encourage intoxicated persons to seek assistance from a responsible person or designated club official.
- Remove any individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others due to alcohol or drug use and ensure they are attended to appropriately.
- Contact emergency services if the safety or well-being of any individual is at serious risk.
- Provide support and referrals to appropriate services for individuals struggling with substance misuse. Individual may be contacted by the Wellbeing Coordinator.

By adhering to this policy, Parkside Football Club aims to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable sporting environment for all members of the community.