



TERRIGAL AVOCA A.F.C

ILLICIT DRUG POLICY

Policy Statement

The Terrigal Avoca A.F.C is committed to providing a safe, healthy, family friendly and successful sport environment. All members of the Football 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 to the extent that it impacts on their own or another person's recreational enjoyment or safety.

Definitions

For the purpose of this Policy, the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C defines alcohol and drugs as follows:

- "Drugs" refers to a chemical substance, whether it is legal or illegal, which may have the ability to impair a person's physical or mental capacity. These can include non-prescribed drugs, for example, but not limited to, speed, heroin, amphetamines, LSD, crack, cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana, etc.
- "Member" refers to any Committee Person, Coach, Players or social members associated with the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C.

Medical Prescribed Drugs

In circumstances where a 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.

Our commitment

Terrigal Avoca A.F.C does not condone the use of illicit substances, however understands the complexities that exist with people who may have substance abuse issues.

What we will do

Terrigal Avoca A.F.C will endeavour to educate the playing group generally in relation to the dangers of illicit Drugs and protect players from the risk of acute or long term harm to their bodies.

Members who have concerns about playing or associating with any other playing or social member due to possible alcohol or other drug use should consult with the President of the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C immediately



What we ask you to do

All members and sporting personnel are required to comply with the following.

- Do not take illicit drugs at the club, club functions, events and away trips.
- Do not encourage others to take illicit drugs.

Non-Compliance

Should the use of illicit drugs be brought to the attention any of the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C Committee members or coaching staff, the Terrigal Avoca A.F.C 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 it's 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 drugs
- refer the player to appropriate organisations to address the misuse or abuse of illicit substances;

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